CITY OF Pekin ILLINOIS

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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 S. CAPITOL ST
ON MONDAY MARCH 14, 2022 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
MARK LUFT * CHAIR * PRESIDING

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Nutter.

CALL TO ORDER

City Clerk, Sue McMillan, confirmed all Councilmembers were present and logged on for electronic voting.

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Rick Hilst	City of Pekin	Councilman	Present	5:13 PM
Karen Hohimer	City of Pekin	Councilwoman	Present	5:13 PM
Dave Nutter	City of Pekin	Councilman	Present	5:11 PM
Becky Cloyd	City of Pekin	Mayor Pro tem	Present	5:09 PM
Lloyd Orrick	City of Pekin	Council Member	Present	5:07 PM
John P Abel	City of Pekin	Councilman	Present	5:12 PM
Mark Luft	City of Pekin	Mayor	Present	5:10 PM

APPROVE AGENDA

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Lloyd Orrick, Council Member
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Councilman
AYES:	Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Orrick, Abel, Luft

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Lloyd Orrick, Council Member
SECONDER:	Dave Nutter, Councilman
AYES:	Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Orrick, Abel, Luft

4.1. City Council-Work Session Feb 22, 2022 8:30 AM

4.2. City Council - Regular Meeting - Feb 28, 2022 5:30 PM

PUBLIC INPUT

Mayor Luft presented a proclamation for Women's History month to Ms. Grace Clucas, a recent graduate of St. Mary's College, a current Americorp member working with the Greater Peoria EDC. Her fellowship was about going back to your hometown. She was originally from Galva, Illinois but had a love for Central Illinois and was happy to be working in this area.

Ms. Grace Clucas spoke regarding a grant received from the State to do broadband planning. Tazewell County was awarded a grant as part of the Illinois Connected Communities to do broadband planning. She encouraged residents to go online to take a survey at www.connecttazewell.com to encourage mapping in the City of Pekin and Tazewell County in preparation of the state and federal funding that was approaching with the infrastructure bill. The organization has been reaching out to a lot of service providers and the County Board and found out that even though Illinois had some mapping, there were areas where internet was needed, but no complete transparent map existed. The first step as a committee was to launch a broadband Tazewell survey.

Amy McCoy, a Tourism Committee representative, spoke in support of agenda item 9.5 regarding funding for the Farmer's Market. The Miller Center secured sponsors last year and hosted the Farmer's Market rain or shine. Ms. McCoy stressed to the Council that the farmer's market supported emotional health, healthy lifestyles and balanced diet. The Tourism Committee supported the farmer's market to rework the event, rebrand, and foster a sense of community.

Matthew Johnson a resident on Highwood, requested updates from Council regarding the open building where Spirit of Halloween comes once a year, the Mexican restaurant near Gamestop, the tractor trucking school, and Panda Express.

Mayor Luft explained that the Spirit of Halloween location was covered under a non-disclosure agreement and that the supply chain issues had affected their progress. Mayor Luft also explained that the Mexican restaurant La Fiesta was approved and that the trucking school had seen no activity. Lastly, Mayor Luft stated that Panda Express had submitted building plans and was moving forward.

Steve Sangalli thanked Street Department Supervisor, Mr. Brett Olsen for laying cold patch on the lower end of Catherine Street. Mr. Sangalli also spoke regarding video gaming fees.

John McNish announced to Council that the truck driving schools' building was for sale. Mr. McNish also spoke regarding the lip on the new Court Street construction and that the current city ADA lawsuit required the City to meet ADA standards. Mr. McNish also questioned how much business Cullinan would bring to East Court Village. Mr. McNish questioned if tenants were moving into the SUD's building. Mayor Luft confirmed that the tenants of the SUD's building still had plans to move forward. Additionally, Mr. McNish expressed concerns on the proposed location of the new fire station and suggested that it was not in a low-to-moderate income area. Lastly, Mr. McNish suggested that Ms. Swise, the city attorney, be removed from the Ethics Commission.

Attorney, Bridgett Lobacz assured Council that she would be available for any questions regarding Consent Agenda Item 6.6 Rezoning Request by Covenant Heating and Air from B-3 to I-1 and encouraged Council to vote in favor of the request.

5.1. Public Hearing - CDBG 2022 Annual Action Plan

Mayor Luft opened the Public Hearing at 5:41 P.M.

CDBG Program Manager, Mr. David Bess, opened the hearing by giving a summary of the requirements by the City to adopt an Annual Action Plan. Mr. Bess explained that the majority of the CDBG funds expended was during 2020 and 2021, directly benefiting low-to-moderate income households thus providing a unique opportunity to utilize CDBG funds for expanded demolition activities within the 2022 proposed Annual Action Plan. Mr. Bess continued to explain that although demolition was anticipated to improve areas largely comprised of LMI households, HUD did not consider demolition a direct LMI benefit, therefore the maximum amount that could be allocated to remain in compliance was $150,000.

The City had retained a large portion of CDBG funds that would need to be expended by the end of FY23 per HUD requirements. City staff recommended a substantial increase in grants to non-profit organizations during Fy23 as well as the funding of administrative costs. This would also allow for additional use of annual entitlement funds to address other community needs. In total, the City's anticipated CDBG budget was $1,111,642. Additionally, the proposed AAP included utilization of HUD's Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program to assist in funding the construction of a community fire station facility for approximately $1,584,570. Mr. Bess gave a breakdown of all funds that included:

Address Blighted Property Issues (Demolition)	CDBG: $150,000
Sustain or Expand Services and Direct Assistance (Grants to Non-Profit Organizations)	CDBG-CV: $153,813
Improve Facility, Utility, and Amenity Access (Infrastructure Improvements)	CDBG: $667,557
Improve Fire Safety (Fire Station Construction)	Section 108 Loan: $1,584,570
Administration	CDBG: $53,473 CDBG-CV: $50,223

Mr. Bess answered Council's questions explaining that the entirety of the funding for fire stations was through loans, that other municipalities had also utilized these funds for fire stations and fire engines and that the annual allocation restricts the City to a 15% cap on public services or nonprofit grants.

Councilmember Hilst questioned whether the extra $50,000 allocated for administration would be better spent on infrastructure. Mr. Bess stated that the cost was the same general administrative cost previously paid for through other means and was a way to spend down time limited funds while using it for coronavirus. The funds could not be used for infrastructure unless it was tied to coronavirus.

Councilmember Orrick questioned whether the support could be used towards a homeless organization.

Mr. Bess said the funding was open to any organization willing to take federal funds to implement community programs. Three applications were submitted last year and anticipated more this year.

Public Comment:

John McNish questioned the number of LMI residents.

Mr. Bess explained that was a term defined by Section 8 but could provide those numbers to Mr. McNish.

Mr. McNish commented about page 28 in the packet describing how the City could better prepare themselves and inquired as to whether those items had been completed. Mr. McNish also expressed his opinion that the newspaper was not the best way to reach low-to-moderate income residents and suggested alternate means to reach out to the community. Mr. McNish also inquired as to when coronavirus funding was going to be expended.

Additionally, Mr. McNish spoke against the proposed fire station location and felt that the proposed locations were not low-to-moderate income neighborhoods.

Councilmember Hilst questioned whether the funding was allocated to a particular location and if there was a suggested timeline for spending.

Mr. Bess explained that in regards to the South Side Fire Station, the City could apply for funding at any time until the project was complete and demolition funds were capped at $150,000.

Mr. McNish then inquired if there would be any salary increases for CDBG and that providing any programs for the homeless would require more property and additional staff.

Mr. Bess followed up to explain that the plan did not allow for salary increases other than COLA and that the administrative cost figure included other expenses such as software costs or costs not associated with a specific activity.

Mr. Bess further explained that any community could draw a loan 5 times their annual allocation not tied to any program year.

Mr. Rothert stated that the plan would come back to Council for formal approval.

Mayor Luft ended the hearing at 6:07 P.M.

CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED

Councilmember Nutter requested to move Consent Agenda Item No. 6.5 Resolution No. 386-21/22 Support for Application to the Illinois Department of Transportation Office of State Planning and Research for a $150,000 Grant to Assist with the Development of a Citywide Comprehensive Plan to New Business Item 9.7. Councilmember Hilst moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, seconded by Councilmember Councilmember Hohimer. All present voted Aye. Motion carried.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Rick Hilst, Councilman
SECONDER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
AYES:	Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Orrick, Abel, Luft

6.1. Accounts Payable to be Paid Proof List thru March 04 2022

6.2. Tazewell County Animal Control - February 2022

6.3. Illinois Department of Transportation Audit Motor Fuel Tax Funds Review No. 70 2019-2020 and Review No. 71 2021

6.4. Resolution No. 385-21/22 Publication of the Zoning Map as of December 31, 2021

6.5. Item 5 was moved to after Item 9.7

6.6. Ordinance No. 3064-21/22 Rezoning Request by Covenant Heating & Air from B-3 to I-1 Case RZ 2022-03

6.7. Proclamation "Women History Month" March 2022

PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

7.1. Video Terminal Operator Fees Discussion

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, led the discussion regarding video gaming terminal operator fees. Mr. Rothert explained that there had been some discussion at the staff level about what a new terminal fee might look like and how that fee would impact invoicing licensees. Invoices were to be mailed out to licensees by the end of March and therefore staff would like to provide a deferment of video gaming fees until a new model of a fee structure could be implemented that would be more equitable for establishments with the input from applicable parties. All fees would be retroactive to May 1.

Mr. Steve Sangalli spoke in favor of the deferment and stated he would budget for the worst and was hopeful it would be more equitable.

Council discussed the timeframe of the deferral with the different options for a fee structure.

Mr. Rothert explained that more time was needed solidify a fee structure and to consider the implication for state licenses. The City could expect to receive in revenue upward of $233,000, but that number could vary depending what calculation was decided, whether that would be a percentage basis, a flat fee or tiered level.

Councilmember Orrick pointed out the rising cost of housing, food, and gas and felt that gaming revenue was discretionary income for establishments.

Mr. Sangalli stated that the City already charges a 2% food and beverage tax, a BDD tax and other licensing fees.

Mayor Luft reminded Mr. Sangalli that the VG Rider fee was recently removed and that Council repealed the push tax.

Mr. Rothert added that the ordinance required the terminal operator to be billed the fee and that the terminal operator could choose to pay the entire fee or reimburse half from the establishment.

7.2. Dewberry Presentation on Fire Station Design Project

Mr. Larry Hlavacek, Safety Director for Dewberry gave a slideshow presentation of the Fire Station Design Project. Mr. Hlavacek provided Council with a station over of Stations 1, 2, and 3 and introducing Station 4 at a later date. The study revealed with growth since 1960 that it could not service the geographical areas the City had without expanding to a fourth area. The issues that were addressed included response time, poor road conditions, inadequate facilities and equipment. Mr. Hlavacek explained the planned mitigation and provided and presented a highlighted area map with the current coverage that was determined in 1960. The City was expanding in different areas but especially the Northeast which led them to the conclusion to relocate Station 3. Mr. Hlavacek also presented a highlighted area map with the proposed new locations. Future staffing and operational needs were discussed along with a high level of analysis to determine if the prototype design was eligible for use in Station 2 and 4. Mr. Hlavacek continued his presentation discussing hot zone considerations and areas of decontamination. Physical and mental health was a huge concern for firefighters. All prototypes of the stations were similar in design with the addition of the new station having an admin portion and allowing for training indoor and outdoor as well as the potential for community events.

The location of Station 4 on the corner of Ironwood and Broadway was selected giving access to two different roads that would allow for public access and parking that would be separate from staff areas.

Station 2 was similar, but with no corner lot. A loop or drive-thru type of access would be positioned along with a large area to do training functions.

Station 3 would be a future phase that would serve as headquarters.

Council discussed the Sheridan location and the concern that citizens felt it provided a blind hill and that flashing control signals would be installed. Council continued to discuss the construction, whether the new design was green, the cost of building supplies and ISO standards.

