
**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, APRIL 26, 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

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

Roll was called and all Council Members were present.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Barra, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 12, 2010 be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Allen Tucker, 303 South Broadway, Denver CO, spoke on behalf of Illinois Sports Alliance in asking for Council's positive vote as the Pekin Planning Commission did on the Plat revision of Pekin Plaza Extension Number Six for the Dome.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Abel, that **the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.** Mayor Dunn presented the following for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote. He read the proclamation "Stand Against Racism" and honored the YWCA for their devotion to eliminate injustices

1. **Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes:** Fire Department March Report
2. **Proclamation:** "Stand Against Racism", "Pekin Pride Week"
3. **Charitable Solicitation:** Benefit for Louis Gosnell – May 15, 2010
4. **Receive and File:** Tazewell County Health Department West Nile Virus Grant Award of \$500.00.
5. **Resolution No. 44-09/10-** Annual Appointments.
6. **Receive and File:** Pekin Planning Commission Minutes dated April 14, 2010.
7. **Receive and File:** Pekin Planning Commission Hearings and Recommendations

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS

Director of Main Street, Leigh Ann Matthews reported on the activities of the Organization. She advised Council of the intent of the organization to preserve, restore, and revitalize the Downtown District through economic development program changes, design committee improvements, and organization committee events.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 2614-09/10

PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF PEKIN, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PIN 04-04-23-400-004, 005, AND 006

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Schmidgall, that Ordinance No. 2614-09/10 be adopted. City Manager Dennis Kief requested the approval to annex 60 acres of City owned property west and east of the Showplace Theater on Route 98. He advised the property had been illegally annexed by North Pekin but the 2 municipalities had settled on division of land. The additional territory had potential for a new north side industrial park similar to the Riverway Business Park. Council was told Brenkman Drive would extend east and then north, connecting with Rt 98. An interceptor already ran through the property from Wastewater Treatment Plant II which enhanced the marketability. The Public Hearing was held March 22, 2010. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 1568-A180-09/10

PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that Ordinance No. 1568-A180-09/10 be adopted. Council considered the recommendation by Planning Commission to rezone 60 acres from AG (Agricultural) to PUD (Planned Unit Development) for City owned property on Route 98 similar zoning as the RWBP. Members were advised the property would remain leased for farming until developed. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Strand, that the **AGREEMENT WITH CRAWFORD, MURPHY & TILLY, INC FOR REHABILITATION OF T-HANGAR PAVEMENTS** in the amount of \$41,700.00, the City's share to be \$1,042.50, be approved. Public Works Director Joe Wuellner reported the Pekin Airport received annual (FAA) federal allotment for work associated with the airfield. The engineering and construction drawing preparation would be 2.5% from the airport budget. The Council was also advised all hangars were rented and that the City was negotiating with a similar paint shop operation as Byerly Aviation, the previous managing company. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Barra, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that the **SCHOOL BUS CONTRACT WITH SCHOOL DISTRICT 108 BE EXTENDED FOR THE TWO YEAR OPTION TO 2012**, which includes the assignment of the Hoyle contract years to the City of Pekin, be approved. It was the opinion of the Director of Transportation Greg Ranney that the agreements with both school districts were of substantial savings to the tax payers and recommended the approvals. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Barra, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **SCHOOL BUS CONTRACT WITH SCHOOL DISTRICT 303 BE EXTENDED FOR THE TWO YEAR OPTION TO 2012**, which includes the assignment of the Hoyle contract years to the City of Pekin, be approved. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Abel, that **ANNUAL PPUATS JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT FY 2011**, in the amount of \$11,252.15, **be approved**. The City Manager recommended paying the annual dues with other regional participants in Tri-County Regional Planning Commission for Peoria/Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study. He emphasized the return on investment and indicated the City had received over 5 million dollars for improvement projects since 1986. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 45-09/10

AN ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Schmidgall, that Resolution No. 45-09/10, Appropriating MFT Funds in the amount of \$11,252.15 for the PPUATS FY 2011 Agreement, be adopted. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2615-09/10

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF VOLUME CAP IN CONNECTION WITH PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND ISSUES, AND RELATED MATTERS

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Abel, that **Ordinance No. 2615-09/10, be adopted.** The ordinance authorized the transfer of Pekin's volume cap to join communities in issuing tax-exempt mortgage revenue bonds. Proceeds applied to The Assist Program sponsored by the State of Illinois. Funds provide closing cost and down payment to first time buyers. Council Member Blanchard questioned why the City had to re-adopt the ordinance each year. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 46-09/10

PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT OF PEKIN PLAZA EXTENSION NUMBER SIX

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that **Resolution No. 46-09/10, Preliminary and Final Plat of Pekin Plaza Extension Number Six of the proposed Resub of Lot 27 and the dedication of Griffin Avenue Right-of-Way, be adopted.** Mr. Wuellner recommended the approval of the plats with condition that the City gain access to Veterans Drive. The owners of the Dome felt the subdividing of the parcel north of the Dome would be more user friendly for development. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2616-09/10

AMENDING TITLE 4-4B-11-1-C3 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN REGARDING SEWER CHARGES

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Strand, that **Ordinance No. 2616-09/10, be adopted.** Council was advised that the revision allowed for grease traps size to accommodate smaller businesses (safe disposal of less than 3 gallons of fat and oil). The plumbing inspector monitors the report logs for violations. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2617-OA-09/10

AMENDING TITLE 9-13-5B AND 9-13-5C-2 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN REGARDING CELL TOWERS

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Barra, that **Ordinance No. 2617-OA-09/10, be adopted.** City Code Inspector Ron Sieh recommended the permit cost be brought closer to surrounding communities' charges, increasing the City cost to \$2,500.00 for new tower and \$1,000.00 for new co-location antennas. It was noted that the revisions to the Code would contain the new permit fee which was inadvertently left out of the ordinance wording. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that **ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MAINTENANCE OF MUNICIPAL STREETS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, be approved.** Council was presented the annual 12 month increment of a contract through June 30, 2015 with IDOT for the reimbursement to the City for maintenance provided by the Street Department on State highways. The computation for the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 was \$81,161.50, an increase from FY 2009 of \$2,363.93. Mr. Wuellner indicated the City would be at the mercy of IDOT for pot-hole repairs and snow removal on Court Street if the money was not accepted. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A297-09/10

AMENDING TITLE 8 THE TRAFFIC CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN REGARDING NO PARKING SCHEDULE

Motion by Council Member Barra, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that **Ordinance No. 1462-A297-09/10, be adopted.** The Traffic Safety Committee recommended to remove 2 hour restriction and replace with 8-5, Monday thru Friday on Sabella from 2nd Street to 3rd Street. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council Member Blanchard encouraged the community to attend the Southside Business Association event honoring our Veterans. He also commended technology personnel Dave Hess and Tom Schaub for their outstanding job in containing the Worm virus that threatened the City network.

Council Member Barra encouraged everyone to attend Pekin Pride event on May 5, 2010 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. to view Tech Center projects at the High School.

Council Member Kortkamp announced that the Traffic Safety Committee at their scheduled meeting on Friday, May 7 at 8:30 a.m. would hear residents' parking concerns on 7th Street, Haines, and Hillyer Streets.

Mayor Dunn encouraged attendance at the annual AMBUCS Auction on Friday, May 7, 2010.

As a follow-up to the Mayor's "Saturday Morning Coffee with the Community," Council Member Abel requested that the staff consider placing a drop box at a location that citizens could place their written concerns, general questions, or complaints.

Public Works Director Joe Wuellner announced the locations for the Annual Spruce Up Pekin event on Saturday, May 1, 2010 and the City Auction on the same morning at the Transportation Building on Koch Street. He advised the public that resurfacing work on Parkway Drive between Court and Broadway would begin on Wednesday and continue down to Willow during the 4 week project.

Police Chief Miller challenged the Fire Chief Kurt Nelson regarding the Pekin Police vs. Pekin Fire Charity Basketball Game to support Special Olympics. In the event the police lost the Chief's hair would be dyed fire red and if the firefighters lost the Chief's hair would be dyed police blue.

Steve Moore, 210 Westgate, addressed the staff and Council with questions on the location of the annexed parcels of property and the plan for the extension of Brenkman Drive.

Scott Jackson, 1410 DelRay, addressed the Council on his concern for the West Campus after seeing signs that had been placed on the building warning of possible demolition. He advised that a group of concerned citizens had been formed with the intention of saving its history by buying back the school buildings.

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

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:40 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk