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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 S. CAPITOL ST
ON MONDAY APRIL 22, 2019 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
JOHN MCCABE * CHAIR * PRESIDING

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor John McCabe.

The Clerk confirmed that all Council Members were physically present and logged in. A quorum was declared by the Mayor.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
James A Schramm	Council Member	Present	5:20 PM
Michael Garrison	Councilman	Present	4:53 PM
Lloyd Orrick	Mayor Pro-Tem	Present	4:49 PM
John P Abel	Council Member	Present	4:51 PM
Michael Ritchason	Council Member	Present	5:20 PM
Mark Luft	Council Member	Present	5:06 PM
John McCabe	Mayor	Present	4:50 PM

APPROVE AGENDA

3.1. Motion to: **Approve agenda**

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
SECONDER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. Motion to: **Approval of Minutes**

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Bill Fleming, Executive Director of the Pekin Chamber of Commerce, speaking as the voice of the Pekin business community, spoke on items 8.1 and 8.2. Mr. Fleming spoke against the local gas tax and concerns that it will not be exclusively spent on roads and voiced concerns that 50% of the utility tax will be coming from one business alone. Mr. Fleming asked Council to either vote no or to table the items.

Charles Davis spoke against items 8.1 and 8.2. Mr. Davis felt the taxes were too much and that he will have to consider relocating to live cheaper.

Todd Bennett, of Pacific Ethanol, spoke against 8.1 Mr. Bennett expressed his concern that the burden bears on one company and will have a substantial impact on business. He asked Council and the Mayor to delay and table the vote to have more time for discussion.

Rick Hilst addressed the Council regarding items 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3. He asked that all be tabled or voted down. He addressed TIF funds being used for personnel costs, automatic raises in the budget, and the utility taxes. He also spoke regarding the Motor Fuel Tax Fund and how the revenues need to be deposited into a separate fund. Mr. Hilst also raised concerns about the procurement policy allowing purchasing agents to spend $15,000 without Council approval.

John McNish approached the podium regarding item 8.3. He expressed that there is still time to wait for the audit to come back before passing the budget. Mr. McNish also spoke regarding 8.1 and 8.2 and that both should be tabled.

Donald Shore spoke about items 8.1 and 8.2. Mr. Shore expressed that he supported both items.

Dave Nutter spoke regarding the utility tax passing and whether or not the budget would be amended.

Charity Gullett also spoke in favor of items 8.1 and 8.2 and encouraged Council to vote in the affirmative.

Jodi Barnett spoke against items 8.1 and 8.2. She expressed that she will have no problem buying her gas out of town.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor McCabe presented and read 7 Consent Agenda items. All items were approved by Omnibus vote.

- **6.1.** **March 13, 2019 Minutes of Pekin Plan Commission**
- **6.2.** **January 9, 2019 Minutes of Pekin Zoning Board of Appeals**
- **6.3.** **Liquor Commission Minutes dated January 24, 2019**
- **6.4.** **March 2019 Building Report**
- **6.5.** **March 18, 2019 Public Infrastructure Improvement Committee Minutes**
- **6.6.** **Receive and File Accounts Payable Reports**
- **6.7.** **Tazewell County Animal Control Billing March 2019**
- **6.8.** Motion to: **Motion to Approve Consent Agenda**

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	James A Schramm, Council Member
SECONDER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS

7.1. 2019 CDBG Action Plan Public Hearing

Mayor McCabe and City Manager, Mr. Rothert, introduced program manager, Ms. Melissa Eaton.

A public hearing was announced by Mayor McCabe at 6:00 PM.

Ms. Melissa Eaton, Program Manager, defined CDBG. She explained that it is an annual grant program that addresses low income and urgent needs. It funds lots of activities but is somewhat limited due to a 5 year consolidated plan. This year the items identified are included in the packet and all funding amounts were rolled over.

Dave Nutter approached the podium to inquire about the discrepancy in the budget regarding demolitions of a difference of $25,000.

The hearing was announced closed by Mayor McCabe at 6:04 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

8.1. Ordinance No. 2828-18/19 An Ordinance Imposing Certain Taxes on the Use, Consumption, and Delivery of Gas and Electricity

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, once again went over a power point presentation. He addressed key questions, recapped Front Street, Court Street, Derby Street and how to maintain current road costs. Mr. Rothert discussed unfunded pensions, a proposed amortization schedule showing increasing payments. He also overviewed new funding sources and the impact of the resident. He included that the presentation covers items 8.1 and 8.2

Council Member Mark Luft discussed the two proposed taxes that are in the news and on social media and how its reached taxpayers for the first time. He asked that both be tabled for a special meeting on Monday.

Council Member Orrick asked if department heads had been met with on other ideas. Mr. Rothert explained that he has met with all department heads on the budget and was asked to be frugal.

The Chair recognized Luft for postposing.

RESULT:	**TABLED [1 TO 0]**
MOVER:	James A Schramm, Council Member
SECONDER:	Mark Luft, Council Member
AYES:	James A Schramm
AWAY:	Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

8.2. **Ordinance No. 2829-18/19 An Ordinance Amending Title 3, Chapter 2 of the City Code Regarding Use of Local Motor Fuel Tax Funds**

8.3. Motion to: **Motion to Table 8.1 and 8.2 to the Special Council Meeting Monday April 29 at 5 PM**

Council Member Luft made a motion to table agenda item 8.1 Ordinance No. 2828-18/19 An Ordinance Imposing Certain Taxes on the Use, Consumption, and Delivery of Gas and Electricity and item 8.2 Ordinance No. 2829-18/19 An Ordinance Amending Title 3, Chapter 2 of the City Code Regarding Use of Local Motor Fuel Tax Funds to be reviewed again at a special council meeting on Monday, April 29, 2019 at 5:30 PM.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [6 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Mark Luft, Council Member
SECONDER:	Michael Garrison, Councilman
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe
ABSTAIN:	John P Abel

8.4. **Ordinance No. 2830-18/19 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget Adoption Ordinance**

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, presented the last revision of the budget to Council with handouts. Mr. Rothert spoke about the surplus numbers and expenses added for firetrucks. Mr. Rothert thanked staff who worked with him on the budget and Council. He announced that staff recommends to approve the budget by May 1 to stay in accordance with state law. Mr. Rothert explained that the City has the ability to go back mid-year or after the audit is received to amend this budget if needed. He explained that the audit only speaks to final fund balances in 2018 of last year and the only impact is to inform what that balance will be. In speaking with the Finance Director, they have a level of comfort of the numbers and that the budget is based on current year revenues and expenses.

Council Member Orrick asked about the status of the bus lease. Mr. Rothert pointed out on page 17 that the Citilink contract was there at $205,000 per year.

Mr. Rothert and Council discussed the Citilink contract, the organizational chart, and personnel and automated rasies.

Finance Director, Mr. Bruce Marston, announced that the auditors are currently compiling a report and indicated tha tthey may have additional questions, but has completed all field work.

Council continued to discuss consequences of not passing the budget.

Finance Director, Mr. Bruce Marston, added that they do not anticipate the audit having an impact on next years' budget.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [4 TO 2]**
MOVER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
AYES:	James A Schramm, Michael Ritchason, Mark Luft, John McCabe
NAYS:	Michael Garrison, Lloyd Orrick
ABSTAIN:	John P Abel

8.5. Resolution 150- 18/19 for the Elimination of the Recycling Center

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, introduced the item and referred to the Operations Supervisor of Garbage and Solid Waste Department, Mr. Bob Shaw.

Mr. Shaw introduced himself and gave some background information on the recycling center. He explained that about 8 months ago the City began receiving bills for dirty recycling. Mr. Shaw continued to explain that the center is costing over $3,000 each month to run. The City currently offers a good curb recycling program. The City is hoping to eliminate this site by July 1.

Council Members discussed the cost savings of shutting the Center down and providing recycling totes for residents to purchase. Council Member Luft expressed that the area would also need to be cleaned by also removing the cameras and fencing.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Mark Luft, Council Member
SECONDER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

8.6. Ordinance No. 1462-A359-18/19 Amending Title 8, Chapter 3, Section 3.F. of the Traffic Code of the City of Pekin Regarding Speed Limits

Fire Chief, Mr. Kurt Nelson, explained that this item was brought to the Traffic Safety Committee by the Park District Chief. Chief Nelson described the small area that belong to the Park District and in dropping the speed limit to 10 mph, a 500 foot lead way is needed to allow the Park District to enforce that area.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Mark Luft, Council Member
SECONDER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

8.7. Resolution 149- 18/19 Approving the Issuance of Easements in the Riverway Business Park to Ameren Illinois Company

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, introduced the agenda item. The resolution granted a permanent and temporary easement to Ameren Illinois Company in the total amount of $8,493.51 for the Ameren Gas Reliability Enhancement Project.

City Engineer, Mr. Michael Guerra, added that Ameren approached the city for an easement for the enhancement project that occurred last year to replace unsafe gas lines throughout the City. They have offered fair market value for one permanent easement to run a gas line across our property along with a temporary easement. Along the railroad tracks in the City's southern property of the Riverway Business Park.

Mr. Rothert included that Ameren's added value is working with the city to get costs down on riverfront property and helping the city look at different options to get those costs down.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Michael Garrison, Councilman
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

8.8. Lease Agreement Between the City of Pekin and Ameren Illinois Company
City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, explained that this item is directly related to the previous item.

City Engineer, Mr. Michael Guerra, presented the item regarding the lease agreement with Ameren Illinois Company for use of City property off Hanna Drive for storage and project staging. The overall lease begins March of 2020 and finishes January of 2021 by terms. Ameren has leased this property in the past and it is a good use for additional revenue. This lease was for $4,500 for the 9 month lease with option of an additional $500 per month extension for a 2 month period.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	John P Abel, Council Member
SECONDER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Rick Hilst spoke regarding a budget question with the TIF Fund being paid for salaries and where that money is allocated. He believes there is a discrepancy between salary for all personnel and the money allocated in the TIF Fund.

Dave Nutter approached the podium to address Council regarding availability of updated copies of the budget and whether or not there will be a 10 day notice prior to a revised budget. He believes there is a motion on the table that never got voted on regarding utility tax.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 2. COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATING MATTERS

10.1. Motion to: **Move to Executive Session**
Motion was made to move to Closed Session to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 2. Collective Negotiating Matters at 7:05 p.m.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
SECONDER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

ADJOURN

No further action to come before Council. A motion was made by Council Member Luft to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Garrison. Motion carried viva voce. Mayor McCabe adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m. in open session.