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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 13, 2023 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
MAYOR PRO TEM BECKY CLOYD PRESIDING

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Orrick.

CALL TO ORDER

City Clerk, Ms. Sue McMillan, called the roll and confirmed all Councilmembers were present.

Mayor Pro Tem Cloyd opened the meeting at 5:32 PM.

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Rick Hilst	City of Pekin	Councilman	Present	4:46 PM
Karen Hohimer	City of Pekin	Councilwoman	Present	4:47 PM
Dave Nutter	City of Pekin	Councilman	Present	4:47 PM
Becky Cloyd	City of Pekin	Mayor Pro tem	Present	4:46 PM
Lloyd Orrick	City of Pekin	Council Member	Present	4:45 PM
John P Abel	City of Pekin	Councilman	Present	4:47 PM

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

4.1. City Council - Regular Meeting - Feb 27, 2023 5:30 PM

PUBLIC INPUT

Kelly Madden, owner of 905 Derby Street, addressed the Council regarding the Derby Street construction project affecting his property and parking spaces. Mr. Madden stated that he worked with the City on two TIF agreements to improve the property and to mill and overlay the parking lot last September and has since then grown his business. Mr. Madden voiced his concerns that the preliminary plans to repave Derby Street would remove eight of his newly paved parking spaces on his lot due to the installation of ADA sidewalks. Mr. Madden explained that the location housed three fitness businesses with members ranging from seniors to smaller children. The removal of the 8 parking spots would not only hurt the property value but would reduce the ability to generate income. Mr. Madden requested that the Council and City modify their plans to not invade his parking spots and lot.

Sue Vansaghi, Amanda Waltamyre, Jeff Simmons, Gavin Vansaghi, Pat Gutierrez, James Middlemaos, Blake Harris, Jessie Sciortino, Kylie Greving, Dylan Lemons, Matt Rybacki, and Jess Vansaghi each spoke in favor of the businesses at 905 Derby Street and to request that the City modify its plans for Derby Street that would allow the parking lot to stay intact allowing the eight parking spots to remain.

Jim Ruth, a member of the Pekin Zoning Board of Appeals, spoke informing Council that he was present to learn more about the Derby Street Project and hoped that it would resolve the flooding issues.

Roy and Debbie Bockler thanked the City and the City Clerk, Ms. Sue McMillan for providing the City of Pekin patch to put on Pilot Michael Bockler’s suit to fly the first hydrogen fueled commercial aircraft from Moses Lake, Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Bockler announced that the engine would be provided to the Smithsonian Institute along with the pilots suits and flight patches. Mr. and Mrs. Bockler presented an autographed corporate emblem and a copy of the Moses Lake newspaper and an article by Aviation Week that described the flight.

Heather Robertson, Executive Director of United Way of Pekin, spoke to Council regarding the Police Department budget and the desire to hire a social worker. Ms. Robertson emphasized the importance to have a good working relationship with the Pekin Chamber of Commerce

CONSENT AGENDA

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

6.1. Proclamation "Women History Month" March 2023

6.2. Accounts Payable To Be Paid Proof List thru February 17, 2023

6.3. Financial Reports December 2022 FY23

6.4. Tazewell County Animal Control Billing January 2023

6.5. Police Department Stats February 2023

6.6. Pekin Fire Department Monthly Incidents Report- February 2023

6.7. Resolution No. 556-22/23 Publication of the Zoning Map as of December 31, 2022

6.8. Receive and File Bids - Replace Parking Lot and Related Work at 336 and 354 Margaret Street Project

6.9. Receive and File Bids for Mowing

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1. Resolution No. 547-22/23 Approve Airport Hangar Lease with Holzwarth-Flexsenhaur LLC

A motion was made by Councilmember Orrick seconded by Councilmember Abel to approve and adopt Resolution No. 547-22/23 Approve Airport Hangar Lease with Holzwarth-Flexsenhaur LLC. The agenda item was layed over from the previous Council meeting in order to present the previous lease agreements to the Council before approving the item.

The proposed lease agreement would extend the expired lease from 2017 for the private hangar at a monthly rate of $1,100. Holzwarth-Flexsenhaur LLC had previously paid for a hangar door upgrade in which the City agreed to pay back via a rent reduction, however the agreement was not followed through.

Council discussed the accuracy of the current balance owed to Holzwarth-Flexsenhaur LLC and how the LLC was not paying its own garbage pickup.

Councilmember Hilst stated that he had requested a copy of the insurance policy along with the last 12 months of utility bills and had not yet received them. Therefore, he was not supporting the agenda item.

Mayor Pro Tem Cloyd requested copies of the insurance policy, hangar rules and security regulations. Mayor Pro Tem requested that a proposed accelerated payscale, removal of the electricity perk be brought forward.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cloyd seconded by Councilmember Orrick to layover the agenda item until the March 27, 2023 Council Meeting. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

RESULT:	**LAYED OVER [UNANIMOUS]** **Next: 3/27/2023 5:30 PM**
MOVER:	Becky Cloyd, Mayor Pro tem
SECONDER:	Lloyd Orrick, Council Member
AYES:	Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Orrick, Abel

NEW BUSINESS - OMNIBUS VOTE AGENDA ITEMS 8.1-8.5

8.1 Resolution No. 557-22/23 Award Districts 1 and 5 Mowing RFP To Classy Grass

8.2 Resolution No. 558-22/23 Award Districts 2 and 3 Mowing RFP To Carmody Lawn Services, Inc.

8.3 Resolution No. 559-22/23 Award District 4 Mowing RFP To Premier Landscape Services LLC

8.4 Resolution No. 560-22/23 Award District 6 Mowing RFP To Berlawn

8.5 Resolution No. 561-22/23 Award Districts 7 and 8 Mowing RFP To JW Mowing

Councilmember Nutter seconded by Councilmember Orrick motioned to approve the following New Business Items and to consolidate as an omnibus vote:

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On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion passed.

