
**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 12, 2010 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
RUSTY L. DUNN, MAYOR PRESIDING**

**PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, BLANCHARD, BARRA, KORTKAMP,
SCHMIDGALL, STRAND AND DUNN**

ABSENT: NONE

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Zack Von Rohr.

Roll was called and all Council Members were present.

AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Barra, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that **the agenda be amended by adding under Consent Agenda, Charitable Solicitation Pekin Lil Lettes Tag Days, Saturday, April 17, 2010, and the agenda be approve as amended.**

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 22, 2010 be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Strand, that the Consent Agenda **be approved as presented.**

Council Member Kortkamp in regards to the Proclamation for Arbor Day, questioned if the dying trees on the Parkway median would be replaced. Public Works Director Joe Wuellner advised that they would. He indicated that there would be trees planted for Arbor Day event in participation with Graphic Packaging International/Washington School student project. A special would be planted to honor former Superintendent of Streets Tom Sassman.

Council Member Schmidgall noted in regards to the receipt of the bids for Vogel and Barney Project that the spreadsheet was not consistent with the tabulation of the bids.

Mayor Dunn read the Proclamation recognizing the achievements of the JROTC and presented the following for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

1. **Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes:** Police March Report, Tazewell County Animal Control March Report, and Traffic Safety Committee Meeting Minutes April 2, 2010
2. **Proclamation:** "Arbor Day" April 30th, 2010
"Pekin Community High School JROTC Month"
3. **Receive and File:** Bids Court Street (IL 9) approaches at Vogel and Barney Project – opened March 25, 2010.
4. **Receive and File:** Tazewell County Health Department West Nile Virus Grant Award of \$500.00.
5. **Resolution No. 41-09/10 -** Appointment of Sue McMillan and Susanne Stumpf as Freedom of Information Officers for the City of Pekin.

6. Charitable Solicitation: Pekin Lil Lettes Tag Days Saturday, April 17, 2010
On roll call vote, all present vote, all present voted Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS PETITIONS, REPORTS

Sergeant Rick Von Rohr presented the details of the Special Olympics Police Department v. Fire Department Basketball Game. He encouraged all to attend on May 4, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at Pekin High School gym to raise funds for the support of athletes having intellectual disabilities in 19 sports. A challenge was made for a Mayor v. Manager free-throw contest.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Schmidgall, that the **BID FOR COURT STREET AND BARNEY AVENUE AND COURT STREET AND VOGEL DRIVE INTERSECTIONS PROJECTS** be approved and the contract be awarded to R.A Cullinan & Son, in the amount of \$97,618.69. Public Works Director Joe Wuellner advised the Council that the concrete had failed at the intersection with Court. The winter was not kind and the pavement had been patched. Seven bids were received to remove existing 8" pavement and curb, repair sub grade as necessary and replace with 10" concrete estimated at \$155,825.00. He recommended the low bid. Work would start before May 31 and be completed this summer. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Barra, that the **JOINT AGREEMENT WITH ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADE**, in the amount of \$3,726.00, be approved. State project to resurface Rt. 9 from Olt Avenue to Tremont and modernize traffic signals to left turning standards. City to participate in 50% of the cost plus 10 engineering for Court & Veterans and Court and Barney intersections estimated at \$3,726.00 and no cost for resurfacing. Project set to bid April 23, 2010 and completed this summer. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 42-09/10 **ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RESOLUTION FOR** **MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS** **SECTION 10-00179-00-TL**

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that **Resolution No. 42-09/10, be adopted.** The resolution appropriated \$4,000.00 Motor Fuel Tax for Route 9 Traffic Signal Upgrade Joint Agreement with IDOT. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **MUNICIPAL ESTIMATE OF MAINTENANCE COSTS MAY 1, 2010 – APRIL 30, 2011 SEC 10-00000-00-GM**, for 7 operations of the Street Department, in the amount of \$650,975.00, **be approved.** Cost for general maintenance of 7 operations of the Street Department, lighting, snow removal, signals, signs, tree removal, etc. totaling \$650,975.00. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 43-09/10 **ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RESOLUTION FOR** **MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS** **SECTION 10-00000-00-GM**

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that **Resolution No. 43-09/10 be adopted.** The resolution appropriated \$660,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for Municipal Maintenance Costs of 7 operation of the Street Department. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 39-07/08 - AMENDED-09/10 **ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RESOLUTION FOR** **MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS** **SECTION 08-00000-00-GM**

Motion by Council Member Barra, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that **Resolution No. 39-07/08 Amended 09/10, be adopted.** Public Works Director Joe Wuellner explained the resolution appropriated funds necessary to closeout reports to IDOT. The additional MFT funds in the amount of \$51,660.00 for 2008 operations costs were due to severe winter weather and ice that caused over run in tree removal and snow line items. Council Member Blanchard questioned if Mr. Wuellner anticipated any holdup of money on

participation projects with the State On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Barra, that **AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEKIN AND THE POLICEMEN'S BENEVOLENT LABOR COMMITTEE**, be approved. City Manager Dennis Kief presented the Contract May 1, 2009 – April 30, 2014. He advised the most significant issues were wages and health insurance. The 5 year contract provided for wage increases of 3% each of the first three years and employee insurance participation reopened in the fourth year. Martin Luther King Holiday would be observed effective January of 2012. He complimented both bargaining sides. Council Member Kortkamp questioned the use of Union/Lodge language in Article 20. Council Member Blanchard was advised that 3% increase was budgeted as to his question on 11 months of retroactive pay. Comments from Council supported the negotiations were over and contract approved. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council Member Blanchard announced that Southside Business Association was sponsoring a Veterans Appreciation Month event on Saturday, May 8 at Koch and 12th Street park. He encouraged all to attend. He also recognized the efforts of off-duty firefighter Dave Morris is pulling a gentleman out of a burning building.

Mayor Dunn recognized that City Clerk Sue McMillan and Police Department Clerk Susie Stumpf were appointed as the City's FOIA Officers. He announced the initial "Mayor's Morning Out" for Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 7:00-9:00 a.m. at CJ's on Court. The time was intended to meet and talk informally about the City over a cup of coffee.

Council Member Strand advised that April was Child Abuse Prevention Month, She noted the public could call the offices at the Children's Advocacy Center to talk in reference to abuse.

Greg Ranney Solid Waste Director announced the annual spring Spruce Up Pekin collection was scheduled for Saturday May 1 at 4 collection locations from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Joe Wuellner Public Works Director reminded the public that the City does not have the manpower to respond to complaints on weeds and tall grass. The residents are responsible for maintaining ½ of the alley behind their homes and the area between their property and the street. The City would seek more compliance in those areas.

Marg Melchers, 1821 Highwood, addressed Council in her efforts to have a City street named in honor of native son Astronaut Scott Altman. She requested consideration from her original suggestion of Veterans Drive to Stadium Drive.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Barra, that the Council move to Executive Session at 6:10 P.M. to discuss **5ILCS 120/2 (c) 1. Personnel** – The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity and

5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 5. Acquisition of Property – The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body. 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 6:30 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk