
**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, MARCH 24, 2014 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

LAURIE L. BARRA * MAYOR * PRESIDING

**PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, MCCABE, GILLESPIE, GOLDEN, ORRICK,
HENDRICKS AND BARRA,**

ABSENT: NONE

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

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

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Orrick, seconded by Council Member Hendricks that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 10, 2014 be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Keith Gleason, 905 Bacon Street, spoke in opposition of contracting out lawn maintenance. He stated he represented 130-140 Teamster Union Local 627 members of the City of Pekin. Yard crew employees relied on the work in the summer and took pride in that work. Mr. Gleason reminded Council of the history of outsourcing City services such as garbage collection and wastewater treatment. They returned to in-house departments when the savings were not there. Jeanie Barnes, 802 James Road, bus driver and yard crew employee, addressed the Council on the matter of lawn maintenance contract. She asked Council to consider that the part time seasonal workers would lose their IMRF service years even if the work was brought back to the City. She asked that these single parent employees be allowed to keep their jobs. Janet Nelms, 1604 Memorial Drive, spoke in support of the yard crew employees. Valerie Flick, 1802 Quaker, spoke to the lawn maintenance contract matter. She voiced the opinion that the work could not be done efficiently as the City workers. Joe Yavorshak, 13634 First Street, gave a brief account of the years the Wastewater Treatment Plant was run by outside contractors. He told of the expense, the violation fine imposed, and the lost of 12 years of the City employees' pensions to support his opposition to contracting the lawn maintenance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Orrick, seconded by Council Member Abel that the **CONSENT AGENDA be approved as presented**. The following was presented for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

7.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports: Liquor Commission Minutes February 27, 2014, Traffic Safety Committee Minutes March 7, 2014, Mayor's Advisory Committee For Persons With Disabilities Minutes October 10, 2013, Tazewell County Animal Control February Report, and Police Department February Report.
7.2 Receive and File Request for Proposals: Modular Office for Waste Water Treatment Plant; Terrestrial LiDar and Street Sign Inventory; and Lawn Maintenance.
7.3 Receive and File: IDOT Agreement for Local Agency Railroad-Highway Grade Crossing Improvements for warning signal devices at Derby Street Section 11-00184-00-RR.
7.4 Proclamation: "National Library Week" April 13-19, 2014 "Parkinson's is the pits" Month of April, 2014
7.5 Receive and File: Resignation of William R. Baker from the Pekin Municipal Airport Commission.
7.6 Resolution No. 96-13/14 – Zoning Map of the City of Pekin

On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS

Library Schematic Design Submittal Presentation

Jeff Brooks, Pekin Library Director, introduced the Designer Michael Mackey, Interior Designer Amanda Voorhees, and Project Architect Michelle LaBarre of Dewberry Architects Inc. Mr. Mackey provided a comprehensive written and graphic report of the completed Schematic Design Phase of the renovation of the facility. The architectural and engineering team presented the progress of the project and the estimate of the construction costs. The costs estimate remained at \$6 million. The project would add additional space to the children and adult sections, add a teen area, and several new conference rooms for meetings and programs. Members of the team responded to questions or concerns from the Council regarding technical requirements of construction, fire exits, areas of refuge, code conformance, and painting of new soffits in the alternate bid. Council was told plans were final for the design phase of the project; plans would be more refined in the second phase and materials would be chosen; in the third phase construction documents, blueprints and more detail would be prepared. Mr. Brooks told the Council that the project would be presented for approval at the meeting of April 28, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Council Member Gillespie, seconded by Council Member Abel that the **PROPOSAL FOR LAWN MAINTENANCE be approved and the contract awarded to GOLF GREEN LAWN CARE & LANDSCAPING**. Council was advised that mowing and trimming of grass on City owned properties were done in house by personnel of the Bus Department. There were conflicts with scheduling in the spring and fall when employees were also driving buses. After reviewing costs of labor, equipment, materials and changes in benefits, it was determined the work could be done more effectively and efficiently utilizing an outside contractor. Following Council's questions and remarks Mr. Wuellner stated the contract was for the entire growing season; that no one was losing their job; yard crew would retain their current positions as part time bus drivers; under yard crew the City would still need to contract weed control for special licensing, product, and storage; and that there was not a joint agreement with the Park District to cover all City property. Council Member Golden disputed the projected savings of \$80,000-\$100,000 without backup. He felt personnel cost estimates provided without time sheets history were not sufficient. Council Members in support noted school was not out until June 9th this year for the bus drivers to even begin mowing; the proposal was for just a one year contract and would be reviewed next year; and that the pricing would be weather driven. On roll call vote, Ayes, Orrick, Abel, Gillespie, Hendricks, McCabe, Barra; Nay, Golden. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 95-13/14

MOTOR FUEL TAX

Motion by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Orrick that Resolution No. **95-13/14** be adopted. Council was asked to consider appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds in the amount of \$150,000.00 for the City's share of replacing the structure carrying Sheridan Road over Lick Creek and the collateral approach roadway work as approved in the Local Agency Agreement November 12, 2013. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Gillespie that **AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH FARNSWORTH GROUP for Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 3 and 4 be approved in an amount not to exceed \$1,046,100.00**. Mr. Wuellner requested Council's approval to amend the engineering services agreement approved on August 27, 2012 for the Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) on the 3rd and 4th phase of the WWTP project. The amendment was needed so that the engineering costs could be incorporated into the IEPA loan request under review. Patrik J. Sheridan, P.E. Engineering Manager of the firm and project was available for questions. Council Member Golden presented questions and concerns to Mr. Sheridan relevant to Quality Assurance Services language and the General Conditions pages of the agreement. Council Member Golden suggested that Capital Development Board (CDB) standard forms for professional service and construction agreements be followed. Mr. Sheridan indicated the amendment could be corrected in regards to prepared punch lists and substantial completion certificates, defined surveyed location, and aquifer contamination. Council Member Golden motioned to approve per being amended. Mayor Barra asked that the motion to approve the Amendment be voted on now and that the corrected document be given to Council when completed. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A331-13/14
AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 1 D.
OF THE TRAFFIC CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995
REGARDING NO PARKING SCHEDULE PEORIA STREET

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Orrick that Ordinance No. 1462-A331-13/14 be adopted. Council considered the Traffic Safety Committee recommendation to amend the No Parking Schedule. City service departments requested the TSC address the difficulty of getting fire trucks, plows, and garbage trucks down Peoria Street when vehicles were parked on both sides of the narrow street. After review of the congested area near the Hope Chest business it was recommended to restrict parking on the east side of Peoria Street from Derby Street to Koch Street. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A332-13/14
AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 3 F.
OF THE TRAFFIC CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995
REGARDING HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES COURTHOUSE

Motion by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member McCabe that Ordinance No. 1462-A332-13/14 be adopted. Council was advised that the Tazewell County Court Administrator approached the City requesting additional spaces due to recent changes in the handicapped parking laws. The Traffic Safety Committee reviewed and recommended on-street ADA-accessible stalls designated on the north side of Elizabeth just west and east of the apron to the parking lot to the Courthouse and on the south side of Court Street west of the apron to the lot. Deputy Police Chief Kaminski gave a synopsis of the new disabled parking placard and license plate program; and enforcement that became law January 2014. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

City Engineer Michael Guerra informed the Council that VFW Road was open to through traffic but advised the public to be cautious in the construction zone.

City Manager Joseph Wuellner announced that yard waste collection would begin the week of March 31, 2014.

Attorney Burt Dancey further explained that 2 hour parking limit areas would still be enforced for vehicles with the new Persons with Disabilities blue placards.

Council Member Hendricks thanked the City Manager for all the work put into the lawn maintenance contracting proposal.

Council Member McCabe indicated he had received calls from citizens with firefighter overstaffing concerns. After a thorough tour of the fire station given by Fire Chief Nelson and the knowledge gained he felt the City was fortunate to have the numbers and the quality of staff it has. He encouraged others to contact the Chief for a tour.

Council Member Abel stated he had received several comments from persons in unincorporated areas who pay an average of \$32.00 for garbage collection that did not include recycling or yard waste. They were amazed that Pekin residents were not willing to pay the \$12.00 proposed to retain the collection in-house.

Council Member Gillespie questioned what he had read about concerning the Cincinnati Road Commissioner's concerns regarding damage to a township road. The concerns implied that the township gravel road for farm access was damaged by vehicles using it to avoid the detour during road contraction closure. City Engineer Guerra stated he was meeting with Commissioner Hawkins and the contractor for VFW improvements to come to a solution. It was Attorney Dancey's opinion in response to Council Member Orrick's questions that the City would not have any legal obligation to repair because the City did not detour traffic to the road.

Council Member Golden stated he received a citizen's continued complaint of speeders on N. 4th Street. The citizen asked that additional attention be given the matter than occasional police patrol. The Council Member also noted from a newspaper article titled Time to Cut IHSA's Net that restaurants reported not much of a difference in increased customers during the tournament. He felt the City's vote of no to the requested donation was just ahead of an anticipated trend.

Janet Nelms, 1604 Memorial Drive, spoke with disappointment in the Council for their vote on lawn maintenance contract and not listening to the City yard crew workers who spoke in support of their jobs.

Jim Mangan, 1200 Parkway Drive, referred to a previous document distributed to the Council Members in which he calculated an \$800,000.00 savings by reducing personnel. He stated after research he re-estimated the savings to be over \$1.3 million dollars without excess personnel and burdensome pension costs. He asked and it was confirmed that a Public Hearing for the Budget would be held on April 14, 2014.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member Orrick, seconded by Council Member McCabe that the Council move to Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss 65 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2.) Collective Bargaining. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, motion by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Orrick that Council adjourn. Motion carried voice vote. Mayor Barra adjourned the meeting in open session.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:20 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk