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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 THE CITY HALL
ON MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2002 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
R. DAVID TEBBEN * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS, BARRA, ORRICK, MASSAGLIA, AND RICHMOND

ABSENT: NONE

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

Roll was called and all commissioners were present.

Agenda
Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia, that the **Agenda be approved as presented** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia, that the **Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 8, 2002, be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Public input on agenda items: None

Consent Agenda
Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia, that the **Consent Agenda be approved as presented.**

1. Receive and File Monthly Reports – Wastewater
2. Proclamations:
   Volunteer Week
   Youth Week
   Day of Prayer
   Nursing Home Week
   Kids Day America/International
   Motorcycle Awareness Month
   National High Blood Pressure Education Month

3. Receive and file minutes of April 5, 2002 Traffic Safety Committee

4. Charitable solicitation: American Legion Poppy Days, May 24 & 25, 2002

5. Receive and file bids for heating and scarifying work.

   (Mayor presented proclamation to Jamie Hayes for Blood Pressure Month)

On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Communications, Petitions, and reports

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Tebben opened the public Hearing at 5:38 PM. Discussion about voluntary annexation of 3300 Sheridan Road. Resident at the corner of Wingedfoot & Luttiken Cove asked for voluntary annexation of one lot. Comr. Massaglia asked about connection to sewer line. Dennis Kief estimated a "ballpark" figure of $5,000 - $7,000 total cost. Cost of project to be shared by resident and City. No additional comments. Public Hearing closed at 5:40 PM.

JIM ASH – PRESENTATION/AWARD

Jim presented an "Illumination Design Award" from the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America; for the Court House Square lighting project.

REQUEST FROM POLICE RETIREMENT INSURANCE FUND

Mayor noted that a request had been received. City Manager stated that our health insurance experience over the last two years has been extraordinary. He also stated that the collective bargaining units had been involved with health insurance discussions since January 8, but little progress had been made. Jim Wright, 1513 N. 9th Street, retired Police Officer, read a prepared statement (included in packet) and responded to questions. Mayor Tebben asked which administration had approved the contribution to the retirees fund and which administration had decided not to fund it any more. Jim did not know. He also asked if changes in contribution would have been negotiated. Mayor Tebben asked City Manager if notice had been given about changes. City Manager stated that bargaining units had been notified of major changes on January 8, but final figures weren't available until late March. Mr. Wright asked the City to contribute to the retiree funds and asked for a delay in raising the amount paid by retirees until an alternate plan could be discussed. Mayor Tebben asked for consensus from the Council to put the topic on the next regular Council agenda. All agreed that deduction for health insurance would be suspended until a meeting could be scheduled for all parties involved. Jim Conover, Pekin resident, retired Police Officer, stated that it was too short of a notice to be expected to pay $1,100 per month. Walt Sandall, 14455 Skylar Drive, Green Valley, retired Police Officer, claimed that he sacrificed salary and benefits early in his career, and couldn't do it again now. Jake Gray, Cape Court, retired Firefighter, relayed a story about his illness and stated that he barely used any of his health insurance benefits while employed, but needs them now.

DISCUSSION OF PIER USE

Several requests have been received for use of the new pier. The Park District uses a permit system for use of the fountain area, but does not charge a fee. The Mayor encouraged everyone to be thinking about a policy.

New Business

ORDINANCE #2290 – ANNEXATION OF 3300 SHERIDAN RD.

Motion by Com'r Orrick, 2nd by Com'r Barra, that Ordinance be adopted. Discussion about sewer being oversized for future growth. On roll call vote, all voted Aye.

ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH CLARK ENGINEERS

Motion by Com'r Orrick, 2nd by Com'r Barra, that engineering agreement with Clark Engineer's be approved. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

JOINT AGREEMENT FOR LED TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Motion by Com'r Orrick, 2nd by Com'r Barra, that joint agreement with IDOT for LED traffic signals be approved. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF FIRE DEPT. VAN

Motion by Com'r Barra, 2nd by Com'r Orrick, that purchase of Fire Dept. van be approved in the amount of $25,418, from Ray Dennison Chevrolet. Deputy Chief Dan Bonnette explained that it would be used by Shift Commanders and could haul equipment and personnel more efficiently. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION #177 – AMENDING SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY

Motion by Com'r Barra, 2nd by Com'r Orrick, that Resolution #177 be adopted; amending the sexual harassment policy. Explanation that reports were to go to Human Resource Director now, instead of Risk Management Coordinator. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

JOINT BID WITH CITY OF PEORIA FOR HEATING AND SCARIFYING WORK

Motion by Com'r Barra, 2nd by Com'r Orrick, that the City of Pekin concur with the City of Peoria joint bid on the heating and scarifying street maintenance work. Dennis Kief explained that approximately 4 miles will be done for $155,000. This a 3 year joint project with Peoria, with lower unit costs. He also explained that Riverway Business Park would be done in July. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION #178 – MFT FUNDING FOR HEATING AND SCARIFYING WORK

Motion by Com'r Massaglia, 2nd by Com'r Richmond, that Resolution #178 be adopted; approving MFT funds for heating and scarifying work. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION #179 – APPROVING CHANGE ON GOODFELLA'S EDFAP LOAN

Motion by Com'r Massaglia, 2nd by Com'r Richmond, that Resolution #179 be adopted; approving change in Goodfella's EDFAP loan. Mayor Tebben explained that it involved a change of a vehicle. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Other Business

Mayor Tebben requested a special meeting for Thursday, April 25 at 3:30 PM, to discuss Veterans' Drive land acquisition.

Reporters from the *Peoria Journal Star, the Pekin Daily Times* and news media stations were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Motion by Com'r, Massaglia, seconded by Com'r, Richmond, that Council move to **Executive Session** to discuss collective Bargaining and Acquisition of Real Estate. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Com'r. Massaglia, seconded by Com'r. Orrick that Council adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:45 P.M.

Sue McMillan
City Clerk