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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 APRIL 23, 2007 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
FRANK H. MACKAMAN * MAYOR * PRESIDING

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, BLANCHARD, JONES, AND MADDOX

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER KORTKAMP

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

Roll was called and all Council Members were present except Council Member Kortkamp. A quorum was present.

Mayor Mackaman explained that Council Member Kortkamp had a longstanding obligation out of the state prior to her recent appointment to the Council. The Mayor also congratulated the candidates on election to office and commended the voters for exercising their civic right to vote.

Agenda

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

Minutes

Mayor Mackaman noted that minutes were not necessary for the Special Candidate Forum of April 11, 2007 at which no two members of Council were in attendance. Motion was then made by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Maddox, that the **Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 9, 2007 and the Special Council Meeting – Derby Street Walk of April 10, 2007, be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Public Input on Agenda Items

The following persons addressed Council on an amendment to the Code to establish a program for rental property. Objections of being unnecessary and a government intrusion were heard regarding the registration of contact information of landlords' properties. Mr. Stropes voiced concern that phone numbers of landlords would become public information. He felt the law was written against landlords for tenants' protection but submitted photographs of tenants' destruction to support landlord concerns. Mr. Stoneburner told Council he had no problem providing information, rather he objected paying $25.00. Some objectors stated the $25.00 registration fee would be passed on to the renters. Drew Leman appreciated the less intrusive version of the drafted ordinance, revised to not include inspections of property.

Richard Stropes, Real Estate Property Management Company
Frank Noyes, 312 N. Parkway Drive
Jerry Stoneburner, 2719 Overhill Drive
Drew Leman, Monge Property Management
Michael Poole, 13694 Egg Ranch Road
Jerry Witzig, 11501 Antioch Road Tremont
Larry Mayberry, 2106 Vista Del Rio

Ron Rowell of R. A. Cullinan and Son, 46 Sapphire Point Morton, addressed Council regarding the request to award the annual street maintenance bid to other than a company that had done the seal coating for the City for years. He defended the product his company used and questioned whether Steffen's 3-D Construction used state approved black rock.

Justin Napier 2320 Creve Coeur St. Louis Missouri, who represented the supplier of rock through a license agreement with R.A. Cullinan, supported Mr. Rowell's defense of the company.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Mackaman presented and read the following items under Consent Agenda. **Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Maddox that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.**

1. **Monthly Reports and Minutes: Traffic Safety Minutes April 6, 2007, Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Minutes February 9, 2007, March 8, 2007, T/PCCC March Report, Inspections Minutes April 18, 2007**

2. **Proclamation:**

Proclamation:	**"Motorcycle Awareness Month"**	**May 2007**
	"AMBUS Week"	**April 30, 2007 - May 4, 2007**
	"Pekin Dragon Pride Week"	**April 29-May 5, 2007**
	"Building Safety Week"	**May 6-12, 2007**
	"Poppy Days" American Legion	**May 24-26, 2007**
	"Goodwill Industries Week"	**May 6-12, 2007**

3. **Resolution No. 194-06/07 – Appointments to the Riverway Business Park Review Committee**
   Mayor noted Joe Wuellner and Paul Desjardins were appointed to a term ending November 23, 2010.

4. **Resolution No. 195-06/07 – Executive Session Minutes**

5. **Receive and File Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes Dated April 11, 2007**

6. **Receive and File Pekin Planning Commission Minutes Dated April 11, 2007**

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Communications, Petitions, Reports

MONTHLY FINANCE DEPARTMENT AND TREASURER REPORT

Angie Evans, Assistant Finance Director presented the last of the fiscal year budget review summary. It was reported that after 11 months the department budgets were on target. All accounts had been reconciled. Treasurer Chic Renner reported that actual interest income was $978,742 and reserve balances in the general fund represented approximately 4.6 months. He stated average rate on debt was 3.71%. He felt that the percentage, which correlated to total debt per resident of $152.50, was reasonable. Other notes of information given for year end were that bank accounts were reduced from 20 to 12, saving many service charges and average checking balances reduced from $2.3 million to $1.5 million. Mr. Renner was pleased with the average return on investments of $5.34%.

New Business

<u>ORDINANCE NO. 2521-06/07</u>

AMENDING TITLE 4, CHAPTER 11 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995 REGARDING REGISTRATION OF RENTAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF PEKIN

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Maddox, that Ordinance No. 2521-06/07 be adopted. Discussion followed on the proposal to establish a program to require owners of rental property to register and provide contact information. Public Works Director Joe Wuellner responded to Council's question as to the reason for the $25.00 one-time fee per lot. He stated the fee was set to cover the salary of an employee to enter the data. Mayor Mackaman reiterated that it cost the City $48,788.00 to clean up properties of owners who could not be reached. Council Member Blanchard spoke in support of the ordinance in order to address the real problems that exist with rental properties. Council Member Jones spoke in opposition, stated the ordinance was non enforceable, and would create further expense to taxpayers because of the increase in employee work. He felt that junk vehicles should be cleaned up before the inspections department worried about rental properties. Council Member Maddox stated the ordinance was fair and addressed the issues. On roll call vote; Ayes, Blanchard, Maddox, Mackaman; Nay, Jones. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Maddox, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **BID FOR THE ANNUAL STREET MAINTENANCE BE APPROVED AND THE CONTRACT AWARDED TO STEFFEN'S 3-D CONSTRUCTION INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $577,838.22**. Discussion followed regarding the hiring of non-union labors and quality of materials used. Council was told the award was being recommended to the low bidder that met all city and IDOT requirements as a responsible bidder and that they paid prevailing wage. Council Member Maddox stated he was prepared to vote no because of unanswered questions of approved rock, testing results for specific gravity, prevailing wage, and differences in prices. Because of the language in the City's own Prevailing Wage Resolution he stated he would have to vote to approve the low bid. Council Member Jones requested to redid the project because estimates were felt to be on two different rock materials. Council Member Blanchard questioned how the bid could be so low. He disapproved of non-union labor, but explained that he would vote to award the project to Steffen's. Public Works Director Joe Wuellner addressed the critical issue of timing in rejecting all bids and the detrimental effect on the 5-year street maintenance cycle. Mayor Mackaman declared that the City had a process of bidding in place, the bidders followed the process in good faith, and that the Council should act accordingly. On roll call vote; Ayes, Blanchard, Maddox, Mackaman; Nay, Jones. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Maddox, seconded by Council Member Jones, that the **REQUEST FROM MILLIKEN UNIVERSITY FOR A TOURISM GRANT FOR NCAA DIVISION III SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT BE APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,135.33**. Staff recommended an amount for a Visitors Bureau Grant based on eligible expenses only. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL
Mayor Mackaman complimented Council Member Blanchard's choice in wearing a bow tie. The Mayor commented on the impressive Winpak facility in the Riverway Business Park following an open house that he attended. He expressed appreciation to past Councils for their vision in constructing the business park.

Council Member Maddox urged the incoming Council to address the issue of payment of benefits in the City's Prevailing Wage Resolution.

Congratulation was extended to Council Member Jones on his reelection. Council Member Blanchard also expressed appreciation to Council Member Maddox for his leadership over the four years.

Police Chief Gillespie announced the retirement of officers Mark Williams and Roger Davis. Fire Chief Chuck Lauss announced the retirement of firefighters Harry Clor and John Abel, both 30 year employees.

Robert Moore, 20 Olympia Fields, made a request for Council to consider renaming the Pekin Municipal Airport after John C. Kriegsman.

Motion by Council Member Maddox, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that Council move to Executive Session at 7:20 P.M. to discuss Personnel – Performance of a specific employee of the public body 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 1. and Sale of Real Estate 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 6. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye. (Note motion to discuss Sale of Real Estate was not necessary)

No further business to come before the Council, Mayor Mackaman called the meeting closed.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:20 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk