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PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
ON MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
LAURIE L. BARRA * MAYOR * PRESIDING

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, MCCABE, ABEL, GILLESPIE, GOLDEN, ORRICK, HENDRICKS AND BARRA

ABSENT: NONE

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The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Barra.

Roll was called. All members were physically present. A quorum was present.

AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Abel that the **agenda be approved as presented**. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Gillespie that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 28, 2014 be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Sue Crowell, 332 Park Avenue, asked Council to vote in favor of the bond sale for the Pekin Public Library. She noted the following: funding was needed and gave examples; the time was right with low interest rates; the project was affordable. Ms. Crowell felt the library was vital to insure quality of life and wise decision for the City.

Bill Craig, 2112 Anderson Court, spoke on the financing of the bond issue. Mr. Craig compared costs of $.50 or working 2 minutes a week to an average $39,700 income person. It was time to act on a 4% interest rate and not wait until it would costs more.

Chris Schott, 2507 Cherry Lane, addressed the Council in disapproval of asking citizens to pay for the Library renovations.

Janet Nelms, 1604 Memorial Drive, stated the City did not have the money for the Library and was opposed to the adoption of the Bond Ordinance.

Sally Johnson, 1503 North 13th Street, asked Council to vote against spending $6 million dollars instead of cleaning up the budget.

Robert Bramham, 2108 Velde Drive, told the Council that the members cost the people money and that he saw no use for the Library. It was Mr. Branham's opinion that kids did not use a library.

Neal Burks, 2210 Church Street, spoke in opposition to the Library renovations.

Joe Schott, 25 Cherry Lane, did not think it was right to place a burden of higher taxes for the library bond on the residents of Pekin.

Jim Mangan, 1200 Parkway Drive, suggested the question of funding the library improvements be put on the ballot and let the voters decide.

Catherine Bright, 512 South 7th Street, told the Council that people did not have an extra $15.00 a month to pay toward the library project.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Orrick that the **CONSENT AGENDA be approved as presented.** The following was presented for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

7.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports: Police Department April Reports, Traffic Safety Committee Minutes dated May 2, 2014, Electrical Commission Minutes dated May 8, 2014.		
7.2 Resolution No. 100-14/15 – Mayor's Annual Appointments – Committees, Boards, Commissions and Officers		

On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS

PEORIA AREA CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU (PACVB) representatives, Don Welch**,** Casey Osborn, Lelonie Luft, and Leigh Ann Brown updated the Council on the marketing efforts of the PACVB for the Pekin area. They provided different illustrations in visitor guides and brochures to better sever the City of Pekin's visitors.

NEW BUSINESS

<u>ORDINANCE NO. 2699-14/15</u>

PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Orrick that Ordinance No. 2699-14/15 be adopted. Jeff Brooks Library Director read through the steps that Council and Library had taken to bring the renovation project to the financing step. He asked Council to adopt the ordinance providing for the sale of bonds on behalf of the Pekin Public Library. Council Member Abel noted the library was 40 years old and in need of renovations. He questioned the price figure if ADA requirements in restrooms and entrance were removed. Council Member Golden rebuffed the statement by noting the entire structure was not 40 year old but had had upgrades over the years. He felt the costs could not be blamed on ADA requirements. He stated the library was adequate as is. The majority of people he heard from were against the $6 million dollar project. Council Member Gillespie asked how Pekin compared in general obligation bond debt and was told over comparable cities only Urbana had less. Treasurer Jim Wolf's opinion was that it is a favorable time to bond for funding and that the rate maybe below 4%. Council Member Orrick stated his confidence in the Library Board's due diligence and decisions. Council Member McCabe took issue with the statement that students do not use the library. The council member also felt that the project would help local contractors. Council Member Hendricks stated originally he was uneasy with the cost of the project but would be voting in favor of the ordinance. Mayor Barra spoke in favor of the project sighting the need for a new entrance and the increase in programs offered by the space expansion. On roll call vote Ayes, Abel, Gillespie, Orrick, Hendricks, McCabe and Barra; Nay, Golden. Motion carried.

<u>ORDINANCE NO. 2700-14/15</u>

AMENDING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 4 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995 REGARDING LIQUOR CLASSIFICATIONS AND FEES

Motion by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Orrick that Ordinance No. 2700-14/15 be adopted. Liquor Commissioner Laurie Barra informed the Council of the recommendation of the Liquor Commission to allow maximum 20 Class C one-day liquor licenses per year per licensee. Council Member Orrick spoke in support that the increase would result in additional revenue to the City. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Gillespie, seconded by Council Member Abel that the **INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT OF THE MULTI-COUNTY ENFORCEMENT GROUP (M.E.G.) be approved**. Chief Nelson introduced the agreement with Peoria Metropolitan Enforcement Group to join forces and share costs in providing undercover narcotics enforcement. He told Council that the participation amount was $10,175. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

<u>ORDINANCE NO. 2701-14/15</u>

AUTHORIZING LOAN AGREEMENT WITH ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Motion by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Gillespie that Ordinance No. 2701-14/15 be adopted. Council was informed the agreement with IEPA was to secure low interest loans for the construction of the Phases 3 and 4 of the Wastewater Treatment Plant project that covers the CSO work in the City's Long Term Control Plan (LTCP). On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Orrick that **AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH HANSON PROFESSIONAL SERVICES for Front Street Traffic Study in an amount not to exceed $364,800.00 be approved**. Council was advised the amendment was to prepare the project development studies based on the findings from the initial study. The scope of services would provide the City with intersection designs studies, hydraulic studies and geometric studies. Council Member Golden suggested that the terms of contracts include a clause for the City to own the documents prepared. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 101-14/15

IDOT RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS FOR MUNICIPALITY – MOTOR FUEL TAX

Motion by Council Member Orrick, seconded by Council Member Gillespie that Resolution No. 101-14/15 be adopted. The resolution would appropriate MFT funds in the amount of $250,000.00 for Phase 1 Engineering Front Street Traffic Study project provided by Hanson Professional Services. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Police Chief Greg Nelson encouraged the public to be aware of motorcyclist and reiterated the enforcement of the law for hands free driving.

City Engineer Mike Guerra informed the Council and the public of the closure of VFW Road from 5th Street to the railroad for the excavation for the detention pond and storm sewer. He also advised that work would begin on the Sheridan Road bridge work with closure beginning June 2 until August 2014.

Council Member McCabe told of his son-in-law's accident were he was injured on a bicycle while the vehicle driver was texting. He thanked the community for their prayers and support.

Council Member Abel congratulated Police Officer of the Year Rob Jones and Firefighter of the Year Matt Martin. The honors were awarded at an Elks dinner he attended.

Council Member Golden referring to a police report of complete break out of all tickets written such as speeding, running stop signs, the had requested, spoke of the few tickets issued for violation of talking on a cell phone while driving.

Christine Schott, 2507 Cherry Lane, stated she would place Council Member McCabe's son-in-law on her prayer list.

Larry Mayberry, 2106 Vista Del Rio, addressed the Council regarding the garbage fee. He asked that the expense be proportionately shared by placing the expense on the property tax bill.

Joe Schott, 2507 Cherry Lane, spoke of his disappointment that Council Member had not supported the Southside Business Association's Derby Day event. It was confirmed to Mr. Schott by the Police Chief that Parkway Drive speed was not designated as a School Zone of 20 mph.

Robert Bramham, 2108 Velde Drive, told the Council that they have a spending problem.

Janet Nelms, 1604 Memorial Drive, questioned what would happen if a resident could not pay the $20 fee for oversized waste collection but placed something large like a mattress out. She chastised the Council for not answering the people that have spoke in public comment time of the meeting.

Ann Witzig, 11501 Antioch Road Tremont, spoke of her disappointment in how the City was run.

Steve Moore, 2010 Westgate, spoke of oversized items being placed at the curb.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member Orrick, seconded by Council Member Golden that the Council move to Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss 65 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2.) Collective Bargaining and (6.) Lease of Municipally Owned Property and (1.) Personnel be approved. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, motion by Council Member Orrick, seconded by Council Member Golden that Council adjourn. Motion carried voice vote. Mayor Barra adjourned the meeting in open session.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:05 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan City Clerk