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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 11, 2013, AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
LAURIE L. BARRA * MAYOR * PRESIDING

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

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS MASSAGLIA, BLANCHARD, AND HENDRICKS

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

Roll was called. Council Members, Abel, Schmidgall, McCabe and Mayor Barra were physically present. Absent were Council Members Massaglia, Blanchard, and Hendricks. A quorum was present.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member McCabe, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 25, 2013, be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Doug Arrowsmith, 1510 South 6th Street, addressed the Council in regards to the bid tabulations received for Solid Waste Collection. In representing the other 9 employees of the City's Solid Waste Collection Department, he spoke in support of the findings that the costs proposals submitted by Peoria Disposal Company (PDC) and Waste Management exceeded the comparison numbers of in-house garbage collection. He stated the employees live in Pekin and care about their jobs and the City.

Keith Gleason, President Teamsters Local 627, spoke in support of retaining the solid waste collection and it's employees in-house. It was noted both proposals made no commitment to hiring the current employees. Mr. Gleason indicated in 1979 when garbage was bid out those City employees lost years toward IMRF.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

7.1 Proclamation: "Development Disabilities Awareness Month" March 2013.		

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

City Manager Joseph Wuellner advised that he had completed the review of the proposals submitted for the contracting of solid waste. He presented a spread sheet of cost from Peoria Disposal, Waste Management, and the City of Pekin'S present expense. Outside vendors made no commitment to hiring the current employees or the issue of the City's current equipment. Addition cost of sewer waste was given. He recommended the savings to residents by keeping the service in-house. He suggested the issue of the cost of the service be addressed since it had been covered out of the declining General Fund for years. Implementing a garbage fee would be the most equitable method for generating income. He presented a table of various community charges and monthly amounts based on 12,000 units that included yard waste and recycling. Council Member Abel recommended a gradual increase to the amount to be charged. Council Member McCabe felt the City service was the best value for the cost. Mayor Barra felt seeking proposals was a good exercise to compare expenses. The Mayor expressed the need to implement a fee.

NEW BUSINESS
Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACTION PLAN be approved.** Community Development Director Pamela Anderson presented the annual HUD required CDBG Action Plan. The document stated the needs, priorities, and plan for the upcoming fiscal year and performance measurements based from the Five Year Consolidated Plan. She stated the Action Plan was on public review from February 6 to March 7, 2013 and public hearing conducted on March 7, 2013. Council Member McCabe questioned the approximate $81,000.00 administrative costs reported in the Plan. City Manager Joseph Wuellner explained the single employee personnel makeup and salary. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL
Council Member Schmidgall proposed that the City structure a Sustainability Committee with responsibilities of recommending environmentally sensitive design for construction. He offered sample language from the Town of Normal and asked that it be placed on a future Council meeting for discussion.

In the absence of three of the Council Members and others at previous meetings, he felt language should be designed for adopting an attendance policy that included potential corrective measures for excessive absences. He requested the matter also be discussed at a future Council meeting.

Assistant City Manager Darin Girdler reported on questions rising from the 5 year payroll cost budget numbers. He felt clarification needed to be addressed on pension and work comp cost. He advised the General Assembly legislative changes to the state-funded retirement system had nothing to do with the City pensions of Fire and Police and Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. He stated that well-funded IMRF was not a state pension and could not be replaced with 401K funds or dissolved. Council Member Schmidgall stated the Police and Fire Pension Funds were funded by City Policies for 103% and 105% respectively. Mr. Girdler also advised the City's Workmen Compensation was provided through Illinois Municipal League Risk Management and affected by group lost history of all participants. The settlement of claims was handled by the organization's legal staff.

Doug Arrowsmith, 1510 South 6th Street, stated yard waste collection and recycling were savings on landfill costs. The City needed to continue education of the community on the benefits. He applauded the Council for the possibility of proposing a fee for funding the collection as most communities do.

Brandon Dentino, 2675 Allentown Road, stated he opposed a garbage fee.

Scott Jackson, 1410 Del Ray encouraged the public to attend the Community Theater group's production of "Dinner Plans" which had played at Andy's Dinner, the Miller Senior Center, and scheduled for April 6th at CJ's Café and April 27th at the Pekin Public Library. Corporation Counsel Burt Dancey addressed Mr. Jackson's question regarding the use of eminent domain for West Campus demolition. He clarified that power to seize property was for a "public purpose" use and not clean up of demolition. Forcible taking of the property would be very expensive.

Dale Kuntz, 5 Fox Point, read his address to the Council titled "May Reason Prevail in May"

Tim Golden, 2104 Alhambra, addressed the Council on the issue of the condition of West Campus. He questioned the staff on matters of the demolition permit and possibility of restitution from a performance bond. Mayor Barra asked that he meet and direct questions to staff members outside of a Council meeting. Council Member Schmidgall felt the need for an active approach to reduce the City's liability regarding the safety of the partially demoed area and structure. Attorney Dancey then advised the Council Members that the City was monitoring the negotiations between the owner Mr. Huff and the perspective buyer Mr. Price. Council's direction had been not to contribute taxpayer money into the project.

Roger Greer, 601 Prince Street, informed the Council that years ago Meister Brothers Heating and Air Condition Company had been interested in the West Campus project.

No further business to come before the Council, motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member McCabe to adjourn. Unanimously approved by voice vote.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:30 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk