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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, MARCH 24, 2008 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
R. DAVID TEBBEN * MAYOR * PRESIDING

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, BLANCHARD, JONES, KORTKAMP, STRAND, AND DUNN

ABSENT: NONE

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

Roll was called and all Council Members were present.

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

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Dunn, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 10, 2008, be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Consent Agenda
Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.
Mayor Tebben read and presented the following for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

1. **Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes:** Fire Department Report February, Building Report February, and Traffic Safety Minutes dated March 7, 2008

2. **Approve Proclamation:** "National Fair Housing Month" April 2008
   "Young Authors Week" April 7, 2008

3. **Resolution No. 37 - 07/08 – Regarding Minutes of Executive Session Meetings**

4. **Receive and File Planning Commission Minutes Dated March 12, 2008**

5. **Receive and File Pekin Planning Commission Hearings and Recommendations:**
   a. Hearing #08-1762 - recommends to approve the zoning assignment of Lick Creek Manor Ext #2 from AG to R-2 with PIN #04-04-36-206-039 Pt of the E ½ of the NE ¼ of Sec 36 T25N R5W of the 3rd Principal Meridian Tazewell County

   b. Hearing #08-1763 no action taken – changes to Tile 10 Subdivision Codes

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS

A PUBLIC HEARING was opened by Mayor Tebben at 5:35 p.m. for the purpose of considering testimony relative to the adoption of an ordinance providing for the voluntary annexation of territory known as Deerfield 5 Subdivision. Petition was received by Council at the meeting of March 10, 2008 from Marvin W. Spicza to annex property at the east end of Deerfield Drive to be annexed within the corporate boundary of the City of Pekin of PIN # 10-10-11-105-021 and PIN # 10-10-11-105-005. A notice of hearing was published in the Pekin Daily Times on March 8, 2008. Code Enforcement Officer Ron Sieh told Council that the annexation was recommended by the Pekin Planning Commission as a fitting extension of construction in Deerfield Subdivision of 10.39 acres containing 28 lots. There were no comments received from the public to enter into the official record. The hearing was closed at 5:38 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **BUS ROUTE CHANGES AS PRESENTED BE APPROVED AS PROVIDED IN THE AGREEMENT WITH GREATER PEORIA MASS TRANSIT FOR CITYlINK OPERATION OF THE MUNICIPAL BUS SERVICES**. Transportation Superintendent Greg Ranney told Council that representatives from CityLink presented the minor route changes at the meeting of February 25, 2008. The improvement to the routes did not modify the contract. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Jones, that the **2008 ACTION PLAN FRO COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT ENTITLEMENT** be approved. Community Development Coordinator Pam Anderson briefed Council as to the CDBG Action Plan, which states the needs, priorities and plans for the upcoming fiscal year and performance measurements based on the 5-Year Consolidated Plan. She reported that there was a 4% reduction in the grant application. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

<u>RESOLUTION NO. 38-07/08</u>
INTENT TO ISSUE SINGLE FAMILY MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Jones, that Resolution No. 38 07/08 be adopted. Mrs. Anderson reported the Assist Program sponsored by the State of Illinois, offered families the opportunity to buy their own home by issuing tax-exempt revenue bonds. The bonds are not a debt of the municipalities. Funds are provided for closing cost and down payment. From March 2007 to present the program had assisted 189 purchases of homes in the City of Pekin. Having an average of $80,000. Mayor Tebben advised that national level funding programs were being reduced and many in jeopardy of not being funded. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

<u>ORDINANCE NO. 2550-07/08</u>
PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY
TO THE CITY OF PEKIN PIN # 10-10-11-105-021 AND PIN # 10-10-11-105-005
DEERFIELD ESTATES SECTION FIVE SUBDIVISION

Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that Ordinance No. 2550-07/08 be adopted. Council Members heard in the previous public hearing the details of the ordinance to approve the annexation of the property into the City of Pekin. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

<u>ORDINANCE NO. 1568-A172-07/08</u>
ASSIGNMENT OF ZONING OF CERTAIN TERRITORY
DEERFIELD ESTATES SECTION FIVE
PIN # 10-10-11-105-021 AND PIN # 10-10-11-105-005

Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Strand, that Ordinance No. 1568-A172-07/08 be adopted. Pekin Planning Commission recommended approving the assignment of Single Family Residential District R-2 to the annexed property. Council received that PPC hearing at a previous meeting subject to annexation. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

<u>ORDINANCE NO. 1568-A173-07/08</u>
REZONING OF CERTAIN TERRITORY
LICK CREEK MANOR EXTENSION TWO
PIN # 04-04-36-206-039

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Dunn, that Ordinance No. 1568-A173-07/08 be adopted. Pekin Planning Commission recommended approving the assignment of Single Family Residential District R-2 from AG. Mr. Sieh stated that the plans for the extension as residential fit the neighboring areas. The PPC had previously recommended the zoning class but in reviewing the legal the original extension of Lick Creek Manor had not been assigned. Mr. Sieh indicated the action be taken was a matter of housekeeping. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that **AUTHORIZATION BE GIVEN TO PROCEED WITH STUDY TO DETERMINE APPROPRIATE LOCATION OF THE FIRE STATION PROJECT**. A request was made to Council in order for Fire Chief Chuck Lauss and his committee to proceed with the study to determine the space needs for an appropriate relocation of Southside Fire Station. The Chief told Council that the footprint proposed included sleeping quarter needs, police sub-station, offices, regional training and emergency operation center. It was indicated to Council that the study with Farnsworth was a necessary first step in evaluating the square footage necessary for a facility, new or existing, and not a commitment to relocate or construct a building. Each Council Member in turn addressed the issues of a more global study of the evolution of the fire department's roll and/or voiced their support of the motion before them. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council Member Blanchard noted in consent agenda that Executive Minutes of the Council were released and that the general public should review them at City Hall to see the work of the Council.

Council Member Abel requested that the matter of adding the month of November to the winter averaging of the wastewater billing be placed on the Council agenda for the next meeting in order to vote the proposal up or down.

Director of Solid Waste Greg Ranney announced that Yard Waste pickup started the week of March 24, 2008. Council Member Jones spoke on the advantages of recycling. Mr. Ranney indicated to Council Member Kortkamp that there were pockets in the city that did not recycle.

Dennis Davison 1820 Winged Foot Drive spoke on the issue of increased litter in the downtown as a result of the smoking ban in public buildings. He cited specific violations from bar owners in the 500 block of Court where his business is located. He requested something be done to enforce the law. Mayor Tebben indicated that the County had proposed making the Court House campus a no smoking area, which would leave a challenge to litter on public right of way and sweepings into streets.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that Council move to Executive Session at 6:20 P.M. to discuss the setting of price for the sale and/or lease of municipally owned property 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 6. and litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body finds that an action is probable or imminent 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 11. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, in open session, Mayor Tebben called the meeting closed.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:10 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk