
**PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE CITY HALL
ON MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2002 AT 5:00 O'CLOCK P.M.
R. DAVID TEBBEN * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS, BARRA, ORRICK, MASSAGLIA, AND RICHMOND

ABSENT: NONE

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

Roll was called and all commissioners were present.

Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Barra, that the **Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 22, 2002 be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Communications, Petitions, Reports

The Chair noted that as ideas for the **RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT** continue to evolve, use of structures, potentials, and several issues in relation to the use of the Pier should be addressed. With no objections from Council he requested discussion to take place until adjournment at 6:00 p.m.

Director of Planning and Development Kim Uhlig reviewed the status of the area for development. She asked direction for demolition of the remaining grain bins. Because of the uncertainty of a future developers plan for utilizing the structure it was decided to wait for RFPs that were to be submitted by the second Friday in May.

Discussion continued regarding the existing structures and the use of the barge-loading platform behind the north elevator as a pedestrian fishing pier. Farnsworth was asked to perform a preliminary structural evaluation to see if there were major flaws before proceeding with the idea. Council was asked to what extent they were willing to refurbish the old grain bin platform. City Engineer Joe Wuellner presented options for the type of deck, lighting, and railings that could be constructed. He also informed Council he was sending out proposals for decorative fencing for the site.

The use of the Pier and initial policies that should be incorporated were discussed. It was suggested that alcohol, fishing, food sales be allowed. It was agreed the pier and boat ramp area were not conducive to swimming, diving, or bicycle riding and appropriate signage should be posted. Further discussed was allowing groups to reserve non-exclusive use of the Pier for receptions, dances, meetings as is done by the Park District for their facilities. Recommended changes to sections of the Code regarding open containers of alcohol, special events application, operations of food cart vendors, and limiting and regulating types of chairs on the Pier were noted.

City Engineer Joe Wuellner addressed Council regarding four locations on Court Street where there is a basement underneath the existing sidewalk. In order to give options to the owners for closing these areas for the Streetscape project, he had gotten estimates for either sealing by blocking in the wall and the City backfilling or installing structural steel and leaving the opening in place. He was given direction to notify the business owners of the options.

Council members expressed their prerogatives and staff members were given general support on ideas. No action was taken.

New Business

No additional business was necessary for completing **VETERANS DRIVE LAND ACQUISITION** at this time.

No further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Barra that Council adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:00 P.M.

Sue McMillan
City Clerk