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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 13, 2009 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
RUSTY DUNN MAYOR PRESIDING

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, BLANCHARD, STRAND, AND KORTKAMP

ABSENT: JONES
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The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Council Member Blanchard.

Roll was called and all Council Members were present except Council Member Jones.

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

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 23, 2009 be approved as written.** Council Member Kortkamp noted she was not present at the meeting and would abstain from voting. On roll call vote, Strand, Blanchard, Abel, and Dunn; Abstained, Kortkamp. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA
Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.
Mayor Dunn read presented the following for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

1. **Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes:** Liquor Commission Minutes dated February 26, 2009, Building Department March Reports, and Police Department March Report.

2. **Proclamations:** Arbor Day – April 24th, 2009

3. **Charitable Solicitation:** Pekin Lil Lettes, Saturday, April 25th, 2009

4. **Receive and File** Annual 2008 Year End Police Department Report

5. **Receive and File** Award of $5,000 West Nile Virus Grant from Tazewell County Health Department

Code Enforcement Officer Ron Sieh explained the grant award. The monies are used to support the County program in eliminating standing water that breed's mosquitoes and education of the public through brochures, tire drives, and government access channel.. Mr. Sieh was congratulated for his work in seeking the grant. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS
Treasurer James Wolf reported to Council on the finances of the City. In a Power Point presentation he reviewed and commented on the **MAJOR REVENUE SOURCES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2009 AND INVESTMENT EARNINGS NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2009.** He indicated that earnings were down due to low interest rates yet the over all 1% decline from 3.68% of 2008 to 2.71% was not bad. Better interest rates were captured by moving out of money market accounts to better interest rate in cds. Council Member Blanchard requested that interest-earning move to accrual basis reporting. There was no objection from the Council.

Marge Shepler representing **TAZEWELL COUNTY GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY** and Rindi Shannon, Cory Shannon, John Durdle, and David Perkins, presented to Council the book TAZEWELL COUNTY VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II *Remembrances.* The collection of materials furnished by veterans and family interviews of experiences in the European and Pacific theaters of the war was published by the World War II Book Committee as a way of honoring the brave of our community that endured the quest for freedom.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 2580-08/09

APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF VOLUME CAP IN CONNECTION WITH PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND ISSUES

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Strand, that Ordinance No. 2580-08/09 be approved. Community Development Director Pam Anderson presented the ordinance authorizing the transfer of Pekin's volume cap to join communities in issuing tax-exempt mortgage revenue bonds. Proceeds applied to The Assist Program sponsored by the State of Illinois, which offers families the opportunity to buy their own home. Funds provide closing cost and down payment to first time buyers. It was explained to Council that Stern Brothers & Company would administer the transfer of State funds that go to the City of Aurora for the program. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Council Member Strand informed the Council that she would be abstaining from the discussion and vote of the next two business item because of her work relationship to the Advocacy Center's construction project.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **SITE PLAN FOR AN ADDITION AND EXPANSION OF THE SPECIAL USE FOR THE ADVOCACY CENTER AT 341 BUENA VISTA** be approved. Public Works Director Joe Wuellner addressed the recommendation of the Pekin Planning Commission to approve the site plan, noting all requirements were met and zoned correctly. Council members discussed the plans for the Center as the best fit for the clientele served. The converted residential structure's esthetics were less institutional in a neighborhood that contains, business, multi family, church, school, and a residence. On roll call vote, Ayes, Kortkamp, Blanchard, Abel, and Dunn. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that the **SPECIAL USE FOR AN ADDITION AND EXPANSION OF THE SPECIAL USE FOR THE ADVOCACY CENTER AT 341 BUENA VISTA** be approved. On roll call vote, Ayes, Kortkamp, Blanchard, Abel, and Dunn. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-08/09

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE SECTION 09-00000-00-GM

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that Resolution No. 75-08/09 be adopted appropriating $630,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Funds for maintaining Street Department Operations approved at the meeting of March 23, 2009. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2582-08/09

AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Strand, that Ordinance No. 2582-08/09 be adopted subject to the $21,161.34 "catch up" payment being made to the City of Pekin within 60 days. City Manager Dennis Kief stated the original agreement with Tomen Grain Company for Municipally owned property at the riverfront expired May 31, 2007. The City agreed to continue under existing terms with a stipulation that retroactive payments needed to be caught up. Attorney Dancey addressed Council Member Blanchard questions regarding a 25-year term and negotiations of calculation and retroactive payments due. On roll call vote, Ayes, Strand, Kortkamp, Abel, and Dunn; Nay, Blanchard. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **FAÇADE GRANT EXPENDITURE IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,468.71 FOR WORK COMPLETED AT 437 COURT STREET**, be approved. Steve Brown Economic Development Coordinator presented the recommendation by the Main Street Design Committee to approve this eligible Façade Grant for work completed at Instant Replay Sports Bar, located at 437 Court Street. He reported that owner Cathy Espinoza had windows replaced and removed, stabilized, and replaced a deteriorating wall. The program reimburses 1/3 the cost. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council Member Strand congratulated those that ran for election to office and stated she was looking forward to serving with, Chad Schmidgall, Laurie Barra, and Tom Blanchard.

Council Member Kortkamp read a prepared letter from members of Bark & Purr an organization to feed and save pets from being put to sleep. The group asked for donations of pet food to be given away on May 6, at the Pekin Township Building.

Council Member Abel questioned the responsibility of the developer in fixing the potholes behind CEFCU and in front of Staples. Mr. Wuellner was not in favor of the City fixing the roads and billing the owners.

Director of Sanitation Greg Ranney advised the public to set their cans and recycling out at 7:00 a.m. of collection day or prior to in order to avoid having the resident's pickup missed..

Police Chief Gillespie sent condolences to the family on the death of 30 year Police Officer Dick Litz.

Katie Meskimen S. 14th Street addressed Council about her input for better bus service in Pekin. As a disable patron she had concerns with transportation available only Monday through Fridays from 8:20 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. and that ADA pickups of door to door results in drivers being late for normal routes. She offered the following solutions:

- Longer hours
- Weekend service
- Designated ADA bus service
- Specific bus from door to Wal Mart

Director of transportation indicated that these same issues were currently being addressed through additional funding that was available from the Illinois Department of Transportation for the City Bus Grant.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Abel, that **Council move to Executive Session** at 6:45 P.M. to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 2. Collective Bargaining and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 1. Personnel

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, in open session, Mayor Dunn called the meeting closed.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:00 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk