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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 THE CITY HALL
ON MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2002 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
R. DAVID TEBBEN * MAYOR * PRESIDING

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS, BARRA, ORRICK, MASSAGLIA, AND RICHMOND

ABSENT: NONE

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The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Tebben.

Roll was called and all commissioners were present.

Agenda
Motion by Com'r. Orrick, seconded by Com'r. Barra, that the **Agenda be approved as presented** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Orrick, seconded by Com'r. Barra, that the **Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of April 1, 2002 and the Regular City Council Meeting of March 25, 2002, be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Public input on agenda items: None

Consent Agenda
Motion by Com'r. Orrick, seconded by Com'r. Richmond, that the **Consent Agenda be approved as presented.**

1. Receive and File Monthly Reports: Police, Fire, Tazewell County Animal Control, HVAC, Building, Electric, Plumbing & Sewer.

2. Proclamation: Pekin Crop Walk 2002 , Boys and Girls Club Week, Child Abuse Prevention Month, Parliamentary Law Month.

3. Receive and file petition for annexation 3300 Sheridan Rd.

4. Receive and file bids for New City Hall irrigation system.

5. Receive and file bids for demolition of 2 grain elevators on Front Street

6. Adopt resolution #175, appointing John Janssen to the Electrical Commission, to fill the unexpired term of John Hamann

On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Communications, Petitions, and reports

VETERANS' DRIVE PRESENTATION – Dennis Kief and Ken Coulter from Clark Engineering gave a summary, updated report of the Veterans' Drive project. Dennis explained that the overall project is approximately 11 miles long and cost approximately $38 million. Dennis and Ken highlighted each of the 4 sections of the project. The first, from Rt. 29 to Towerline, is approximately 17,000 feet and $9.7 million. Construction anticipated for 2006 & 2007. Rt. 29 intersection requires land acquisition from FCI, talks to begin very soon with warden. 5 lane, 65' wide. Cemetery and historical buildings on Fahnders property could be a problem, but corridor will follow existing VFW as closely as possible. Public meeting will be planned. The second, from Towerline to Court, is approximately 1.2 miles and $2 million. It is fully funded for construction in 2004. Environmental phase is underway currently. The project development report is the next step. The engineers are working with the Mall developers to coordinate an intersection on the Southeast side of the Mall. The third, from Court to Broadway, is approximately 3 miles and $6 million. Construction to begin Fall of 2003. 1st mile is concrete pavement, concrete curb and gutter, and storm sewer. Extended sanitary sewer will be installed prior to road construction. Allentown Rd. will be altered to allow for an intersection and Broadway intersection will be signalized. The fourth, from Broadway to 474, is approximately 5 miles and $19 million. Land for an interchange at 474 was set aside many years ago. A grant has been received for land use study. Possible construction in 2008 – 2009.

LIBRARY REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – Jim Ash, Library Board representative addressed the council and requested $310,000 toward the purchase of the Dirksen Center portion of the building. He explained that the Dirksen Center had been discussing long range plans for 2-3 years, and has now decided to move their center to a different location by the end of the year. The Dirksen Center now occupies 11,000 square feet under the same roof as the Library. They estimate that the original construction cost of their portion of the building was $620,000. Jim Ash reported that there had been some previous discussion with the City about financial assistance if the Dirksen Center space became available. He asked if the $310,000 was still available. Commissioner Barra asked if $56 per square foot was accurate and how does it compare with new construction. Jim reported that $56 was accurate and that they had 2 appraisals, $1 million and $800,000. Jim asked what the square foot cost was for the new City hall and Dick replied that it exceeded $100. Dick also reported that no money had been budgeted for the Library in the City 5 year capital budget. Commissioner Massaglia asked about the operating budget for the Dirksen Center portion of the building. Jim Ash reported that it was approximately $39,000 and they would ask the City to fund that also; or they might have to raise the levy to cover the additional cost. Mayor Tebben posed several questions about the Library budget. It appeared that the Library had excess funds dedicated to reserves for capital expenditures. (i.e. Dirksen Center). The Mayor pointed out that the City faced the same financial challenges as the Library, and that the City may have to make sacrifices elsewhere in it's own current budget plans if funds were given to the Library. The Mayor also asked about adjacent real estate and the Library's plans for the property. Commissioner Barra asked about the endowment funds of the Library. Jim Ash replied that the Board policy was to use interest only and not touch the principal. Commissioner Massaglia asked if there would be remodeling costs associated with the acquisition. Mr. Ash reported that there would be virtually no remodeling cost at first, because they needed the storage room right away. Commissioner Massaglia stated that he supported the overall concept of the Library acquiring the Dirksen Center portion of the building. Commission Orrick stated that he supports the Library and the $310,000 request, but does not support a levy for the $39,000 operating cost. Paula Weiss, Library Director, stated that they had been setting funds aside for the Dirksen Center since 1998, and are now very concerned about future revenue sources. Jim Ash requested a response by the April 22 Council meeting if possible. Mayor Tebben informed the Council that the City has approximately 40% reserves, and questioned what they were willing to sacrifice in operating funds. Commissioner Orrick asked if Hotel/Motel tax could be used. Library Board member asked if they could get their capital budget requests on the City Capital budget 5 year plan. Mayor Tebben explained that previous discussions with the Library about purchasing the Dirksen Center were contingent on the Dirksen Center remaining in the Downtown or Riverfront area. Since the Dirksen Center has decided to move to a remote location on the Northeast side of town, the previous discussions and related concepts have changed. Commissioner Orrick asked if the City would entertain an IOU. There was some additional discussion about a contract for deed or a five year payment plan. Discussion ended with the Mayor asking the Council to consider all the options and ideas and be prepared for future action.

