

The chair noted “Public Input” as part of the order of business was written in the code but not previously followed. No one spoke to the issues listed as new business.

## **Communications, Petitions, Reports**

Council heard an update on the **RIVERFRONT PIER PROJECT** from Clark Engineer's architects during a visual presentation. Jim Ash recapped the two year project: contribution from an anonymous donor who's funding offer had been withdrawn; cost estimates; application of a \$200,000 grant from Illinois Department of Natural Resources; initial constraints/permit received from Corps of Engineers; potential bidding process for fall; construction in 2001. The \$1 million dollar project would transform the commercial use riverfront to recreational use with the construction of the bridge, pier and gazebo. Mr. Ash described two design themes; a traditional approach with furniture, lighting, railing matching colors and concept of the Main Street downtown revitalization plans; and a bolder, more vibrant approach with brighter colors and designs. After hearing the report Council members supported the traditional approach to match the downtown. Amy Werner, Main Street Director and Carole Shields, Chamber of Commerce Director were unable to speak for their organizations until members met but both personally favored the traditional design. Input was received from Jack Shepler concerning the concrete pilings from a demolished bridge in relation to the location of the pier. No formal action was taken on the project.

## **New Business**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 45**

#### **A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE HEART OF ILLINOIS HIGHWAY TO PROVIDE DIRECT ACCESS FROM THE TRI-COUNTY REGION TO THE CHICAGO METROPOLITAN REGION**

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Richmond, that Resolution No. 45 be adopted. The Public Works Director Dennis Kief told Council that Phase One of a connection to Chicago would finalize the selection of the corridor. While any connection would enhance the area, the northern corridor from Peoria would further isolate areas south and east of Pekin. Council expressed their position of supporting the two easterly corridors. Mr. Kief was directed to keep Council informed of consensus building with respect to any less preferred alternate. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Barra, that the **AGREEMENT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE & ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE DESIGN OF OAKWOOD DRIVE SANITARY SEWER**, in an amount not to exceed \$23,400.00, be approved. The Council heard the project would eliminate a lift station as proposed in a Sewer Report prepared by ESE they had received earlier in the year. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A170**

#### **AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 2 C. OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995 REGARDING MANNER OF PARKING**

Motion by Com'r. Orrick, seconded by Com'r. Richmond, that Ordinance No. 1462-A170 be adopted. Com'r. Richmond presented a change to the traffic code regarding the use of a flashing light or parking lights when parked on streets between sunset and sunrise. The words "trailers" and "licensed vehicles" were added in order to enforce the law. The question of that section of the code forcing residents to park in yards or on city right-of-way led to discussion of selective enforcement, change in enforcement hours, state law and the use or non use of lighting on construction barricades. The discussion was not appropriate to the presented ordinance. Safety issues were directed to the Traffic Safety Committee. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2190**

#### **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AND DONATION AGREEMENT**

Motion by Com'r. Orrick, seconded by Com'r. Barra, that Ordinance No. 2190 be adopted. On September 13, 1999 the City entered into an agreement with Archer-Daniels-Midland Company ADM for property at the grain elevator sites. The parties needed to extend the time of closing on the transactions to complete the secondary round of ground water monitoring/well testing. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2191**

#### **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH LAKE**

## **WHITEHURST, INC. AND MARIGOLD ESTATES**

Motion by Com'r. Orrick, seconded by Com'r. Barra, that Ordinance No. 2191 be laid over in the office of the City Clerk until a Special Meeting of the City Council, Friday, March 17, 2000 at 3:00 p.m. The Chair noted explicit in the motion was the calling of a special meeting. Council concurred that scheduling was acceptable and the Clerk was directed to post the proper notice. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

**A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE SALE TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** for Lot 6 in Firehouse Subdivision was opened at 5:55 p.m. The Clerk verified the Notice of Hearing was properly published in the *Daily Times* on February 25, 2000. Patricia Bass Executive Director for the Greater Peoria Area explained the partnership objectives of building homes for low-income families and the request for a donated site in Pekin. The project was discussed with Council. Com'r. Jones was told the lot next to the firehouse was zoned residential and suitable for construction size. Com'r. Richmond requested that a Pekin family be selected in the process for homeowner. Joseph Seward, 1405 Willow addressed Council and requested a 10-ft. corridor for a driveway to his abutting lot be considered as part of the sale. It was determined that Mr. Seward's request for a northerly portion of Lot 5 or 6 would need to be addressed outside of this ordinance with proper sale notification. It would involve entertaining resubdivision and the opinion of the Fire Chief if the land was needed for fire department expansion. The hearing was closed at 6:15 p.m.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2192**

#### **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AN AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND TRANSFER OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED REAL PROPERTY (LOT 6 FIREHOUSE SUBDIVISION)**

Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Barra, that the redevelopment agreement be amended to give preference to a Pekin family. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye. Motion by Com'r. Orrick, seconded by Com'r. Barra, that Ordinance No. 2192, subject to amendment, be adopted. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

#### **Other Business**

##### **Announcements:**

- Kim Uhlig welcomed as the new Planning and Development Director
- Promotional bus alerting Pekin residents to complete their census forms would be stationed at Parkway and Court on Thursday, March 16 from 9-11 a.m. Question and answer centers were being setup at several school locations
- Relay for Life in Pekin - June 23-24 per Chairperson Peg Day, 1015 N. 14<sup>th</sup>
- Yard Waste collection to begin March 20

Reporters from the Peoria Journal Star, the Pekin Daily Times and news media stations were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Motion by Com'r. Orrick, seconded by Com'r. Barra, that Council move to **Executive Session** at 6:30 P.M. to discuss Litigation, Collective Bargaining, and Sale of Real Estate. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Com'r. Orrick, seconded by Com'r. Barra, that Council adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.

**COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:45 P.M.**

Sue E. McMillan  
City Clerk