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

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

8.1. Item 1 was moved to New Business - Omnibus Vote

8.2. Item 2 was moved to New Business - Omnibus Vote

8.3. Item 3 was moved to New Business - Omnibus Vote

8.4. Item 4 was moved to new Business - Omnibus Vote

8.5. Item 5 was moved to New Business - Omnibus Vote

8.6. Resolution No. 562-22/23 Award 336 and 354 Margaret Street Parking Lot to Miller & Son Construction

Interim City Manager, Mr. Bruce Marston, presented the agenda item to approve and adopt Resolution No. 562-22/23 Award 336 and 354 Margaret Street Parking Lot to

Miller & Son Construction. Mr. Marston explained parking lot reconstruction was located at 336 & 354 Margaret Street behind Ashers Bar & Grill. The City received four bids for the project and staff recommended awarding Alternate 2 that allowed for a concrete parking lot surface as opposed to an asphalt parking lot surface to extend the life cycle of the surface. Additionally, two electric vehicle charging stations were included in the bid by the request of the Infrastructure committee. It was the consensus of the Council to remove the cost of the charging stations from the contract and proceed with only installing conduit for any future needs.

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

8.7. Ordinance No. 4043-22/23 Amending Chapter 2, Article 2, Division 2, Section 1-2 of the City Code Regarding Voting Requirements

Interim City Manager, Mr. Bruce Marston, presented the agenda item to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 4043-22/23 Amending Chapter 2, Article 2, Division 2, Section 1-2 of the City Code Regarding Voting Requirements. Mr. Marston explained that the City Code required an affirmative vote of four members of the Council to pass any ordinance, resolution, or motion, regardless of how many members were actually present at the meeting or whether there were in vacancies of the Council. The proposed amendment to the City Code would allow for a simple majority of the members present to approve City Business when a quorum was present but less than the full Council present, unless a super-majority was specifically required by law or another City ordinance.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [5 TO 1]**
MOVER:	John P Abel, Councilman
SECONDER:	Lloyd Orrick, Council Member
AYES:	Hilst, Nutter, Cloyd, Orrick, Abel
NAYS:	Karen Hohimer

8.8. Ordinance No. 4044-22/23 Declaring Surplus Revenue in the Pekin South Industrial Park Special Tax Allocation Fund and Authorizing Payment of that Surplus Revenue to the Tazewell County Treasurer for Distribution to Affected Taxing Districts on a Pro Rata Basis for Tax Year 2021 Payable 2022

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

BUDGET WORK SESSION PUBLIC SAFETY

9.1. Police Department Budget

Police Chief John Dossey presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Police Budget. Chief Dossey discussed the request of a 57^{th} officer to accommodate a second SRO at the High School at the request of the school board. The school district proposed to pay 75% of the salary and benefits of both officers. Brian, representative from the High School spoke regarding the need of a second officer at the high school and answered the Council's questions. Also discussed were the requests for a social worker and code enforcement officer. Chief Dossey continued the presentation regarding the review of the Enterprise Lease Program, discussion of capital requests, including flooring in the police department and updated training equipment, overall discussion of budget and equipment needs and grants and uses.

Deputy Police Chief Seth Ranney added that the police department was looking to update the roll call room in conjunction with Axon to provide shift level training with officers.

9.2. Fire Department Budget

Fire Chief Trent Reeise led the discussion of the Fire Department Budget. Chief Reeise stated that $200K was cut out of the Fire Department Budget and continued to discuss each line item of revenue and expenditures in detail.

Council discussed pension fund contributions.

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

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Fire Chief Trent Reeise announced that Fire Prevention Officer Josh Peterson has begun safety inspections at local businesses.

City Engineer, Ms. Josie Esker, gave Council an update on Derby Street preliminary plans. Ms. Esker also met with Mr. Madden on site and agreed to add in 3 parking spaces to accommodate his business.

Councilmember Hilst questioned the trucks in the parking lot across from the Police Station. Chief Dossey explained that those trucks were 4 wheel drive investigation vehicles waiting on license plates.

Councilmember Nutter inquired about yard waste pickup and plans for Spruce Up Pekin.

Public Works Director, Mr. Dean Schneider stated that yard waste pickup usually began around April and that they are working with Waste Management to obtain a dumpster for Spruce Up Pekin.

Councilmember Abel suggested that the City should keep in mind the funeral home for sale across from the Police Station as an option for the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Cloyd discussed adding to the next Council Meeting's agenda an item regarding the Historic Preservation Committee and to make appointments for that committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 5. PURCHASE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE USE OF THE PUBLIC BODY

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

11.1. Motion to: **Move into Executive Session to Discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 5. Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the Public Body**

A motion was made by Councilmember Hilst seconded by Councilmember Orrick to move into Executive Session to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 5. Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the Public Body at 9:30 PM. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Cloyd announced that no action would be taken after Executive Session.

ADJOURN

There being no further business of the Council, a motion was made by Councilmember Hilst seconded by Councilmember Nutter to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried viva voice vote. Mayor Pro Tem adjourned the meeting at 9:50 PM.