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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 10, 2010 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M. RUSTY L. DUNN, MAYOR PRESIDING

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, BLANCHARD, BARRA, KORTKAMP, SCHMIDGALL, STRAND AND DUNN

ABSENT: NONE

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

Roll was called and all Council Members were present.

AGENDA

Mayor Dunn stated he would prefer for the Façade Grant under New Business be presented in advance of two other matters scheduled on the agenda for First Assembly of God's Fusion Building. He clarified it was the logical order. Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp that **with the Mayor's preference to move item 3. under New Business to item 1., the agenda be approved as presented.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 26, 2010 be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Garnet Meischner, 1401 Janssen Street, expressed views that church and state were to be separate and did not support the Council in considering the approval of grants to First Assembly of God for the Fusion Building.

Dave Carrington, 911 Eisenhower, Pastor of the First Assembly of God, stated that the Fusion property was zoned youth center and an eligibly grant applicant. He asked Council's support in expanding the Center for its programs.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Barra, that **the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.** Mayor Dunn presented the following for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote. Council Member Blanchard was told it was the Council's action only to "receiving and filing" the Liquor Commission minutes when asked if the vote was to approve individual reports under consent.

1. **Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes:** Unapproved Liquor Commission Minutes April 22, 2010, Building Report March, Fire Department April Report, Human Relations Commission Minutes March 24, 2010 and Tazewell County Animal Control April.

2. **Proclamations:** Elks "National Youth Week" May 2, 2010 - May 8, 2010
   American Legion & American Legion Auxiliary "Poppy Days" May 28-29, 2010

3. **Charitable Solicitation:** American Youth Basketball May 7 and 8, 2010

4. **Receive and File** Pekin Police Department Year End Report 2009

5. **Resolution No. 47-10/11** – Appointment of D. Neale "Buster" Hanley II to the Liquor Commission and Reappointment of Dale Vonderheide to the Liquor Commission

6. **Resolution No. 48-10/11 –** Appointments of Ric Woldow to the Airport Commission and the reappointment of Charles Thomas to the Airport Commission (Michael Reed to fill term of Mike Fort)

7. **Resolution No. 52-10/11 –** Appointments of Charlotte Jibbens and Emily Lambe to the Tourism Committee

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOE WUELLNER PRESENTED THE STATUS OF THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT FACILITY permit, need for the upgrade, expansion, and CSO projects, and projected loans needed to accomplish this work. Council was given brief background:

- Plant running without excursion since in-house operation August 2005
- In process of new 5 year permit
- New permit increases requirements. With existing severely aged infrastructure and equipment will be impossible to comply
- Permit modified if work completed before end of timeframe – must get started now
- Violation for incidents resulted in resolution process with financial penalty paid.
- Resolution document set dates for operational upgrades and expansion to be completed
- Phase I revised based on resolution requirements. Result, additional expense
- Need to adjust sewer user fee to position to pay for work along with funding and repayment of bonds

With PowerPoint slides Mr. Wuellner pointed out the phasing, scheduling, financing, and cost impacts to be addressed.

Representatives from Farnsworth and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency were present for questions. Questions and discussion followed with the Council Members. Council Member Blanchard expressed concern that the original project discussed at a former Retreat had ballooned to $61 million dollars. He felt the project needed to be scaled back. Patric Sheridan, Farnsworth Project Manager, explained the inter-relationship of the upgrades and the impact of further delays. Council Member Schmidgall expressed concern that citizens would be asked to pay for poor planning. City Manager Dennis Kief explained that the City was under Court Order to comply by 2015 and mandates had grown. He indicated that since 2003 compliance had been thought out and recommendations had been made to previous Councils to gradually increase user fees which were not implemented. Mayor Dunn stated that Treasurer Jim Wolf was securing loan quotes for the Phase I construction and suggested a special meeting to address more fully the user fee options.

POLICE CHIEF TED MILLER INFORMED THE COUNCIL OF THE REPORTED INCREASED GRAFFITI in the community. Left alone the incidences invite more and leave the image that the City has gangs. He provided descriptions into the 5 types that public safety officials divide graffiti, gang, want-to-be, tagger, conventional, and political. He indicated the officers could not stop the occurrences alone and asked the Council to approve involvement of the community. He suggested remediation, assigning public property employees to power-washing public sights, use of probationary community workers, requesting businesses to donate paint. Council supported a City Policy requiring property owners to take action or allowing the City to remove.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **FAÇADE GRANT FOR FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD FOR THE FUSION BUILDING** in the amount of $20,000.00 be approved. Economic Development Coordinator Steve Brown presented the next 3 items. The façade request was to approve amount for roof and safety improvements to structure at 335 Sabella. Council was informed replacing the fire escape allowed for loft living and retail space. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Strand, that the **TIF UPPER STORY HOUSING LOAN FOR FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD FOR THE FUSION BUILDING** in the amount of $25,000.00 be approved. Request to approve eligible amount for 2nd floor conversion into (5) 2 man dorms at the building. Council Member Kortkamp applauded the work of the members for the youth of the community but indicated the return on the dollar was not there for the project and would be voting no. Council Member Barra also expressed concern in the use of the TIF dollars to all one project. Council Member Blanchard was informed that all criteria was met. On roll call vote, Ayes, Schmidgall, Strand, Blanchard, Abel; Nays, Kortkamp, Barra, Dunn. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **COMMERCIAL RETAIL TIF LOAN FOR FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD FOR THE FUSION BUILDING** in the amount of $23,447.00 be approved. Request to approve eligible amount for retail opportunity in the 1st floor of the building. On roll call vote, Ayes, Schmidgall, Strand, Blanchard, Abel, Dunn; Nays, Kortkamp, Barra. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Barra, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that the **ILLINOIS HOUSING AUTHORITY PRIVACY POLICY FOR SINGLE FAMILY OWNER OCCUPIED REHABILITATION/HOME PROGRAMS** be approved. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 49 - 10/11

ACCEPTING GRANT FROM ILLINOIS HOUSING DEPARTMENT AUTHORITY

Motion by Council Member Barra, seconded by Council Member Strand, that **Resolution No. 49-10/11, Accepting Grant from Illinois Housing Department Authority for Single Family Owner Occupied Rehabilitation program (SFOOR) in the amount of $253,000.00, be adopted.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Schmidgall, that the **ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION JOINT AGREEMENT for traffic signal upgrades IL 29 at Derby and Koch Streets, be approved.** Public Works Director Joe Wuellner presented the next 4 items. Pekin's participation in the state project (10-00181-00-TL) for traffic signal to flash yellow turn arrow. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye

RESOLUTION NO. 50 - 10/11

APPROPRIATING MOTOR FUEL TAX

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Schmidgall, that **Resolution No. 50-10/11, Appropriating MFT in the amount of $2,750.00 for share of IDOT agreement of signal upgrades IL 29 at Derby and Koch Streets, be adopted.** Funding for the City share of $2,532.00 to the project. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Barra, that the **ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION JOINT AGREEMENT for traffic signal upgrades at 8 City locations,** be approved. Pekin's participation in the state project (10-00180-00TL) for traffic signals to flash yellow left turn arrows at Margaret, Allentown, Sheridan, Manito Blacktop, 14th , Parkway, Valle Vista and Barney Intersections. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye

RESOLUTION NO. 51 - 10/11

APPROPRIATING MOTOR FUEL TAX

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Barra, that **Resolution No. 51-10/11, Appropriating MFT in the amount of $6,000.00 for share of IDOT agreement of signal upgrades at 8 City locations, be adopted.** Funding for the City share of $5,390.00 to the project. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council Member Abel encouraged the community to join in on Saturday for the celebration of the Fire Department 150 Year Anniversary at Fire Fest Days Downtown. Mayor Dunn also announced that a ceremony honoring fallen firefighters and Veterans was planned for the event.

Council Member Blanchard wished all a Happy Mother's Day.

Solid Waste Director Greg Ranney expressed appreciation to the community for their part in the Recycling Program and reminded participants to place glass in a paper sack within the bin for safety of the handlers. All other items could co-mingle.

Bill Gilroy, 1312 South 11th Street, stated he was not supportive of the approval of the loans to First Assembly of God. He also felt the City should sell property that they own or they just have expenses in maintaining.

Scott Jackson, 1410 DelRay, representing the support group for saving West Campus addressed Council on questions concerning, owner Merl Huff, Developer Tom Tincher, and OmniLec utilizing the campus for parking. Charles Hutchinson, 10 South 2nd Street, reported that he had over 3,000 members on Face Page joining in the efforts to save. The two gentlemen were told that the building was not in immediate danger of being demolished.

Steve Moore, 2010 Westgate, advised that the community had an option for recycling paper that was setup in front of Pekin Paperbroad where the dumpster reads that the proceeds also were donated to the House of Hope.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Strand, that the Council move to Executive Session at 7:35 P.M. to discuss **5ILCS 120/2 (c) 1. Personnel –** The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine it validity and **5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 5. Acquisition of Property** – The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body and **5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 6. Acquisition of Property** – The Setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

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

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:10 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk