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PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE CITY HALL
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
ON MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2004 AT 3:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
LYNDELL N. HOWARD * MAYOR * PRESIDING

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS, MADDOX, RICHMOND, JONES, AND MASSAGLIA

ABSENT: NONE

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

Roll was called and all commissioners were present.

Mayor Howard requested the Council consider an agreement for the Riverfront first in order of business to allow Branden DesCarpentrie of Farnsworth Group, Inc. to speak prior to discussion of solid waste. Motion was then made by Com'r. Massaglia and seconded by Com'r. Maddox the amend the agenda. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Agenda

Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia, that the **agenda be approved as amended**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

New Business

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Richmond, that the **AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH FARNSWORTH GROUP, INC.** for Riverfront Park in the amount of $107,180.00 be approved. Kim Uhlig, Director of Planning and Development explained to Council the City had received the OSLAD grant and were moving forward with the development of the riverfront. Changes to the original discussion with the company for consulting included in-house staff overseeing some of the project and the Park District playing a bigger role in planting aspects. Mayor Howard questioned if the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Park needed to be completed before approving the proposal. Corporation Counsel Patrick Oberle advised Council on the progress of the agreement that original was given the Park Board in August 2003. Branden DesCarpentrie project Manager, stated work authorization was critical to begin survey, bidding and construction by October of this work season. Council discussed the critical nature of the Park District agreement and felt the financial contribution was minor to project. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Maddox, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia that the **LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEKIN AND TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION 627** be approved. The Council was provided with a packet of information regarding the steps necessary in providing solid waste garbage collection in-house by August. Greg Ranney Director of Public Property spoke to Council on the proposal to add four garbage truck drivers and a working foreman to a Teamster contract, which expires in April 2005. Com'r. Jones questioned the estimated increase in personnel costs and the ability of drivers to assist in snowplowing. On roll call vote; Ayes, Massaglia, Maddox, Richmond, Howard; Nay, Jones. Motion carried.

Motion by Com'r. Maddox, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia, that the proposal from **PRAIRIE INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS, INC, FOR FOUR NEW GARBAGE TRUCKS,** in the amount of $483,438.00 be approved. Mr. Ranney next proposed purchasing trucks from the company which is able to extend State of Illinois pricing bid for vehicles to municipalities. Total proposed was $483,438.00, which Council was told was $116,562.00 less than budgeted.

Additional information presented in the packet and discussed for recommendation or direction included:

- Purchase of used backup truck from City of Pontiac for an estimated $40,000.00
- Refused cart program (Elgin Illinois example)
  - Mandatory requirement of toters
  - Safety environment for drivers
  - Community uniformity and cleanliness

Detailed examples were presented and several samples of refuse carts were available for viewing for the Council. Mr. Ranney stated he had received interest from contractors for the approximately 11, 000 refuse carts needed if the program was mandatory for the first year. David Schwab was in attendance and answered questions of the present program Waste Management offers the Pekin community. Mayor Howard indicated the City would not be going back to alley pickup for safety reasons even if Waste Management contract was not renewed. Com'r. Jones questioned City Manager Dennis Kief on the following issues:

- 12-year life of a garbage truck. Mr. Schwab indicated their company averages 7 years
- Revenue stream to pay for trucks. Mr. Kief indicated from the General Fund with no property tax increase.
- Payment of the proposed $483,438.00 purchase. Mr. Kief indicated the amount would be financed.
- Non-budgeted costs of toters
- Difficulty in maintenance and tracking of toters

Com'r. Massaglia spoke in support of the program. Mr. Schwab told Council Waste Management was open to discussion on extending or not extending (notification period requirement) the contract and would work through the City's transition. Spruce Up Pekin was still in the process of being coordinated for the May 1 spring date.

Mr. Ranney summarized the 11 years of monitoring solid waste and expressed that he felt this was the last component to bring together the collection of yard waste, recycling and garbage for the best in-house service for the citizens of Pekin.

On roll call vote; Ayes, Massaglia, Maddox, Richmond, Howard; Nay, Jones. Motion carried.

Other Business

Reporters from the *Peoria Journal Star*, *Pekin Daily Time* and Media were given the opportunity to ask questions. No questions were received.

Com'r. Jones questioned the advertisement for a GIS person. The City Manager informed Mr. Jones that employee Matt Kaufman had left City employment and that he was seeking replacement to the position.

No further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Com'r. Massaglia, seconded by Com'r. Richmond that Council adjourn. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 4:25 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk