
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, 2017 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
JOHN MCCABE *MAYOR * PRESIDING

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor John McCabe.

ROLL CALL

Roll was call and all Council Members were physically present. A quorum was established.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tim Golden	Council Member	Present	
Lloyd Orrick	Mayor Pro-Tem	Present	
John p Abel	Council Member	Present	
Michael Ritchason	Council Member	Present	
Mark Luft	Council Member	Present	
Rusty Dunn	Council Member	Present	
John McCabe	Mayor	Present	

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4.1. Motion to: **Motion to approve the Agenda as presented.**

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Golden, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rusty Dunn, Council Member
AYES:	Golden, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, Dunn, McCabe

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1. Minutes February 27, 2017

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rusty Dunn, Council Member
AYES:	Golden, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, Dunn, McCabe

CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
AYES:	Golden, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, Dunn, McCabe

6.1. 1054 : Resolution No. 44-16/17 Mayor's Appointment Kathryn Shackelford to the PACVB

PUBLIC INPUT

AnnWitzig commented on the following business items:

6.1 Ms. Shackelford's appointment to the PACVB. She spoke in opposition to the membership dues to the PACVB 9.1 stating there was never proof of visitor stays in Pekin. She felt the investment was better to be used for streets.

9.4 spoke in opposition to outdoor seating in that it would prevent wheelchair accessibility and encourage smokers and loitering.

9.5 Stated money given for a Soda Festival sounded like a big party. Money given out should have requirements how much income was received.

Bill Fleming, Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director spoke of the business support of 3 items:

9.1 Mr. Fleming told the Council the PACVB provided numerous benefits for Pekin including Christmas On Court, Pekin Insurance Holiday Tournament, Craft Soda Festival; the promotion of events in several publication; promotes events regionally that Pekin residents could attend. He supported Council's approval for a good investment and use of Hotel/Motel tax receipts.

9.4 and 9.5 were also supported.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

8.1. 1048 : GPEDC Greater Peoria Economic Development Council Presentation

Jennifer Daly CEO told the Council GPEDC was a non-profit organization governed by a board of directors including individuals from both the public and private sector. The organization was supported by investment from businesses, organizations, counties and cities throughout five counties. Ms. Daly and Sally Hanley Director of Business Assistance presented to the Council in a slide presentation the highlights of the business development goal of the organization. They informed the Council of the 5 year strategic plan, the ability to supply data needs to developers, and their visits for business attractions. They highlighted statistics of local 2016 business workforce report and named 11 business visits. They spoke of identifying local projects and the connect with funding for the port improvements to front street. Council Member Orrick questioned Ms. Daly on Enviro Safe and Excalibur and was told GPEDC interfaced with the expansion and supported the businesses on City permits.

NEW BUSINESS

9.1. 1053 : PACVB Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Membership Dues

A request was made to the Council to approve the membership dues to the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau to be paid from the Tourism Hotel/Motel Tax Fund in the amount of \$25,000.00. Council was advised at a previous presentation and in the Request for Council Action that the PACVB worked hand in hand with communities in 8 county service area to create economic growth through sales and marketing efforts to bring sporting events, meetings and conventions and the leisure tourist to the area. Council Member Dunn spoke in support of the benefits of the membership. He stated that the price for the City to contract out the list of marketing tool utilized for marketing and sales distributed to the Council by PACVB would cost up to \$50,000.00. He did not consider the expenditure could be a trade off for snow removal or put to better use for fixing streets as compared by citizen in Public Input. Council Member Luft agreed with Council Member Dunn's comments on the cost for the

City to market themselves. Council Member Orrick asked questions regarding the organization's determination to produce events such as Christmas on Court and the economic development decisions made. It was stated that Kathryn Shackelford, John Lebegue, and Tony Carson would collaboratively on economic development. Council Member Ritchason stated he had been part of Christmas on Court for years and that the PACVB participation the past year demonstrated tangible benefits to the membership. Mayor McCabe commented that the \$25,000.00 contribution was approximately 15% of the average balance of \$182,000.00 in the Hotel/Motel tax fund.

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	John p Abel, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rusty Dunn, Council Member
AYES:	Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Dunn, McCabe
NAYS:	Tim Golden
ABSTAIN:	Mark Luft

9.2. To Amend the Engineering Agreement with Millennia Professional Services for the Construction Inspection of Veterans Drive

Council was advised due to 4 year delays from the railroad in issuing the City Permit received this week for the storm sewer under the crossing, the installation of the crossing, and the relocation of the Ameren poles, the construction of VFW took longer than anticipated. The Millennia Agreement had exhausted the limits of construction. The storm sewer and remaining closeout requirements of IDOT still needed to be completed. A request for increase to the contract of \$79,942.28 was requested. Council Member Orrick questioned the actual cost which seemed a big amount for only the over site left. Council Member Golden questioned the following: received revised schedule; what were hours based on; used up punch list money. He stated receiving the railroad permit just Thursday, not having a completion date, and not enough information without schedule he would not be voting to approve the agreement.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	John p Abel, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rusty Dunn, Council Member
AYES:	Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, Dunn, McCabe
NAYS:	Tim Golden

9.3. Agreement with LHF Compost Inc for Yard Waste Disposal

Council was presented a new agreement with LHF for disposal of yard waste collected by the City of Pekin for a term of five years, \$10.85 per cubic yard the first year. An agreement had been in effect since 2013. The rate increase would be 4% from year to year over the 5 year agreement in comparison to the previous contract of 6%. Council was informed that LHF was the closes permitted compost site to Pekin which resulted in savings for gas and travel time to further sites such as Springfield.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mark Luft, Council Member
SECONDER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
AYES:	Golden, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, Dunn, McCabe

9.4. Ordinance No. 2762-16/17 Amending Title 4, Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Pekin

The Council was requested to consider an Ordinance to include in the code a Sidewalk Use permit. It would allow a business establishment located in a B-2, Central Business District, to utilize a designated portion of City Sidewalk adjacent to their business for the placement of tables, chairs, benches and other equipment to allow for the creation of outdoor seating and gathering areas. The City Manager advised the Council that the proposed addition of 4-2C-1 a permit to allow sidewalk use for tables had the potential to increase food and beverage sales and an opportunity for outdoor seating to encourage people to be downtown longer. Comments, questions and concerns were heard from Council Member Golden on width of sidewalks, encroachments, and accessibility requirements. He stated sidewalks had 4 zones and offered the required inches for each. Council Member Golden noted the 5 ft recommended width should be completely free of obstacles and protruding objects. Council was informed no person would operate an outdoor sidewalk use without approval of a use permit where those concerns would be reviewed. Council Member Orrick's concern that businesses may use the tables for smoking was addressed by Attorney Burt Dancey who said the law states no smoking 15 ft from the door. Attorney Dancey also advised that the ordinance did not change the alcohol ordinance on outside liquor consumption. Council Member Abel said Peoria Heights was a good example of how outside seating worked.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	Mark Luft, Council Member
SECONDER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, Dunn, McCabe
NAYS:	Tim Golden

9.5. Craft Soda Festival Tour- Saturday, July 15, 2017

Council was asked to approve a sponsorship of \$2,500.00 from the Tourism (hotel/Motel Tax) Fund for the event held at the Pekin Riverfront on Saturday, July 15, 2017. Mayor McCabe noted the family friendly event brought people from out of town to enjoy Pekin. Council Member Golden stated that Morton grant recipients had to show overnight guest data and did not support the hanging out money in an improper way as a sponsorship. Council Member Luft spoke of the exposure to people of the riverfront opportunities. He felt just the social aspect of families together was important to the City. Council Members Orrick, Dunn and Luft spoke in support of the event.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	Tim Golden, Rusty Dunn
SECONDER:	John p Abel, Council Member
AYES:	Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, Dunn, McCabe
NAYS:	Tim Golden

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Steve Schroeder commented on what he heard from other public input speakers. Ann Witzig comments: Questioned why the City did not get bids on the purchase of an office desk. Expects more of the management. Questioned lack of traffic lights at 5th and VFW Roads. Felt it was a safety issue. Disappointed way government is run. If encouraged to make Pekin better need to look at something that will attract people to the City. Invest money in cleaning up.

Dustin Ward stated there was a need to stop comparing what other cities can do. Do what's right for Pekin.

City Manager Anthony Carson commended Street Superintendent Bob Shaw for having the department out early for snow removal to make Pekin safe.

Council Member Golden expressed his concerns on the work for curb ramps and accessibility on the 14th Street project. He noted areas were not completed as shown on bidding documents and was disappointed to learn how the work approved by the Council had morphed into larger retaining wall boundaries, driveway aprons and approaches.

Council Member Ritchason questioned the City lawn mowing contract and was informed by the Manager that it was to be a negotiated item this week.

Council Member Abel spoke in support of the traffic lights at the VFW intersections. He noted Peoria had received a \$150,000 grant to tear down houses in their efforts to clean up their City.

Council Member Luft addressed Mr. Ward's comments of comparing ourselves to other cities and state that how we deal with problems makes us different.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (21.) DISCUSSION OF MINUTES
LAWFULLY CLOSED UN THE ACT, WHETHER FOR PURPOSES OF
APPROVAL BY THE BODE OF THE MINUTES OR SEMI-ANNUAL
REVIEW OF THE MINUTES.**

- 11.1. Motion to: Move to Executive Session at 7:20 P.M. to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21.) Closed Meeting Minutes be approved.**

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rusty Dunn, Council Member
SECONDER:	Mark Luft, Council Member
AYES:	Golden, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, Dunn, McCabe

ADJOURN

- 12.1. Motion to: adjourn at 7:35 P.M.**
Voice vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rusty Dunn, Council Member
SECONDER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Golden, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, Dunn, McCabe