Councilmember Cloyd spoke about the decontamination areas and how that could help reduce the risk of cancer.

Councilmember Nutter discussed grant opportunities and what the percentage of securing those grants would be.

Councilmember Hilst questioned whether the $3M cost per station would stay consistent. Mr. Hlavacek assured that that price was locked in on the day of bid.

Mr. Hlavacek provided Council with the company's other fire station projects that consisted of approximately 20 across the country.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1. Ordinance No. 3055-21/22 Purchase of Property at Ironwood and Broadway

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, presented the request to Council to approve an adopt an ordinance for the purchase of property at Ironwood and Broadway for the location of a new fire station. The location was identified in the fire station location siting study as being suitable location for a new fire station. The purchase property included the approximately 1.1 acres lot and an approximately 0.21 acre northern undeveloped portion. The total purchase price was $150,000 with terms outlined in the purchase agreement. Staff recommended approval.

Councilmember Orrick questioned whether a fourth fire house was mentioned in the 2016 Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Rothert explained that there was no 2016 comprehensive plan and that the only reference to a comprehensive plan was from 2006. Councilmember Orrick questioned why that plan was utilized if it was so outdated. Councilmember Orrick stated that he did not support a 4th fire house but agreed the fire stations were outdated and needed to be updated.

Councilmember Nutter stated that there was a 2006 plan for the fire stations and it was almost spot on when it was recommended to expand 16 years ago, but it was never added.

Councilmember Abel added that the City should be building for 50 years not 10 years.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [5 TO 2]**
MOVER:	Rick Hilst, Councilman
SECONDER:	Becky Cloyd, Mayor Pro tem
AYES:	Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Abel, Luft
NAYS:	Rick Hilst, Lloyd Orrick

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to: **Amend Ordinance No. 3065-21/22 by amending the purchase contract to add language to remove homes on the property by October 1, 2022**

A motion was made by Councilmember Orrick to amend the purchase contract to state that the removal of the homes had to be done by October 1, 2022. A second was made by Councilmember Nutter. Motion carried by viva voce vote.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Lloyd Orrick, Council Member
SECONDER:	Dave Nutter, Councilman
AYES:	Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Orrick, Abel, Luft

9.1. 2959 : Ordinance No. 3065--21/22 Purchase of Property on Sheridan Road and Property Exchange for City as Amended

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, presented the request to Council to approve and adopt an ordinance to purchase property on Sheridan Road and to exchange property at 14th and Willow Streets. Mr. Rothert stated that the purchase of property was at 1104 Sheridan Road for the intended use of constructing a fire station. The location was identified in the fire station location siting study as being suitable location for a new fire station. The property purchase included five adjoining lots and approximately 2.96 acres. The property seller intended to relocate the houses on the property to the sellers remaining property on Matilda. If the move was successful, it would keep those residential properties on the tax roll and reduce the demolition costs to the City. The total purchase price was $475,000 plus a property trade of the existing north side fire station once it had been decommissioned by the Fire Department. The City would work with Mr. Milam to establish proper zoning and land use for the fire station property that would be traded. Staff recommended approval.

City Attorney, Ms. Kate Swise, explained that the proposed consideration purchase price was one portion cash and one portion land exchange for existing fire station at 14th and Willow. Ms. Swise informed Council that the property could not be given up until the new fire station was built. An amended purchase agreement was provided to Council late last night providing for a land swap or exchange or lease back. The proposal included paying cash and conveying Northside to the seller simultaneously so the City could get the title to the Sheridan property to build, that would be contingent on leasing back the Northside property until the new fire station was built.

Council discussed the length of the lease agreement and how it was a contingent agreement. Council also discussed how soon he could move the houses of the property and whether an appraisal of the property had been conducted.

Public Works Director, Mr. Justin Reeise, explained that no appraisal was conducted and that the land was not for sale, the City had approached him with the proposal.

Councilmember Orrick questioned why the funds would come out of the BDD if the fire station was not located in the BDD. Mr. Rothert explained that the fire station would serve the BDD and therefore is applicable to state statute for expenditures to happen outside of the BDD should there be an impact on the BDD.

Council discussed the cost of demolishing the houses and putting in a date to have them moved by. Ms. Swise suggested that the Council could move to separate the contingency apart from the general contingencies but the contract was done at closing. If the City wanted to close on the property and give him more time she would come up with an agreement to do so. Ms. Swise also stated that the contract called for a subdivision and that the empty lot had to be split into two parcels. The agreement could be amended to incorporate that the seller had a certain time frame to move the houses. The ordinance would allow some room to modify the terms as long as it was still substantially in the same form.

A motion was made by Councilmember Orrick to amend the purchase contract to state that the removal of the homes had to be done by October 1, 2022. A second was made by Councilmember Nutter. Motion carried by viva voce vote.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Rick Hilst, Councilman
SECONDER:	Becky Cloyd, Mayor Pro tem
AYES:	Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Orrick, Abel, Luft

9.2. Resolution No. 387-21/22 Award Farming Lease of Gamblewood Farm

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, presented the agenda item regarding the farm lease of Gamblewood Farm. Mr. Rothert distributed an updated lease agreement to Council and explained that the resolution was to enter into a one-year crop share cash farm lease with Mooberry 1832, LLC for the City's Gamblewood Farm property. Rental rates were 50% share of crop production and crop prices were determined by the average price at the Tremont Co-op on January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1, plus 10%. Mr. Rothert continued to explain that government payments were shared 50/50 between the City and tenant with expenses being shared 50/50 for fertilizer, chemicals, seed and drying. Tenants pay all applicable costs of fertilizer, lime, chemicals, planting, tillage, harvesting, and trucking to the elevator. The terms were projected to be favorable for the City and staff recommended approval.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	John P Abel, Councilman
SECONDER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
AYES:	Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Orrick, Abel, Luft

9.3. Resolution No. No 388-21/22 Authorizing the Purchase of Additional Garbage and Recycle Carts

City Manager, Mr. Rothert, presented the agenda item explaining that carts were running low and staff recommended purchasing 510 garbage carts and 100 recycling carts from Sourcewell for the Solid Waste Division of Public Works. The vendor chosen was Cascade Engineering, who the City had utilized in the past for its cart purchases. A ten -year warranty was included with the delivery of the carts expected as late as May.

Councilmember Hilst questioned why the request stated it would be in next years' budget. Public Works Director, Mr. Justin Reeise, explained that the payment would be made once they were delivered.

Councilmember Hilst also questioned why the City was paying more to purchase the carts then what was being charged to residents. Mr. Reeise explained that the exact cost fluctuates depending on freight.

Councilmember Hilst then questioned why resident were paying less for the recycling carts. Mr. Reeise also explained that the price of the recycling carts was by ordinance.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [6 TO 1]**
MOVER:	Dave Nutter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
AYES:	Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Orrick, Abel, Luft
NAYS:	Rick Hilst

9.4. Resolution No. 389-21/22 Agreement with Tazewell County Recycling Grant

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, presented the request to approve a resolution for an agreement with Tazewell County Recycling Grant. Mr. Rothert explained that the City had historically applied for and received grant funding from Tazewell County to support recycling efforts for the City. The funding has been established each year through an intergovernmental agreement between the two units of local government. The funding allocation for FY23 was $70,101 in support of and connection with a County approved recycle collection program. Funds primarily would be used to support the City of Pekin's recycling efforts, helping with equipment repairs, disposal fees, and education materials. Reporting guidelines were required so that the County could determine the diversion rate of recycled materials from the landfill. Staff recommend approval of the intergovernmental agreement.

Councilmember Nutter questioned if the grant would be impacted if recycling pickup moved to every other week.

Public Works Director, Mr. Justin Reeise, stated that there could be options for altering the schedule in the future.

Mayor Luft questioned if altering the schedule would impact the City's tipping fees with an altered schedule. Mr. Reeise stated that the City could end up selling more carts for residents.

Councilmember Hilst discussed whether or not the grant was used to subsidize the schools and YWCA to pick up their recycling for free. Mr. Rothert explained that the grant in the past had been tied to some education grant for the school, but ultimately trickles down to the recycling program to offset costs.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Dave Nutter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Becky Cloyd, Mayor Pro tem
AYES:	Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Orrick, Abel, Luft

9.5. Resolution No. 390-21/22 Support for 2022 Pekin Farmers Market

Economic Development Director, Mr. Matt Fick, presented the agenda item to approve a resolution for support for the 2022 Farmer's Market. Mr. Fick explained that last year the City helped fund $5,000 and that the farmer's market was requesting an additional $5,000 to do more professional marketing due to lack of exposure. Mr. Fick stated that funds would come from the Tourism Fund.

Alisha Dalt, director of the Miller Center, provided Council with a handout of the proposed full marketing campaign of $18,000, with the help of local businesses and the City. Ms. Dalt explained that it would take a good 3-5 years to market the area and keep people coming back. Ms. Dalt felt the first year of the farmer's market was very successful with more than 6 vendors and food trucks.

Councilmember Orrick and Councilmember Abel spoke in favor of the agenda item.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Councilman
AYES:	Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Orrick, Abel, Luft

9.6. Ordinance No. 3066-21/22 An Ordinance Retaining the City's Annual Volume Cap Allotment

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, presented the agenda item to approve and adopt an ordinance to retain the City's annual volume cap allotment. Mr. Rothert explained that it was a way to help business using tax exempt bond with the ability for the City to bond up to $4.3M.

Councilmember Orrick inquired if the City had ever issued any bond. Mr. Rothert answered that he was not aware that the City had since his employment.

Councilmember Nutter felt it was another tool in the toolbox to use for economic development. Mr. Rothert stated that it could only be using towards tangible personal property.

City Attorney, Ms. Kate Swise, gave an example to think of it like widgets.

Mr. Rothert admitted it was a bit confusing and that a lot of governments stay away from it but some cities utilize it. Portions could be rolled over for three years.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Becky Cloyd, Mayor Pro tem
SECONDER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
AYES:	Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Orrick, Abel, Luft

9.7. Resolution No. 386-21/22 Support for Application to the Illinois Department of Transportation Office of State Planning and Research for a $150,000 Grant to Assist with the Development of a Citywide Comprehensive Plan.

Councilmember Nutter stated that he was confused about the amount of money that requested as the request indicated that the amount was up to $30,000 but the grant application indicated $150,000.

Mr. Rothert explained that the $30,000 requested was a match up to the $150,000 that the City would spend. Other cities had a cost of $200,000. The City had initially started with a low amount but then found other communities received $200,000, so the City decided to increase it. The funding would be used for commercial corridors, downtown and land use for planning for the City. Mayor Luft stated that there were stipulations as to square miles of how much you could request.

Mr. Rothert added that the grant would pay 100% in low to moderate income areas; the City is exploring those options. Therefore, the resolution is for $150,000 and the $30,000 was included in that $150,000. The grant application would need to be fully submitted by the end of March and could take a few months to process.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [6 TO 1]**
MOVER:	Dave Nutter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
AYES:	Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Orrick, Abel, Luft
NAYS:	Rick Hilst

CITY COUNCIL OR STAFF REPORTS

Public Works Director, Mr. Justin Reeise, reminded residents of the Spring drop off schedule for Saturday, May 1 and that yard waste pickup would resume until April 1.

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, provided Council with a draft balanced budget. A special meeting would be held next Monday morning at 8:30 A.M. to review additional budget items.

Councilmember Hilst reminded citizens of the bulk pickup at the two locations on the 21st. Mr. Reeise, stated that the two locations were at Koch Street Street Department and the city lot next to the T-shirt house.

Councilmember Abel announced that the Pekin high school had an environmental deal and purchased 250 small trees. The Chamber had information if anyone was interested.

Councilmember Nutter requested that additional microphones be purchased for staff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 5 ILCS 120/2 (C)

No executive session took place.

ADJOURN

There being no further business of the Council, a motion was made by Councilmember

Orrick seconded by Councilmember Nutter to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried viva voce. Mayor Luft adjourned the meeting at 8:36 PM.