
**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 22, 2013, AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
LAURIE L. BARRA * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

**PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, SCHMIDGALL, MCCABE, HENDRICKS,
MASSAGLIA AND BARRA**

ABSENT: BLANCHARD

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Laurie L. Barra.

Roll was called. All members were physically present except Council Member Blanchard. A quorum was present.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member McCabe, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 8, 2013 be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Massaglia, that the **CONSENT AGENDA be approved as presented**. Mayor Barra presented the following for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA	
7.1	Receive and File Monthly Reports: Police Department March Report, Tazewell County Animal Control March Report, Traffic Safety Minutes dated April 5, 2013, and Liquor Commission unapproved Minutes dated April 3, 2013.
7.2	Proclamations: YWCA "Stand Against Racism" April 26, 2013 Elks "National Youth Week" May 5-11, 2013 PCHS "Dragon Pride Week" April 29-May 3, 2013 "Travel & Tourism Week" May 3-11, 2013

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

**RESOLUTION NO. 68 -12/13
ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR
MAY 1, 2013 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2014 BUDGET
FOR THE CITY OF PEKIN**

Motion by Council Member Massaglia, seconded by Council Member Abel, that Resolution No. 68-12/13 be adopted. City Manager Joseph Wuellner presented a \$41 million second budget proposal for Council's consideration that addressed the code enforcement department back as full-time employees. The original budget proposed replacing complaint driven code enforcement with a police department community service officer while reducing the inspectors to part-time. The present Hearing Officer hours would be expanded to cover property maintenance violations. Each Council Member spoke in regards to the presented budget. It was suggested that wage freezes be encouraged during negotiation of future union contracts.

The manager stated that storm water and solid waste collection remained unfunded directly and a revenue source such as a garbage fee and utility fee were needed. On roll call vote, Ayes, Abel, Massaglia, Schmidgall, McCabe, Barra; Nay, Hendricks; Absent Blanchard. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Massaglia that the **AGREEMENT WITH LHF COMPOST, INC.** for the disposal of the yard waste collected in the City of Pekin for a 3 year term with 2 option years, be approved. City Engineer Michael Guerra advised that Council asked at the April 8, 2013 meeting, that the 5 year agreement presented be reduced to a two year term. After negotiating with LHF, the minimum term considered was for three years and they would allow for two extensions of one year each. The term would be beneficial for the City as it would allow time for evaluation of any potential site, acquire a permit, and construct a facility if so desired. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2679 -12/13

APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF VOLUME CAP COLLECTION WITH PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND ISSUES AND RELATED MATTERS

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Massaglia, that Ordinance No. 2679-12/13 be adopted. The ordinance authorizing an agreement to issue Mortgage Credit Certificates to provide the Assist Program from this bond issue was adopted March 12, 2012. Pamela Anderson, Community Development Director answered Council's questions regarding the first time homebuyers program provided for from the transferred allocation applied toward the issuance of single family mortgage revenue bonds or mortgage credit certificates. The program was managed through Stern Brothers. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council received an update from City Manager Joseph Wuellner regarding the flood stage levels and rising water of the Illinois River. They were advised that employees worked the weekend sandbagging but the Sewer Treatment Plant was overcome by flood waters. The main plant continued to function treating the sewage. Also a section on the northwest side of the City was given notice to voluntarily evacuate due to impending flooding conditions. American Red Cross and Salvation Army had shelters set up.

Council Member McCabe expressed appreciation to voters for electing him to a 4 year term as Council Member.

Council Member Schmidgall encouraged the public to join him in donating blood. The Pekin Police and Fire Departments along with the Tazewell County Sheriff's Department were holding the annual Red Cross Battle of the Badges Blood Drive on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 in the Pekin City Council Chambers. He asked that his request for the City Attorney to draft a Council Member Attendance Policy move forward after his term in office. He expressed appreciation for being able to serve the public for the previous four years.

Mayor Barra stated her appreciation for the efforts of the Manager, Assistant Manager, City Engineer, Street and Sewer Treatment Plant employees, the Federal Correctional Institution, Cullinan and Son, Inc, and River City contractors in helping during the rains in keeping the Sewer Treatment Plant operational.

Brandon Dentino, 2675 Allentown Road, asked for direction in volunteering to assist in the flooding efforts and other City related activities.

Phillis Myers, 2500 Court Street, addressed the Council regarding the proper protocol and attention needed in displaying the United States flags throughout the City. She pointed out maintenance of the waterfront flags. Ms. Myers requested City ordinance provisions to maintain the United States flags on City property.

Dale Kuntz, 5 Fox Point, noted that attention needed to be given to the grass growing along Court Street as it gets greener with the Spring rains. Signs along the State Route were also looking dumpy. He advised that other cities have created programs that assist in cleanup efforts.

Seth Freidrich, 3180 Edgewater Drive, addressed the Council regarding his interpretation that adoption of the 2012 International Energy Conservation Code was required by the City. Mr. Wuellner indicated the building code provisions would be reviewed to ascertain if additional energy efficiency, cost reductions, conservation of natural resources language was sufficient. Tim Golden, 2104 Alhambra, spoke supporting Mr. Freidrich's issue.

James Layne, 1411 South 7th Street, voiced concern of a blocked alley from a strung cable. It was Attorney Dancey's opinion that it was not the City's jurisdiction and would not be involved in a property dispute among the adjacent parties.

The Press was given the opportunity to ask questions.

No further business to come before the Council, motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Abel. Motion approved vice voce.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:35 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk