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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 11, 2015, AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.  
LAURIE L. BARRA \* MAYOR \* PRESIDING**

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

**ABSENT: NONE**

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

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

**AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

Motion by Council Member Gillespie, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 27, 2015 be approved as written**. Council Member Golden stated he would like to make a motion to not approve the minutes because they didn't contain his comments about the sober server and video surveillance ordinances and also he voted no for the site plan. Mayor Barra confirmed with Council Member Golden that he needed a correction to the site plan vote. Mayor stated there was already a motion on the floor to approve the minutes. On roll call vote, Ayes, Abel, McCabe, Hendricks, Orrick, Gillespie and Barra; Nay, Golden. Motion Carried.

*(clerk note: The recordings of the April 27, 2015 meeting vote tallies were investigated and the conclusion was that the minutes were proper as prepared.)*

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Ann Witzig presented comments in reference to property maintenance violation/citation documents for 304 Sheridan Road obtained through a Freedom of Information Request. She asked the Council what it would take for Bob Bramham's property to be inspected/condemned. She felt the Airport's budget in arrears was a great injustice to the taxpayers. She asked that City properties take priority over issuing violations for weeds to residents.

Bob Bramham addressed the Council and presented his comparison of the users of the airport as a hobby to requesting that the City raise taxes to build an RV Park in order for him to park free as a camping hobbyist. He hoped that the new administration explained information more in depth with better communications.

Sally Johnson expressed her opinion of the recent elections and thanked the few concerned citizens that attend the Council meetings. She advised the new Council that the people would be watching their actions. She voiced her opinion that the Mayor lacked communication with the citizens and looked forward to the new Council. In referring to a newspaper article in which it was noted 147 students in District 108 were homeless, she told Council member Abel that even \$.40 a day for garbage collection was difficult.

Barb Strand stated she was present to thank this Council. She knew voting for garbage fees and treatment plant expenses were not easy. She expressed her appreciation for the Council's service. She told the members she was proud to be from Pekin.

## **COMMUNICATIONS, PETITION, REPORTS**

Shannon Sandoval, representing the YWCA Board, presented the organization's first Impact Award to Laurie Barra for her 30 years of service to the citizens of Pekin. Mrs. Sandoval stated the directors voted to create a new award for the YWCA annual honors with the purpose of recognizing a woman in the community who had a great and lasting impact in the empowerment of women. In describing Laurie Barra she spoke of her as setting the bar high, her love of Pekin, and her quiet but hard working service to the community as Pekin Park Board President, a member of the Council and the City of Pekin's first female mayor. Mayor Barra expressed her graciousness in accepting the award.

On behalf of the entire Staff City Manager Darin Girdler thanked Mayor Barra for her leadership and guidance through the 4 years.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Hendricks that the **RESIGNATION OF COUNCIL MEMBER JOHN MCCABE**, be accepted and approved. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL**

Out going Council Members made departing statements. Council Members spoke of the honor and privilege of serving on the Council, wished the newly elected members well, expressed appreciation to the residents for allowing them to serve, and thanked their families for support and allowing them to dedicate time to the City of Pekin. Special words of tribute were given the Mayor and appreciation expressed to the Staff.

No further business to come before the Council, motion by Mayor Barra, seconded by Council Member Hendricks that the meeting adjourned Sine Die. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

## **COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:00 P.M.**

Sue E. McMillan  
City Clerk

## **OATH OF OFFICE**

The Oath of Office for new Council Members was administered by City Clerk Sue E. McMillan to Michael S. Ritchason, Mark A. Luft, John P. Abel and John H. McCabe for four year terms.

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ON MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015, AT 6:10 O'CLOCK P.M.  
JOHN H. MCCABE \* MAYOR \* PRESIDING**

**PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, GOLDEN, ORRICK, LUFT, RITCHASON AND  
MCCABE**

**ABSENT: NONE**

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The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by children and grand children of newly elected Council Members Mark A. Luft, Michael S. Ritchason, and Mayor John H. McCabe.

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

## **AGENDA**

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

## PUBLIC INPUT

Ann Witzig addressed the Council with questions concerning item 6.1 of the Consent Agenda to Receive and File Reports and Minutes. In reference to the Annual Police Pension Fund's Municipal Compliance Report she asked for a definition of actuary. She questioned if the company was hired to complete the report because the fund was seriously under funded. She questioned if the Council could disclose the cost of the actuary. City Manager Darin Girdler gave a general description of an actuary and the Council was informed the Municipal Compliance Report was required by State Statute to be submitted to the City by the Police Pension Board to provide the Pension Fund's official levy request.

Sally Johnson congratulated the new Council and asked that they listen, work, provide answers to the people and not rush through voting. She told the Council the people cannot afford fees and fines. The people have the right to speak.

Frank Mackaman thanked the outgoing Council Members for their service to the community and welcomed the new members with words spoken by Everett Dirksen who served as a Pekin City Council Commissioner 90 years ago. He began the quote by reading "any answer to the problems of generating the best kind of local government begins with a deep sense of pride in the community"

Robin Garlish addressed the Council regarding The Central Illinois Healthy Community Alliance (CIHCA), individuals and organizations committed to an environmentally healthy community.

## CONSENT AGENDA

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

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| <b>6.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes:</b> Annual Police Pension Fund's Municipal Compliance Report, Liquor Commission draft Minutes April 23, 2015, and Tazewell County Animal Control April 2015. |
| <b>6.2 Resolution No. 1- 15/16</b> – Mayor's Appointments of Council Member Orrick as Mayor Pro Tem and Council Member Abel as Alternate Mayor Pro Tem                                                            |
| <b>6.3 Resolution No. 2-15/16</b> – Annual Appointments - Committee, Boards, Commissions, Offices                                                                                                                 |
| <b>6.4 Resolution No. 3-15/16</b> – Mayor, as Liquor Commissioner, appointment of Sergeant Rick Von Rohr as Deputy Liquor Commissioner                                                                            |

Without objection from the Council the Mayor allowed the request of Council Member Golden to remove item 6.1 and to place on the next Council Meeting agenda for business to enable the new Council to be more fully apprised. The clerk was directed to continue the roll and on roll call vote all present voted Aye.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Staff welcomed the new Council. Deputy Police Chief Kaminski announced National Law Enforcement Week and thanked the officers that serve this city.

Council Member Golden asked that it be added to this set of meeting minutes what he said at the previous meeting regarding the video surveillance. He indicated none of his comments were included in the previously approved minutes

*Laughable that City wants to ask specific group of business owners to provide fully functioning video cameras when we don't do it here. Excuses have been given as to why, wondered how that would play under this ordinance. Don't see why bar owners are singled out. Don't see how there is that much of a danger to the public. I don't feel threatened. If there are specific bars with problems you should know that and not go there. Like to see data as to how often that occurs. Don't see end to requiring cameras in residents to make investigations of domestic dispute with conflicting stories easier. Don't think it fair to signal out bar owners. Far greater threat to public is use of handheld mobile phones while driving. Ask for data on number of tickets written and received on 1 monthly report. Think it should. Think it should be enforced. Useful to Council to have detail of bar fights and cell phone violations when voting to consider how much of a problem it is to the public. Think incumbent on the actually owners of the business to police their own employees not our police.*

Council Member Ritchason thanked the voters and family for the support through the election. He stated the honor of being on the Council was a job he would not take lightly.

Council Member Orrick requested from the Manager an airport report of landing/take-off fees, courtesy van, hangar rentals to try to offset the losses. He suggested the airport be supported with user fees such as the Park District incorporates. Council Member Orrick also noted he was waiting for a report from the City Engineer regarding maintenance of Court Street and the liability of the City for the work.

Council Member Luft thanked the voters for their support, his family and gave special recognition to his father in the audience, Senator Luft.

Mayor McCabe also thanked his wife for her support. He gave examples of the kind of community Pekin was to live in and to be proud of to call home: Elks dinner for recognition of Firefighter and police officer of the year award, the YWCA recognition of women and 8<sup>th</sup> grade female students.

No further business to come before the Council, motion by Council Member Orrick seconded by Council Member Abel to adjourn. Unanimously approved by voice vote. Mayor McCabe adjourned the meeting.

**COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:40 P.M.**

Sue E. McMillan  
City Clerk