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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 S. CAPITOL ST
ON MONDAY MAY 11, 2020 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
MARK LUFT * CHAIR * PRESIDING

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Due to the Governor's Executive Order regarding COVID-19 and the relaxing of the Open Meeting Act requirements, this meeting was held remotely via Zoom Meetings without an in person meeting location for the public to attend. Therefore, the provisions of the City Code regarding electronic attendance did not apply. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Mark Luft. The Clerk confirmed all members of the Council were present via remote electronic attendance by roll call vote with the exception of Mayor Mark Luft who was physically present.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Michael Garrison	Councilman	Remote	
Rick Hilst	Councilman	Remote	
Karen Hohimer	Councilwoman	Remote	
Dave Nutter	Councilman	Remote	
Lloyd Orrick	Mayor Pro-Tem	Remote	

John P Abel	Councilman	Remote	
Mark Luft	Mayor	Present	

APPROVE AGENDA

3.1. Motion to: **Approve agenda**

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Councilman
AYES:	Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. City Council - Regular Meeting - Apr 27, 2020 5:30 PM

RESULT:	**ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft

4.2. City Council - Special Meeting - May 4, 2020 5:30 PM

RESULT:	**ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft

PUBLIC INPUT

The Mayor announced that no public comments were posted via Zoom Meetings Chat or submitted to the Clerk via email.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to: **Approve Consent Agenda**

Mayor Luft read through the five items on the consent agenda.

Mayor Luft read the Declaration honoring Michael Caringello, the proclamation for Pekin Rotary Centennial Week, and the proclamation for National Police Week. Mayor Luft declared May 10, 2020 Police Officer's Memorial Day. Mayor Luft asked everyone to take a moment of silence to honor officers.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft

6.1. Ordinance No. 2886-20/21 Extending Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Emergency

6.2. Declaration Michael Caringello

6.3. Proclamation Pekin Rotary Centennial Week

6.4. Proclamation for National Public Works Week

6.5. Police Department Monthly Stats - April 2020

NEW BUSINESS

7.1. Resolution No. 91-20/21 Approve and Award the Contract for Spraying of Weeds throughout the City

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, presented the request to Council to approve and adopt Resolution No. 91-20/21 awarding the contract for spraying of the weeds throughout the City. The City issued a request for proposals in April 2020 for weed spraying and lawn care services to maintain city owned properties throughout the city. Golf Green responded to the RFP. Locations include various right-of-way locations and City facilities 2-5 times per year for three years.

Council discussed locations that were not included in the contract and whether the individuals were licensed. Prevailing wage was also discussed as not being required.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
AYES:	Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft

Motion to: **Amend 7.2 Resolution No. 100-20/21 designating proceeds from sale of current loader to go back into Capital Fund**

Council discussed whether the proceeds of the current loader would go back into the Capital Fund to help pay for the new loader.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Councilman
AYES:	Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft

7.2. Resolution No. 100-20/21 Authorizing Agreement with CAT Financial for Lease of a CAT 926M Wheel Loader

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, presented to Council to approve and adopt Resolution No. 100-20/21 Authorizing Agreement with CAT Financial for Lease of a CAT 926M Wheel Loader. Mr. Rothert explained that the City was in need of a new loader to replace the current loader that was quickly deteriorating. The City obtained a proposal through Sourcewell from Altorfer CAT for the lease of a new CAT 926M Wheel Loader with a lease term of 5 years with an option to purchase through Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation by agreement with the option not to pay off the balloon payment to own the asset outright or choose not to refinance the balloon to own the asset after the refinance terms. Staff recommended approval of the 5 year lease with the purchase of an Equipment Protection Plan. The current loader would be auctioned off on GovDeals.

Council discussed the details of the lease agreement and whether the proceeds of the old loader would go back into the Capital Fund.

Mr. Rothert explained that the funds in the capital fund would be used for any expenditures for that fund. Council could designate that the sale would offset the cost of new loader. Funds were already budgeted, so any money derived from the sale of the current loader would offset those costs.

Council further discussed the details of financing the new loader, insurance and monthly payments.

RESULT:	**APPROVED WITH MODIFICATIONS [6 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Councilman
AYES:	Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Orrick, Abel, Luft
ABSTAIN:	Dave Nutter

7.3. Resolution No. 94-20/21 Approving Transportation Agreement for School Bus Services With Tazewell County Health Department

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, presented the agenda item to approve and adopt Resolution No. 94-20/21 Approving Transportation Agreement for School Bus Services With Tazewell County Health Department. Mr. Rothert explained that this was the last contract to provide transporation services over 3 years. A correction in the agreement was made about the personnel based on the last comments from the previous Council meeting.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [6 TO 1]**
MOVER:	Dave Nutter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
AYES:	Garrison, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft
NAYS:	Rick Hilst

7.4. Resolution No. 101-20/21 Approve Safe Routes to Schools Funding Agreement

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, presented the request to Council to approve and adopt Resolution No. 101-20/21 Approve Safe Routes to Schools Funding Agreement. Mr. Rothert explained that the was awarded a grant to make sidewalk repairs and construct accessible sidewalk ramps near Jefferson Primary School. The project is 100% funded by the federal government with the City responsible for any unforeseen balance that exceeds the grant amount.

City Engineer, Ms. Josie Esker, was available for questions from Council.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Michael Garrison, Councilman
SECONDER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
AYES:	Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft

Motion to: **Amend Resolution No. 102-20/21 to Extend term until local state of emergency has been lifted by the Mayor**

Councilmembers discussed extending Resolution No. 102-20/21 waiving late fees on sewer and wastewater bills until the Mayor lifts the local state of emergency ordinance.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Rick Hilst, Councilman
SECONDER:	Dave Nutter, Councilman
AYES:	Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft

7.5. Resolution No. 102-20/21 Continued Late Fee Forgiveness for City Services

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, presented the request to Council to approve and adopt Resolution No. 102-20/21 Continued Late Fee Forgiveness for City Services. Mr. Rothert explained that at the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Pekin took the initiative to eliminate late fee penalties for any customer of the City’s sewer or solid waste collection services from February 2020 which were billed in March 2020 and due in April 2020. This action was implemented on a short term (1 month) basis. The attached resolution seeks to continue this late fee forgiveness for sewer or solid waste collection services received in March 2020. Such services were billed for in April and due May 5, 2020.

The resolution was amended to continue late fee forgiveness until the Mayor lifts the local state of emergency.

RESULT:	**APPROVED WITH MODIFICATIONS [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Michael Garrison, Councilman
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Councilman
AYES:	Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft

7.6. Resolution No. 103-20/21 Reallocation of Cash Reserves

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, presented the agenda item to approve and adopt Resolution No. 103-20/21 Reallocation of Cash Reserves. Mr. Rothert stated that the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent stay at home executive orders by the State have had a significant impact on the local economy. It is anticipated that general fund revenues of the City from sales tax, food and beverage taxes, use taxes will be reduced in the coming months of the 2020- 2021 fiscal year. Such losses will substantially impact the City’s cash flow to pay for city programs and services. As previously discussed in budget workshops, a strategy to manage anticipated impacts to cash flow is to transfer funds from the City’s enterprise funds to its General Fund.

Councilmember Hilst questioned the purpose of transferring fees from the Bus Fund to the General Fund.

Mr. Rothert answered that as stated in the budget workshop meetings, the purpose is to manage cash flow as the Bus Fund is not part of the General Fund, and to make sure the City has ample funds to pay for services and not have a $500K deficit.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [6 TO 1]**
MOVER:	John P Abel, Councilman
SECONDER:	Michael Garrison, Councilman
AYES:	Garrison, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft
NAYS:	Rick Hilst

7.7. Resolution No. 104-20/21 Designation of Rebuild Illinois Funding

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, presented the agenda item to Council to approve and adopt Resolution No. 104-20/21 Designation of Rebuild Illinois Funding. Mr. Rothert summarized the request. Staff recommended Court Street be designated as the primary project for the grant funds.

Councilmember Hilst made a motion to split the projects between Court Street and Derby Street, seconded by Councilmember Nutter.

Mayor Luft stated that splitting the funds is not ideal as it will only band aid each road and make an impact.

Councilmember Orrick agreed with the Mayor’s comment.

Council discussed the funds having to be spent by 2025, pooling other funds together and Derby Street funding.

Councilmember Hilst rescinded his motion and expressed concern about the right-of-ways easements that will be needed for Court Street.

Councilmember further discussed if the funds would go into MFT reserves.

Finance Director, Mr. Bruce Marston, stated that the $2.2M would accrue interest.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	John P Abel, Councilman
SECONDER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
AYES:	Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Mayor Luft stated that no public comments were submitted via Zoom Meetings Chat or by email to the City Clerk.

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, gave a brief update on the building inspections department being cut and announced that the City has contracted with Safe Built and Keith Rooney, a master code professional, has joined the team. He can be reached at krooney@safebuilt.com.

Mr. Rothert gave an update on the small business grant stating that the 2nd round is easier with applied changes.

Councilmember Abel thanked Amy McCoy from the Pekin Chamber of Commerce for spreading the work on the radio and TV alongside Mayor Luft with regards to the small business grant.

Council concurred.

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ADJOURN

There being no further business to come to Council, a motion was made by Councilmember Garrison, seconded by Councilwoman Hohimer to adjourn. Motion carried viva voce. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:57 PM.