Mayor presented proclamation for "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE OF CURRENT CITY HALL – Mayor Tebben reported that the current City Hall would become vacant this fall when we move operations to the new building. The Tazewell County Historical Society has expressed interest in the building and has offered $1 per year on a lease arrangement. They like the secure storage, elevator, and parking. Commissioners cautioned everyone that the building is costly to maintain and the boiler is questionable at best. Parking could be a problem if the City parking lots are sold to someone else. Estimates for boiler and HVAC replacement started at $250,000. Kim reported that there are some grants available to the Society for operating expenses. Commissioner Orrick asked about conflicts with the newly announced Peoria Area museum. Mayor Tebben questioned if there were any other requests or inquiries for the building. Commissioner Richmond asked Kim to get more information about the Historical Society organization. Discussion ended with Mayor Tebben stating that the topic is now public and maybe more interest will be generated.

Old Business

VETERANS' DRIVE LAND ACQUISITION

Motion by Commissioner Barra, second by Commissioner Massaglia, that agreement with Ronald Deppert to acquire a parcel for Veterans' Drive be approved. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye. Motion by Commissioner Barra, 2nd by Commissioner Massaglia, that agreement with 1st Church of the Nazarene to acquire a parcel for Veterans' Drive be approved. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

New Business

NEW CITY HALL IRRIGATION SYSTEM

Motion by Com'r Barra, 2nd by Com'r Massaglia, that bid in the amount of $16,480 be approved and awarded to Tri-County Irrigation & Plumbing for irrigation system for New City Hall. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

SET SPECIAL MEETING DATE TO DISCUSS RIVERFRONT

Motion by Com'r Massaglia, 2nd by Com'r Barra, that a date be set for a special meting to discuss Riverfront Development. Brief discussion about anticipated content of meeting and possible dates. Agreement that April 29, 2002, at 5:00 PM would be best. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

AMENDMENT TO CPMI CONTRACT

Motion by Com'r Massaglia, 2nd by Com'r Richmond, that amendment to CPMI contract in the amount of $44,850 be approved. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

<u>RESOLUTION NO. 176</u>

IDOT DOWNSTATE OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANT (Municipal Bus Funding)

Motion by Com'r Massaglia, 2nd by Com'r Barra, that resolution #176 be adopted. Authorizing Greg Ranney to execute the IDOT Downstate Operating Assistance Grant, Contract #3184 (OP-02-09-IL). On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

AMMENDMENT TO SAFETY POLICY

Motion by Com'r Richmond, 2nd by Com'r Massaglia, that Safety Policy by amended concerning cell phone use. Mr. Hierstein explained that the Safety Committee had recommended this action after concerns following an accident. Brief discussion followed that clarified issue. This policy prohibits dialing while vehicle is in motion; it does not prohibit answering the phone and/or talking. On roll call vote, Commissioners Barra and Massaglia voted no, Commissioners Orrick, Richmond and Tebben voted Aye.

Other Business

Dennis Lambert, 1416 Matilda, reported that he lives near a school and that cars speed past his house. Mayor Tebben directed Police Chief Gillespie to look into the situation. Police Chief Gillespie will direct his officers to step up enforcement in the area and asked Mr. Lambert to get license plate numbers and call them in. Mayor Tebben stated that the speed limit is 30 MPH unless otherwise posted, and 20 MPH in School Zones when children are present.

Commissioner Richmond reported that Kiwanis had picked up 20 bags of refuse along Parkway Drive, and expressed his concern about littering. Mayor Tebben asked Police Chief Gillespie to step up littering enforcement. Police Chief Gillespie urged witnesses to get license plate numbers and call them in.

Mayor Tebben reported on his visit to Rogy's Day Care Center, earlier in the day.

Reporters from the *Peoria Journal Star, the Pekin Daily Times* and news media stations were given the opportunity to ask questions. Press asked for clarification on what the Library intended to use the Dirksen Center space for. Response was – storage, Children's Library, staff needs. Press asked what year the Library audit was from. Response was – 2001.

Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r, Massaglia, that Council move to **Executive Session** to discuss collective Bargaining and Acquisition of Real Estate. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia that Council adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:45 P.M.

John Hamann
Assistant City Clerk