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**PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,  
HELD EAGLES LODGE 274 DERBY STREET  
ON TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2005 AT 7:00 O'CLOCK P.M.**

**PRESENT: COMMISSIONER MADDOX AND MAYOR HOWARD**

**ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS JONES, MASSAGLIA, RICHMOND**

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A Special Meeting was called by Mayor Howard and Council and agenda posted. The purpose of the meeting was for the Mayor to speak at an Open Community Forum during the Southside Business Associations regular dinner meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Howard.

The following members of Council were present for roll call: Mayor Howard and Commissioner Maddox.

**Communications, Petitions, Repots**

Mayor Howard introduced Commissioner Maddox, City Manager Dennis Kief, City Clerk Sue McMillan, Ron Sieh Code Enforcement Officer, Pam Anderson Community Development Director, Councilmen-elect, Thomas Blanchard and Daryle Dagit.

Mayor Howard explained to the members in attendance that meeting together, the Association and City could work together to find solutions to concerns of the Derby Street area.

City Manager Dennis Kief explained the municipal government structure of the City of Pekin and summarized the City's over 4.5 million-dollar involvement in relief of sewer problems since 1996. The projects in the Derby Street area included televising of sewer, root removal, and redirected lines to address sewer issue at Cornick Concrete.

The Manager and the Mayor fielded questions from the audience.

Resident questioned reason for Tax Increment Financing District on the West side of the River when the south side of Pekin has been doing without for many years. Mayor Howard explained creating the TIF would give more security to what development would take place in the future on the West side of the river and protect the large investment of the new riverfront park on this side of the river.

Discussion followed on a suggestion to create of a TIF to include Riverway Business Park new extension as well as some of the residential area and business district along Derby so that lighting, sidewalks, streets and sewer issues would be addressed.

Tom Blanchard expressed opposition to annexation and plans for corporate limits in Peoria County. He felt other issues needed to be addressed. Further discussion followed on basis of forming a TIF District and distinction of blighted area and unemployment.

Commission Maddox confirmed the intention of staff to be able to control what was developed on the farmland. Daryl Dagit stated he would support a new TIF if there was a clear in and out plan for development. Mayor Howard told the group of plans for certain areas for new sidewalks this year under the Community Development Block Grant for low/moderate income. He advised that the City also has co-pay arrangement to participate in sidewalk costs.

The association was invited to contact the City with any additional issues and concerns that face the group.

There was no action taken by Council.

There being no business to come before the Council, motion was made by Commissioner Maddox and seconded by Mayor Howard that Council adjourn. Motion carried by voice mail.

**COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:15 P.M.**

Sue E. McMillan  
City Clerk