



City of Pekin

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOURISM COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
111 S. CAPITOL ST
ON MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024 AT 5:00 PM**

Call to Order

Chairperson Lelonie Luft called the Tourism Committee meeting to order at 5:00 PM in the Pekin City Hall Council Chambers. Chairperson Luft led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A quorum was established:

Members present: Melanie Matthews, Amy McCoy, Leloni Luft, Josh Wray, Chris Dunn, Shawn Powers, Cindy Galyean, Emily Lamb, and Trent Reeise.

Also present: Terri Gambetti, Gary Gillis, and Mayor Mary Burress.

Approve Agenda

Shawn Powers moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Emily Lamb. Motion approved by voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

3.1. Tourism Committee Meeting - February 5, 2024

Cindy Galyean moved to approve the minutes of February 25, 2024, as presented, seconded by Shawn Powers. Motion approved by voice vote.

Public Input

None

Consent Agenda

5.1. Tourism Fund Monthly Financial Report

Mr. Wray presented the monthly financial report of the Tourism Fund.

Amy McCoy moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Josh Wray. Motion approved by voice vote.

New Business

6.1. Consideration of an Overnight Visitors Grant to be Awarded to Mid-South Illinois Tennis Association

The Committee discussed the expenditures, noting that not all documentation was given.

Josh Wray moved to postpone this item until the next Tourism Committee meeting, seconded by Cindy Galyean. Motion approved by voice vote.

6.2. Consideration of a Recommendation of Revenue and Spending Plan for the Pekin Bicentennial

Terri Gambetti presented a request for funding for the Bicentennial Book in the amount of \$13,000 with the book to be available at the Marigold Festival. There was further discussion regarding budgeting for additional expenditures for the Bicentennial, and Josh Wray noted that no action was needed from the Committee on this request since it will be a City expenditure included in the FY25 budget rather than a grant. The Committee was generally in support of this expenditure being included in the upcoming budget.

6.3. Consideration of a Recommendation of Fiscal Year 2025 Tourism Fund Expenses

Amy McCoy presented the FY24-25 budget spending items for the Committee's consideration. Differences between sponsorships and grants were discussed. Josh Wray noted the Super Cruise was counted in both sponsorships and special events. Amy McCoy noted that bands for the downtown street parties will be: June 15 - Second Chance, August 24 - Revel in Red, and September 28 - Stone Cold Cowboys and Mixed Tape Mayhem.

Josh Wray moved to recommend the spending items to Council with the change to remove the Super Cruise from special events, seconded by Trent Reeise. Motion approved by voice vote.

Any Other Business to Come Before the Committee

Gary Gillis enlightened the Committee on the naming of Capitol Street.

Adjourn

Trent Reeise moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 PM, seconded by Shawn Powers. Motion approved by voice vote.