
**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 9, 2011 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

RUSTY L. DUNN, MAYOR PRESIDING

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

ABSENT: NONE

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

Roll was called and all Council Members were present.

AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that **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 25, 2011 be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

7.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes: Liquor Commission unapproved minutes dated April 28, 2011.
7.2 Receive and File Illinois Secretary of State Certificate of official 2010 Decennial Census figure 34,094

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Barra, that the **low bid in the amount of \$346,290.59 for PEKIN AIRPORT EAST RAMP REHABILITATION PROJECT be accepted and the contract awarded to R.A. Cullinan & Son**. Public Works Director Joseph Wuellner advised the Council that two bids were received for the mill and resurfacing of the general aviation ramp from 2 Years entitlement funding. The bid was below estimate. The funding would be 95% federal and 5% city/state split, estimated at \$10,000.00 Pekin's share. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Strand, that the **AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT #1 PHASE 2 IMPROVEMENTS, be approved**. Mr. Wuellner requested Council's approval to amend the Farnsworth Group design contract to incorporate language concerning Discrimination and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises as required to receive financial assistance from IEPA. Council was advised that there was no cost for the change. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that the **RESIGNATION OF LAURIE BARRA AS COUNCIL MEMBER be accepted**. Council Member Barra formally presented her resignation and relinquished her seat to be sworn in as Mayor. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council Member Blanchard encouraged people seeking employment to attend an Excel Foundry & Machines Job Fair to fill 30 open positions. He announced the employment open house was scheduled for Saturday May 14, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. – noon, Marine Corps League Road.

Council Member Barra thanked Mayor Dunn, Council Member Kortkamp and Council Member Strand who would be leaving office. She stated the highest honor a person can give to the community was to be a public servant and felt each had been successful in their endeavor.

Council Member Kortkamp thanked her family in attendance for their support during her term in office, the staff for the job they do, the managers for the coordination of staff and council. She encouraged citizens to stay involved and noted the different perspective that females could give to service in government. She noted it was unique for the City that three women served at once on the Council. She wished the community continued prosperity.

Council Member Strand expressed appreciation to the Council and staff. She recognized Clerk Sue McMillan for her job in preparing the Council with materials to look good at the meetings. She thanked Mayor Dunn for serving after the death of Mayor David Tebben and felt in a difficult situation an excellent job was done. She hoped the voters that elected her were satisfied with her representation on the Council.

Council Member Abel stated he would miss the three members leaving. He felt each contributed well to the Council and that Mayor Dunn was a professional representative to the City locally and regionally.

Council Member Schmidgall expressed appreciation to out going members for serving on the Council.

Mayor Dunn felt each member leaving wanted to do something positive and move things forward. He said it was a privilege and an honor to have served the community the last four years. He extended his best wishes to the newly elected Mayor and felt under her leadership the Council would continue to move forward.

Public Works Director Joseph Wuellner told Council of the success of the weekend Spruce Up Pekin event and expressed appreciation to all that helped.

Interim City Manager Frank Mackaman thanked the Council Member for their selflessness in serving and informed them that the staff backed up the sentiment with gifts. Council Members Strand and Barra were presented the City Flag in an appropriate display box. Mayor Rusty Dunn was given an engraved over-sized ceremonial gavel noting his years of service to the City.

Police Chief Greg Nelson announced a fundraising basketball tournament between 8 agencies on Saturday, May 14, 2011 beginning 8:30 a.m. at Pekin Community High School. The competition would include fire, police, deputy sheriffs to raise funds for Special Olympics.

George Ohnemus 1417 Willow Street addressed the Council regarding concerns he had on matters of replacing a traffic sign at 11th and Margaret, time limit for public input at Council meetings, bid contract not properly issued, and the Mayor's appointment other than a person who runs for office.

No further business to come before the Council, motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Strand that **THIS COUNCIL ADJOURN SINE DIE**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED SINE DIE AT 5:50 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk

ADMINISTERING THE OATHS OF OFFICE

Husband and Notary Bob Barra administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Mayor Laurie L. Barra.

City Clerk Sue E. McMillan administered the Oath of Office to the following newly elected Council Members:

Council Member John E. Neumann
Council Member Cody Hendricks

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**PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, SCHMIDGALL, BLANCHARD, NEUMANN,
HENDRICKS, AND BARRA**

ABSENT: NONE

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Laurie L. Barra assisted by her grandchildren Maddison, Cameron, And Brayden.

Roll was called and all Council Members were present.

AGENDA

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

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 1-11/12

APPOINTMENT OF A MAYOR PRO TEM AND ALTERNATE

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Blanchard that Resolution No. 1-11/12 be adopted. Pursuant to Resolution No. 22-07/08 of the City of Pekin, adopted November 26, 2007, the following members of this Council are approved as the Mayor's appointments to their respective positions:

Mayor Pro-Tem Council Member John Abel

1st Alternate Council Member Chad Schmidgall

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council Member Blanchard congratulated Mayor Barra in winning the municipal election and expressed appreciation in running a clean campaign. He welcomed the new members.

Council Member Neumann thanked those that elected him and pledged to represent all of Pekin. He stated he would research issues that came before the Council and then make decision on what was best for the City and not what may be best for special interest groups. He noted he was open to all communication. When contacted by e-mail he requested that the sender's name and phone number be placed in the subject line in order for him to answer them personally by phone.

Council Member Hendricks also thanked the public for their support in the election. He stated he was looking forward to serving on the Council. He would respond to constituents and could be reached by phone with all ideas or concerns.

Council Member Abel thanked the community for the confidence they had in him and for re-electing him for his second term on Council. He spoke of the work that the new Council would be pursuing in their initial week in hiring a new city manager.

Council Member Schmidgall congratulated all members of the new Council.

Mayor Barra thanked her family for their support. She expressed appreciation to the voters for allowing her to serve as mayor. She stated she was humbled and looked forward to begin work with the new administration. She announced that the new Council would hit the ground running by setting up Special Executive Session Meetings during the end of the week to interview candidates for the city manager position.

Eva Arnold, 1008 Cambridge Court, addressed the Council regarding severe flooding of the street every time it

rains, putting home, autos and properties at risk for water damage, mold, health hazards, and physical harm. She submitted for the record a petition to stop the flooding of the neighborhood streets at the intersections of Oxford, Cambridge Court, and Shire Avenue. The petition of the neighbors requested the City of Pekin to permanently fix the problems with drainage and sewer systems.

No further business to come before the Council, Mayor Barra adjourned the meeting.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:10 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk