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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 12, 2012 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
LAURIE L. BARRA, MAYOR PRESIDING

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, BLANCHARD, SCHMIDGALL, MASSAGLIA, MCCABE, AND BARRA

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HENDRICKS

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The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Barra.

Roll was called and all Council Members were physically present except Council Member Hendricks. A quorum was present.

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

MINUTES
Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Schmidgall, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 27, 2012, be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

PUBLIC INPUT None.

CONSENT AGENDA
Motion by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **CONSENT AGENDA be approved as presented.** The following were presented for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA		
7.1 Receive and File January Monthly Reports and Minutes:		5
7.2 Receive and File Proposals for Supplying Gasoline and Diesel		5
7.3 Receive and File – Tazewell County Health Department grant check in the amount of $4,800.00 for West Nile Virus Contract		2

On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS

Mike Lewis, Illinois Department of Transportation Project Manager shared information about the status of the **EASTERN BY-PASS PROJECT.** He and Tom Lacey, Plans Manager displayed exhibits of maps and graphics of the study area and timelines. Council was informed during the Corridor Development Process 20 potential locations were examined and the Community Advisory Group focused and recommended 6 corridors for further evaluation. A Comparison Screening Matrix identified estimated benefits and impacts for the analyzed corridors. After the selection of one preferred corridor location a decision whether to build or not would be followed by, unfunded as of yet, Alignment, Design/ROW, and Construction in 7-10 years. Mayor Barra felt the Council would be ready to comment and make recommendation of a preferred Corridor at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Barra opened the **PUBLIC HEARING** at 5:49 p.m. for the purpose of considering and hearing testimony relative to the adoption of the budget for the City of Pekin for fiscal year May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013. The public was given the opportunity to comment.

Jim Mangan, 1200 N. Parkway Drive, expressed his concern based on what he read in the newspaper that the preliminary budget of General Funds was 8.8 million over 2012 Revenues, 3 million of which would be from borrowing. He requested the Council be clear to the public where revenues come from. He cautioned that Expenses also were 8.3 million over last year's budget and that Council should be specific in disclosure.

Mark Smith, 607 Washington, stated there was a difference between a balanced budget and a responsible budget. He expressed concern of an anticipated 17.2% increase over last year's budget.

Eva Arnold, 1008 Cambridge Court, questioned if there were funds available in the budget to fix the flooding problem on her court that the residents had experienced for 15 years. Council Member Massaglia responded that a drainage study was necessary first and would be funded from the 2013 budget before considering a project for a sewer expense.

No additional comments or questions were received. The hearing was closed at 5:58 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Schmidgall that bids for the **PROPOSALS FOR SUPPLYING GASOLINE AND DIESEL** to the City of Pekin be approved and the contract be awarded to Uselton Oil Co., Inc. in the amounts presented in the proposal. Superintendent of Transportation Ty Whitford presented Herr Petroleum Corporation and Uselton Oil Co., Inc. bids and recommended the low bid of the City's present fuel vendor. Mr. Whitford answered the questions of Council regarding the bid price per unit, the OPIS rack price for gasoline, and the economic adjustment clause. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Abel that **CHANGE ORDER #8 PHASE 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,233.86 AND CHANGE ORDER #1 PHASE 2A IN THE AMOUNT OF $40,483.00** for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements, be approved. City Manager Joseph Wuellner informed the Council the amended amount in Phase 1included credit for computer equipment the City was able to purchase less expensively and a retaining wall not done. Phase 2A addressed items required to keep the plant running. Changes covered in project contingency amount. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Massaglia that the **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 2012 ACTION PLAN** be approved. Economic Development Director Pamela Anderson requested approval of the HUD required plan that stated the needs, priorities, and plans for the fiscal year. The Plan also contained performance measurements based on the Five Year Consolidated Plan. She stated the Plan was available for public review from February 7, 2012 and a hearing conducted on March 8, 2012. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

<u>ORDINANCE N0. 2656-11/12</u>

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF

AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT – 2012 ASSIST PROGRAM INDUCEMENT

Motion by Council Member Massaglia, seconded by Council Member Blanchard that Ordinance No. 2656-11/12 be adopted. ED Director Anderson explained that the Assist program sponsored by many communities throughout Illinois offers families the opportunity to buy their own home by issuing tax-exempt single-family mortgage revenue bonds. Local banks provide the funds for closing costs and down payment. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council Member Blanchard questioned the Manager on the completion of the 200 Block of Court Street Project. Council was informed that to date $360,000 had been expended to stabilize 5 existing buildings. Window and roof repair had progressed. Until interested tenants are committed, the inside improvements are temporary.

Chief Nelson announced that on March 31st the Police and Fire Departments scheduled a charity basketball game for Special Olympic.

Mayor Barra encouraged citizens to vote on Tuesday, March 20th. She also extended a Happy and safe St. Patrick's Day.

Garnet Meischner, 1401 Janssen, petitioned the Council to rename the City of Pekin Port of Pekin in light of the recent announcement for the development of a new TransPORT International Marine Terminal.

Dale Kuntz, 5 Fox Point addressed the Council regarding his continued efforts to have Court Street cleaned up. He asked that joggers stop and pickup debris.

Mark Smith, 607 Washington questioned when Good Energy would be informing the public of the referendum question on the ballot and opt-out provisions. Assistant City Manager Darin Girdler stated there would be no fee to opt out of the City provider but there was a possibility that a resident that has already signed with an electrical provider may be charged a fee by that company to opt-out.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member Massaglia, seconded by Council Member Schmidgall, that the Council move to Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) Collective Bargaining and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6) Setting price for Sale/Lease of Real Estate On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, motion by Council Member Massaglia, seconded by Council Member Schmidgall to adjourn. Mayor Barra adjourned the meeting in open session.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT7:10 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk