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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 14, 2008 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
R. DAVID TEBBEN * MAYOR * PRESIDING

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, TEBBEN, ABEL, BLANCHARD, JONES, KORTKAMP, STRAND, AND DUNN

ABSENT: NONE

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

Roll was called and all Council Members were present.

Agenda

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

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 24, 2008, be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented with the following items:

Mayor Tebben read and presented the following for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

1. **Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes:** Building Report, Police Department March Report
   Airport Commission Minutes dated March 12, 2008

2. **Charitable Solicitation:** Tazewell County Museum - Contribution Letters
   AMVETS Veterans Food Pantry Drive April 26, 2008
   Matt Fisher - Father Cancer Fundraiser June 15, 2008
   HOPE Helping Other People Excel Business Solicitation

3. **Proclamations:** American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary "Poppy Days" May 22-24
   "Child Abuse Prevention Month" April 2008
   "Pekin Lettes Day" June 25, 2008
   "National Library Week"
   "Dragon Pride Week" May 1, 2008 week

4. **Receive and File** Comcast correspondence informing additions and changes to channel line-up

5. **Receive and File** Bids Annual Street Maintenance

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Communications, Petitions, Reports

OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Police Chief Timothy Gillespie awarded Pekin Police Department Lieutenant Gregory Nelson the recognition as Officer of the Year. The nomination by fellow officers was based on Lt. Nelson's ideal qualities and characteristics.

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT REPORT
Library Director Jeff Brooks reported to Council on several areas of the operations, programs and future activities.

FY 2010-2014 BUDGETS "PRELIMINARY" BUDGETS PRESENTATION
City Manager Dennis Kief gave a status report of the current FY 2008 Budget. He then advised Council that the information presented for future budgets indicated a trend of revenues not keeping up with expenditures. He expressed significant concerns in the 5-year budget forecast. Four major projects identified needed direction for bond payment priority. Council Members were also presented a list of possible new fees and taxes. Members addressed options and suggested the topic of making cuts and freezes. Council was informed the budget contained no "wish list" items.

New Business

ORDINANCE NO. 2549-07/08
AGREEMENT WITH MUNICIPAL SYSTEMS, INC.
Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that the Addendum to the Agreement with Municipal Systems, Inc. to extend the terms for a three-year term be approved. Council was informed that a change to standard terms and conditions for the Administrative Parking and Compliance Hearing System Agreement was being requested. Language provided for new software "web-based" application for payment of violations. Extending the agreement saved the City approximately $5,000.00 for what it would cost in upgrade of City server. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

MUNICIPAL ESTIMATE OF MAINTENANCE COSTS MAY 1, 2008 – APRIL 30, 2009
Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that the Municipal Estimate of Maintenance Costs May 1, 2008 – April 30, 2009 for 8 Street Department Operations totaling $697,950.00 be approved. Superintendent of Streets David Pagliaro reported to Council that the operations covered snow removal, lighting, signals, etc. The expenditures submitted to IDOT for funding by MFT were provided in the budget but had to be reduced for this budget year. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO 39-07/08
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE SECTION 08-00000-00-GM
Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Dunn, that Resolution No. 39-07/08 appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funding in the amount of $700,000 for operations costs of the Street Department, be adopted. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Dunn, that the **BID FOR THE ANNUAL STREET MAINTENANCE PROJECT BE APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF $878,311.44 AND THE CONTRACT AWARDED TO R A CULLINAN & SON, INC.** Council was informed that bids were opened April 2, 2008 for seal coating of 26.28 miles of streets. One bid was received. City estimate was $879,701.20. Previous Resolution 35 adopted February 25, 2008 appropriated $500,000 of MFT funds. Discussion followed regarding the advantage of using oil and rock process for better wear during freeze-and-thaw weather as the roads experienced this winter and the disadvantage in expense of overlay. Mayor Tebben spoke to the comparison of amount of maintenance to expenditure over the years, indicating that there were significant concerns of paying more and providing less services to taxpayers. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO 40-07/08
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE JOINT AGREEMENT WITH IDOT SECTION 08-00177-00-TL
Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Dunn, that Resolution No. 40-07/08 appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funding in the amount of $3,000.00 for City share of IDOT's Route 9

McNaughton Bridge Repair Project and the Joint Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation, be adopted. The project included removing and replacing the pavement, repairing curb & cutters and signal upgrades from the east end of bridge to railroad tracks. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

WORK PROPOSAL WHITNEY & ASSOCIATES

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that the Proposal and Schedul;e of Fees to provide Construction Materials Testing Support with Whitney & Associates, not to exceed $10,000.00, be approved. Council was made aware the City would need qualified soil testing firm familiar with IDOT requirements for several road construction projects for this summer. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COMPENSATION SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY MANAGER

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Jones, that the $3,000.00 increase compensation May 1, 2007 through April 30, 2008 to City Manager Dennis Kief, be approved. Corporation Counsel Burt Dancey read a prepared statement that no formal action was taken on the Manager's contract in Executive Session and expressed the opinion that press articles reporting violation of Open Meetings Act were contrary to the consensus reached. On roll call vote, Ayes, Strand, Kortkamp, Jones, Dunn, Abel, Tebben; Present, Blanchard. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2551-07/08
AMENDING TITLE 1, CHAPTER 10 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995 REGARDING THE ENTERPRISE ZONE

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Abel, that Ordinance No. 2551-07/08 be adopted. City Manager Dennis advised that the amendment increased the Enterprise Zone Boundary to include the Horizon Wind Farm Project. The boundary would be temporarily extended .7336 square miles and ultimately reduced .1744 square miles. A 3ft wide strip of right-of-way would make zone contiguous with the area for Tazewell County development. A Side Letter for agreement of terms would be presented to Council on April 28, 2008. The City would receive in exchange $250,000.00 Certification Fee. Bill Whitlock, Director of the project addressed Council's questions regarding the tax-free purchase of wind turbines. He stated the company would not seek tax abatement. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

AMENDMENT TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH TAZEWELL COUNTY REGARDING THE ENTERPRISE ZONE

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the Intergovernmental Agreement with Tazewell County extending the Enterprise Zone, be approved. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council Member Blanchard indicated that a request was made in December that a report be brought back to Council within 60 days regarding the status of a Derby Street TIF District. He asked that the topic be placed on the next agenda and voted up or down. Mayor Tebben advised that Council had given a low priority rating to the matter and had not heard additional support for the Manager to move forward without a required specific project to drive the new TIF. Mr. Kief offered to send a chronology on the steps necessary in creating that TIF. If given direction he would proceed with the Redevelopment Plan from PGAV, and gain the support of affected taxing bodies.

Council Member Abel spoke in response to his request to include November in the averaging of the wastewater fee. He indicated after hearing the significant impact to the City of applying the change to all users he had reconsidered.

Council was informed that Broadway was being widened to 3 lanes verses 5 lanes because it met the warrants to receive the 70% State Funding.

Speaking for concerned citizens, Council Member Dunn questioned why firefighters were seen driving engines not on emergency calls while gas prices were high. Fire Chief Chuck Lauss noted that call load had increased and explained the department's daily schedule consisting of drive to exercise facility, skill training, station maintenance, lunch, building inspections.

Council Member Strand announced that April was Child Abuse Prevention Month and distributed blue ribbon pins for the prevention campaign.

Council Member Kortkamp recognized Earth Day in April and encouraged the community to recycle grocery bags.

Council Member Jones asked that maintenance of City Streets be considered in budgeting with the major capital projects identified, Library renovation, Veterans Drive Extension, Treatment Plant Expansion, and New Fire Station Construction for discussion of priority ranking.

Mayor Tebben expressed appreciation to the business owners who took it upon themselves to help maintain their storefront areas or provide containers regarding the litter resulting from the matter of the new smoking ban.

Director of Solid Waste Greg Ranney announced that the annual Spring Spruce Up Pekin would be Saturday, May 3, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at 4 locations.

Daniel DeHoog 619 South 12th Street addressed Council and suggested that the City saves money by not leaving police vehicles continually running.

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

Executive Session
Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the Council move to Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss:

> 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 1. The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body
> 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 6. Setting of Price for Sale and/or Lease of Municipally Owned Property
> 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 11. Litigation

No further business to come before the Council, Mayor Tebben adjourned the meeting.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:50 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk