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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 8, 2013, AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
LAURIE L. BARRA * MAYOR * PRESIDING

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, SCHMIDGALL, MCCABE, HENDRICKS, BARRA, MASSAGLIA AND BLANCHARD

ABSENT: NONE

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The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Laurie L. Barra.

Roll was called. All members were physically present. A quorum was present.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 25, 2013 and the Special Budget Meeting Work Session of March 18, 2013, be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Dave VanDyke, 313 Edgewood addressed the Council regarding the budget line item for personnel in the Building Department that he represented as HVAC Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer. From a prepared statement he spoke in opposition to reducing the inspectors to part time positions in the attempt to balance the budget. He stated that a year ago Council was not in favor of the request of an intergovernmental agreement with Tazewell County for inspections because they felt Pekin inspectors were too busy to increase their work load. Mark Reeder, Electrical Inspector, 213 Ironwood and Juanita VanBuskirk, Administrative Secretary, 717 Hillyer, also voiced concern in reducing the staff hours. It was suggested that the department could function in a more proactive manor, and as an alternative to hiring a Community Service Officer (CSO) in the Police Department budget, if the inspectors had the authority to write violation tickets or increase permit fees.

Tim Golden, 2104 Alhambra Court, addressed the Council regarding the lack of budgeting for ADA sidewalk/curb requirements.

Tim Latronica, 709 Hillyer, expressed concern regarding the change in the bottom line from a deficit to a balanced budget being presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **CONSENT AGENDA be approved as presented.** Mayor Barra presented the following for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

7.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports: Traffic Safety Committee Minutes dated March 1, 2013; Fire Department February Report; Liquor Commission unapproved Minutes dated February 28, 2013; Tazewell County Animal Control February Report; Building and Inspections February Reports.		
7.2 Proclamation: "American Red Cross Month" March 2013 "Parkinson's is the Pits Month" April 2013		
7.3 Resolution No. 63-12/13 – Zoning Map of the City of Pekin		

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS
PUBLIC HEARING
The Hearing was opened by Mayor Barra at 5:52 p.m. for the purpose of receiving comments on the **FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET MAY 1, 2013 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2014.** Tim Latronica, 709 Hillyer Street, reiterated his concern on figures used to balance the budget. He asked Council to vote no on the presented budget. Brandon Dentino, 2675 Allentown Road, told Council there were a plethora of errors in the numbers discussed on the prepared budget. He felt that money appeared out of the air. He urged Council to vote no and another budget session be held to discuss further. Tim Golden, 2104 Alhambra Court, spoke of his support of the previous voiced concerns. He questioned how Council could vote on the numbers presented.

Mayor Barra thanked the staff for the time spent in submitting a responsible budget. The Hearing was closed at 5:56 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 67 -12/13
ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR
MAY 1, 2013 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2014 BUDGET
FOR THE CITY OF PEKIN

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Massaglia, that Resolution No. 67-12/13 be adopted. A balanced budget draft of the document was presented by City Manager Joseph Wuellner following the distribution to Council on March 28, 2012. All of the potential revenue sources had been verified including a recent added grant awarded to the Fire Department. Adjustment had been made to the original stated estimates of $695,000.00 deficit to include a $1.25 million bond to cover the costs of Cambridge/Shire and Broadway Road storm water projects. The Inspection Department reduction for personnel costs for the instructions of the Council to reduce that deficit. A proposed garbage fee to cover the deficit operation of the solid waste department was removed. Discussion followed. Mr. Wuellner advised that the Solid Waste Department would continue to be a draw on the General Fund without the City increasing revenues from raising property taxes to cover services or by collecting a fee like most of the surrounding communities. Council Members reviewed and discussed further the revised budget numbers. Each Member was given time to speak in support of the proposal or express reasons for opposing.

Mayor Barra noted the remaining time until April 30, 2013 for adoption of a budget and asked Council what direction needed to be taken for approval. Council Member Schmidgall was not supportive of the reduction in the Inspections Department after learning it would save $20,000.00 and that the part time effected employees would continue to receive benefits per contract. He asked the General Fund Reserves be appropriately budgeted. Council Member Blanchard felt contracting out the garbage collection would be advantageous for the City in light of escalating personnel and equipment expenses. He favored the reduced hours of the inspectors. He was supportive of the proposed police code enforcement officer. Council Member Hendricks asked to see a balanced budget without using bond money. He would be voting no without salary reductions and reduced personnel figures. Council Member Massaglia favored future wage freezes to avoid layoffs. Attorney Sue Bosich was instructed to research the feasibility of the Inspections Department issuing tickets and to draft an ordinance for the next meeting.

On roll call vote, Ayes, Abel, Massaglia, Barra; Nays, Blanchard, Schmidgall, McCabe, Hendricks. Motion Failed.

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Schmidgall that the **5 YEAR AGREEMENT WITH LHF COMPOST, INC.** for the disposal of the yard waste collected in the City of Pekin, be approved. City Manager Joseph Wuellner informed the Council that the staff had evaluated creating a City disposal site after the close of the site on the south end of town in 2012 during which time LHF provided the service for a year. The effort ran into numerous IEPA requirements before operational and it was decided to find other means of disposal. The presented contract proposed multi-year pricing schedule for the terms and conditions. Council Member McCabe questioned the continuation of the City's own site and disadvantage of locking in an agreement for 5 years.

Council Member McCabe made a motion that the LHF Compost, Inc. Agreement be amended for a 2 year term and for staff to make effort to find an alternative, seconded by Council Member Hendricks.

Discussion continued on the study with the Farnsworth Group to do the cost analysis for the City facility off Brenkman Drive. After proceeding with the preparation of the permit application there were concerns of prohibited cost of IEPA stipulations, water monitoring, price of equipment, personnel, etc. Council Member Blanchard called the question, seconded by Council Member Schmidgall. On roll call vote Ayes, Blanchard, Abel, Schmidgall, Massaglia, Barra; Nays, McCabe, Hendricks. Motion failed. Discussion continued on motion to amend the agreement to a two year term. On roll call vote to amend the agreement Ayes, Blanchard, Schmidgall, McCabe, Hendricks; Nays, Abel, Massaglia, Barra. Motion Carried. Support for a 2 year agreement was heard contingent upon the stated pricing was the same. On roll call vote on the amended agreement, Ayes, Blanchard, Abel, Schmidgall, McCabe, Hendricks; Nays, Massaglia, Barra. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Massaglia, seconded by Council Member Blanchard that the **GAS PIPELINE EASEMENT TO AMEREN ILLINOIS,** be approved. Council was informed that due to the construction of Veterans Drive through the intersection of VFW Road and 14^{th} Street that the existing line and regulator station needed to be relocated. Ameren requested a 10ft easement on property owned by the City on NE corner lot property line adjacent to the right of way for the road. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Abel that the **AGREEMENT WITH HANSON PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, INC**. for the Traffic Study of IL 29, Front Street and Distillery Road in the amount of $30,200.00, be approved. City Engineer Mike Guerra advised the study was to determine the effects of any additional development or improvements to businesses along Front Street and Distillery Road. Specifically addressed would be any improvements needed to facilitate ingress and egress movement to the area. The large amount of truck traffic had cause stain on the roadways and there were traffic concerns due to poor sight distance. Once Veterans construction was completed all truck traffic would be routed through the corridor. On roll call vote, Ayes, Abel, Schmidgall, McCabe, Hendricks, Massaglia, Barra; Nay, Blanchard. Motion Carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL
Council Members encouraged the public to vote on Tuesday, April 9 and wished success to the candidates for election. Council Member Abel asked that the City help retain the business relationship with Randy Price following the loss of the Enviro-Safe structure from an explosion. Council Member McCabe questioned the City's proposal in comparing pricing for the Solid Waste Collection. Mr. Wuellner advised that fuel, vehicles, tipping fees, employee salaries and benefits were used in comparison figures. City Engineer Mike Guerra reminded the public that construction season was beginning and to be cautious of work zones and cell phone use. Mr. Wuellner informed the Council that Police Chief Greg Nelson would be attending the FBI Academy in coming months.

Phillis Myers, 2500 Court Street, addressed the Council regarding the proper protocol and attention needed in displaying the United States flags throughout the City.

James Layne, 1411 South 7^{th} Street, voiced concern of the cable placed across an alley at 1119 Derby Street.

Dale Kuntz, 5 Fox Point, expressed appreciation on the work of the present Council and return of Council Member Massaglia. He noted that attention needed to be given the debris that had blown along Court Street.

Eva Arnold, 1008 Cambridge, appreciated the proposal to bond the funds to resolve the storm water problem in her neighborhood.

Tim Golden, 2104 Alhambra, questioned how the Library got into such poor condition if the City followed requirements the same as residents were asked to do.

Brandon Dentino, 2675 Allentown Road, questioned and was informed because there was no market for glass that the City was no longer providing curbside collection. Glass could be taken to the McDonalds recycling center.

Council Member Hendricks ask that Council be copied on all the responses that needed to be given to the public members that had issues or questions brought to staff's attention during the meeting.

No further business to come before the Council, motion by Council Member Schmidgall. Mayor Barra adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned vice voce.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:45 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk