
**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, 2008 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
R. DAVID TEBBEN * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

**PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, BLANCHARD, JONES, KORTKAMP, STRAND,
AND DUNN**

ABSENT: NONE

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor R. David Tebben.

Roll was called and all Council Members were present.

Amend the Agenda

Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Strand, that the Agenda be amended by removing the Public Hearing, item 2 under Communications and Ordinance No. 2555-08/09, item 1 under New Business. Mayor Tebben explained that final details had not been reached relevant to an ordinance to consider the transaction of real estate and improvements with Manufacturing Maintenance Solutions, Inc. for 225 Hanna Drive. A Public Hearing for the sale of 225 Hanna Drive would not be necessary. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Agenda

Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **agenda be approved as amended**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Able, seconded by Council Member Dunn, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 28, 2008, be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Public Input

John Neumann 709 Washington Street requested to be heard regarding item of New Business to restrict parking on Washington between 10th Street and Court Street. He felt the description on the agenda was not what was agreed to at Traffic Safety meeting. The City Manager read the complete changes to be presented from the No Parking Schedule of the ordinance as to the hours, days, side and direction of traffic. Mr. Neumann's opinion was that 2 hour parking did not eliminate the same-parked vehicles from rotating their position. He suggested the ordinance be tabled for the committee to recommend no parking 10ft each side of each driveway for vision safety. He also requested that the signage for No Left Turn from eastbound Washington Street onto westbound Court Street be placed strategically on a barrel in the middle of the Y section.

Margie Seelye 1002 Washington Street read from a prepared statement her concerns related to the matter of parking on Washington Street. She did not agree that 2 hour parking would address the safety issue of residents and recommended the entire block be no parking.

Jan Frazier 1020 Washington Street spoke in the matter of resident safety in exiting their drives verses the business parking for Pekin Prescription Lab. She questioned if a parking zone could be created for loading and unloading.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

Mayor Tebben read and presented the following for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

1. **Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes:** Police Department April Report and Traffic Safety Committee May Minutes.
2. **Charitable Solicitation:** “Knights of Columbus Tootsie Rolls Donations”
September 19-21, 2008
3. **Proclamations:** “Knights of Columbus “Mentally Handicapped Week”
September 19-21, 2008

4. **Resolution No. 41 – 08/09** – Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem and 1st Alternate
On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Communications, Petitions, Reports

Fire Chief Chuck Lauss introduced the Pekin Fire Department Firefighter of the Year, Driver / Engineer Darrell Sandifar and recognized his outstanding service to the department.

New Business

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Jones, that the **TOURISM GRANT TO DRAGON’S DOME FOR NSA GIRLS QUALIFIER SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT** be approved in the amount of \$2434.33. Council Member Blanchard explained his determination in voting no to grant approval to a business making a profit on the event. Council was advised that the grant was consistent with Tourism guidelines. Council Member Kortkamp requested a listing be provided to Council of all grants and dollar amounts that had been awarded in the program. On roll call vote, Ayes, Strand, Kortkamp, Jones, Dunn, Abel, and Tebben; Blanchard Nay. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A269-08/09

AMENDING TITLE 8, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995 REGARDING NO PARKING SCHEDULE

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that Ordinance No. 1462-A269-08/09 be adopted. Council Member Dunn then moved to **DIVIDE THE QUESTION** **ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A 269-08/09 so as to consider separately those portions as to Washington Street and Derby Street.** A second to the motion was received from Council Member Strand. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye. Mayor Tebben then entertained discussion regarding parking on Washington Street from 10th Street to Court Street. Police Chief Gillespie explained that the Traffic Safety Committee received a petition from the residents asking that the safety issue of congested parking and speed be considered for review. When business owner was not successful in purchasing property for employees and customers to park, the committee offered a compromise. Though originally recommended for no parking both sides, the compromised of 2 hour parking was consistent with other business/residential areas of concern. Each Council Member then spoke to the matter and expressed their opinion and/or recommendation. It was agreed that the question be sent back to the committee in order to deliberate all the options to the fullest. The Chair called for the vote on the original motion to adopt the ordinance as to the question of approving 2-hour parking on Washington Street. On roll call vote, all present voted Nay. Motion Failed.

Discussion continue on the ordinance now before Council as to the recommendation from Traffic Safety to restrict parking on Derby Street from Allen Street to Hoff Street which includes substitution in the No Parking Schedule Derby Street north side from Allen Street to South 2nd Street. Traffic Safety Chair Joe Wuellner told Council that the committee recommended no parking north side of Derby Street from the railroad tracks to Hoff Street in order to address the safety concerns of the Salvation Army. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council Member Blanchard congratulated all those involved in another successful Southside Derby Days.

Council Member Abel announced the events scheduled for Fire Days and encouraged the community to participate.

Mayor Tebben informed Council and the Community that he had accepted the challenge of the Mayor of Peoria, participated in the St. Jude Downhill Derby event, and brought back to the City the traveling trophy. He noted the biggest winners were the kids of St Jude for the money that was raised.

Steve Brown announced the Open House planned for City Hall in conjunction with Friday night Fire Days events.

Reporters from the media, the *Pekin Daily Time*, and *Peoria Journal Star* were given the opportunity to ask questions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Strand, that Council move to Executive Session at 6:15 P.M. to discuss 5ILCS 120/2 (c.) 1. The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees, and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 6. The setting of a price for Sale or Lease of Municipally Owned Property, and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 11 Pending, probable or imminent litigation. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, in open session, Mayor Tebben called the meeting closed.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:20 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk