



PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
111 S. CAPITOL ST
ON MONDAY APRIL 10, 2023 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
MAYOR PRO TEM BECKY CLOYD PRESIDING

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Orrick.

CALL TO ORDER

City Clerk, Ms. Sue McMillan, called the roll and confirmed all Councilmembers were present.

Mayor Pro Tem Cloyd opened the meeting at 5:30 PM.

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Rick Hilst	City of Pekin	Councilman	Present	
Karen Hohimer	City of Pekin	Councilwoman	Present	
Dave Nutter	City of Pekin	Councilman	Present	
Becky Cloyd	City of Pekin	Mayor Pro tem	Present	
Lloyd Orrick	City of Pekin	Council Member	Present	
John P Abel	City of Pekin	Councilman	Present	

APPROVE AGENDA AS AMENDED

A motion was made by Councilmember Nutter seconded by Councilmember Hohimer to move New Business Item 8.1 Resolution No. 573-22/23 Renaming of Fire Station No. 2 before Public Input.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Councilman
AYES:	Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Orrick, Abel

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Dave Nutter, Councilman
AYES:	Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Orrick, Abel

- 4.1. City Council - Special Meeting - Mar 20, 2023 9:00 AM
- 4.2. City Council - Special Meeting - Apr 3, 2023 9:00 AM
- 4.3. City Council - Regular Meeting - Mar 27, 2023 5:30 PM

NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Resolution No. 573-22/23 Renaming of Fire Station 2 at 1000 N. 14th St. the Jami R. Lusher Fire Station No.2

Fire Chief Trent Reeise presented the agenda item by introducing the parents, widow and son of Jami R. Lusher. Chief Reeise explained that Fire Engineer Jami R. Lusher passed away on October 17, 2022. Engineer Lusher proudly served the Pekin Community from May 28, 1996 to August 29, 2022, retiring as a Driver Engineer and a 26 year Veteran of the Pekin Fire Department. Engineer Lusher spent the majority of his career at Fire Station No. 2 or Northside located at 1000 N. 14th Street. The Pekin Fire Department and Engineer Lushers' family requested that the Council memorialize Engineer Lushers' sacrifice and service in the community by formally renaming Fire Station No. 2 the Jami R. Lusher Fire Station.

Father of Jami Lusher stated that it was on a honor to work with the Fire and Police Departments.

Aiden Lusher spoke stating that his father was a proud man and would have loved the honor of the fire station being memorialized after him.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John P Abel, Councilman
SECONDER:	Lloyd Orrick, Council Member
AYES:	Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Orrick, Abel

PUBLIC INPUT

Mayor Elect Mary Buress spoke stating that she was honored to be the City's Mayor Elect and her goal is to work very hard to unite the City of Pekin.

Bob Jaskiewicz congratulated those officials that were elected and advised Council to listen to the community.

Matthew Johnson spoke regarding 8.7 at the last meeting regarding the Derby Street project and stated that a bold statement was made that Hanson did not provide construction engineering but according to the their website they do.

Mayor Pro Tem Cloyd stated that she had contacted Hanson and confirmed that they do not offer construction engineering in the Peoria area.

Mr. Johnson continued speaking about the specifications of the Derby Street project and the timeline of when the Council Agenda is published.

Danielle Owens appealed to approve the additional SRO at Pekin Community High School in the FY24 Budget.

Deborah Montgomery and Diana Lee spoke regarding the recent storms and the location of a storm shelter in the City.

Amy McCoy, Executive Director of the Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce, spoke about the Chamber's 3 Disciplines and spoke in favor of the proposed contract for city events, Tourism Committee and Discover Pekin website. Ms. McCoy also spoke about the many partnerships and benefits between the City of Pekin and the Chamber of Commerce.

Roger Alexander spoke to Council regarding his yard waste pickup.

PUBLIC HEARING

6.1. Public Hearing FY24 Budget

Mayor Pro Tem Cloyd began the hearing on the FY24 Budget at 6:10 PM.

Interim City Manager, Mr. Bruce Marston, summarized changes to the budget that included the addition of Server Maintenance Agreements and the Personnel Summary.

No public input was received.

Mayor Pro Tem Cloyd closed the Public Hearing on the FY24 Budget at 6:50 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John P Abel, Councilman
SECONDER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
AYES:	Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Orrick, Abel

7.1. Monthly Incidents March 2023 Pekin Fire

7.2. Accounts Payable To Be Paid Proof List thru March 17, 2023

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

8.1. Motion to: 8.1 Moved Before Public Input

8.2. Resolution No. 574-22/23 Approval for the Demolition of an Unsafe Structure at 2700 Pine, Pekin IL and Award the Bid to Wayne Litwiller Excavating Inc.

Interim City Manager, Mr. Bruce Marston, presented the agenda item to Council.

Councilmember Orrick questioned the legal status since the City did not own the property.

Chief Dossey explained that the owner had been identified and the property would be demolished relatively quickly.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lloyd Orrick, Council Member
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Councilman
AYES:	Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Orrick, Abel

8.3. Resolution No. 575-22/23 Agreement with Pekin Public School District No. 108, Pekin Community High School District No. 303, Rankin School District No. 98, and South Pekin Grade School District No. 137 for Transportation Services

A motion was made by Councilmember Hilst

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lloyd Orrick, Council Member
SECONDER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
AYES:	Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Orrick, Abel

Motion to: **Amend Resolution No. 576-22/23 and the Contract with the Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce from Two Years to One Year**

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 2]
MOVER:	Rick Hilst, Councilman
SECONDER:	Becky Cloyd, Mayor Pro tem
AYES:	Rick Hilst, Dave Nutter, Becky Cloyd, Lloyd Orrick
NAYS:	Karen Hohimer, John P Abel

8.4. Resolution No. 576-22/23 Award Request for Funding to the Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce for City of Pekin Marketing Campaign in the Amount of \$30,000

Interim City Manager, Mr. Bruce Marston, presented the agenda item to Council requesting \$30K for the Pekin Marketing Campaign with the Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce.

Council discussed the \$30K budgeted for marketing, Tourism Committee, and events. Council also discussed the sponsorship requests presented to the Tourism Committee.

Amy McCoy, Executive Director of the Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce, stated that it was difficult to book bands year by year and that it was Pekin's Bicentennial this year.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	Rick Hilst, Councilman
SECONDER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
AYES:	Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Orrick, Abel
NAYS:	Rick Hilst

8.5. Resolution No. 577-22/23 Adopting City of Pekin Policy No. 27-22/23 Policy for Marking of City Vehicles

Interim City Manager, Mr. Bruce Marston, presented the agenda item to Council regarding a policy marking city vehicles.

Council discussed the exempt vehicles. Mr. Marston explained that it was staff and the administrations recommendation to exempt any police and fire vehicles used for investigations and that the proposed policy in the packet included police and fire vehicles to be marked.

A motion was made by Councilmember Orrick to delete the first line and replace to state Vehicles used predominantly for surveillance and undercover operations. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Chief Dossey stated that vehicles are used for investigations and felt officers were being put at risk.

Council continued deliberated the marking of city vehicles.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 2]
MOVER:	Dave Nutter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Becky Cloyd, Mayor Pro tem
AYES:	Rick Hilst, Dave Nutter, Becky Cloyd, Lloyd Orrick
NAYS:	Karen Hohimer, John P Abel

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Public Works Director, Mr. Dean Schneider, announced that in the fall of last year the City entered into an agreement with Stone River Group, an energy broker, that works with consolidating of energy and negotiated rates for the next two years from June 2023 to June 2025. Flyers will be sent out by Constellation next week.

Fire Chief Reeise thanked Council again for the support of renaming the fire station from the department and the Lusher family. Chief Reeise also gave a shout out to Rob Baughman the Battalion Chief for making this happen.

Councilmember Hilst and Councilmember Abel congratulated those elected last year. Councilmember Hilst questioned a line item in the Accounts Payable report regarding hard hats for Solid Waste Drivers.

Mr. Schneider explained that the new trucks have a lifting arm mechanism that requires hard hats.

Councilmember Hilst also questioned lines painted on North 3rd Street.

City Engineer, Ms. Esker, stated that the lines were to help control traffic.

Councilmember Hohimer congratulated Mayor Elect Buress and proposed to appoint her now as the Mayor. Councilmember Abel concurred.

City Attorney, Ms. Kate Swise, stated that there were several state statutes and city code and offered to put together a memorandum to Council addressing the issues.

Mayor Pro Tem Cloyd thanked those that voted during the election and that it was her goal to increase the voter base.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 11. THREATENED LITIGATION

10.1. Motion to: Executive Session 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) Threatened Litigation

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dave Nutter, Councilman
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Councilman
AYES:	Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Orrick, Abel

ADJOURN

There being no further business of the Council, a motion was made by Councilmember Orrick seconded by Councilmember Nutter to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried viva voice vote. Mayor Pro Tem Cloyd Adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.