
**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 10, 2008 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
R. DAVID TEBBEN * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, BLANCHARD, AND DUNN

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER STRAND, JONES, AND KORTKAMP

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by former Pekin Community High School Basketball Coach Stoner.

Roll was called and all Council Members were present except Council Members Strand, Jones, and Kortkamp. A quorum was present.

Agenda

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

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 25, 2008, be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Dunn, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented with the following items:

Mayor Tebben read and presented the following for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote. He noted that the City of Pekin has a franchise agreement with Comcast Cable but does not regulate rates. The company was to be contacted not the City in concerns of increased prices.

1. **Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes:** Police Report February and Liquor Commission
Minutes dated December 20, 2007
2. **Charitable Solicitation: Lupus Foundation Tag Day Friday October 3, 2008**
3. **Adopt Resolution No. 36 - 07/08 – Zoning Map of the City of Pekin**
4. **Receive and File Notice of Price Adjustment from Comcast Cable**
5. **Receive and File Petition for Annexation from Marvin W. Spiczka for Deerfield Section 5**

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Special Presentation

The City Council honored Bradley University senior and Pekin native Jeremy Crouch. Sports announcer and Pekin native Dave Snell made comments on the athlete's abilities, awards, and records not only on the basketball court but also his achievements in the classroom. Jim Les spoke of the pleasure of coaching Jeremy at Bradley and of his being an asset and outstanding ambassador to the program. It was felt that his accomplishments warranted him being singled out and recognized among his teammates, family, community, and Council. Coach Stoner related his experiences with "JC" as high school coach and diapers days as a family uncle.

Mayor Tebben presented a framed proclamation and a key to the City to Jeremy. He told the audience of the successful college career in both basketball and academics that Jeremy had accomplished and spoke of Crouch as a role model for the community's youth. The Council designated March 14th, the jersey number, as a special day to wish him well in the future.

Motion was made with great honor by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **Proclamation declaring Friday, March 14, 2008 as Jeremy Crouch Appreciation Day be adopted.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council Member Blanchard encouraged the public and City members to attend a Town Hall Meeting in Washington on Tuesday March 11, 2008 where solutions to teenage drinking would be discussed.

Fire Chief Chuck Lauss expressed condolences to the family of retire firefighter for 35 years, Fred Morris who died on February 27, 2008. The Chief informed Council that his son Dave Morris was a 25-year veteran on the fire department.

Reporters from the media, the *Pekin Daily Time*, *WCBU*, and *Peoria Journal Star* were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Dunn, that Council move to Executive Session at 5:50 P.M. to discuss the setting of price for the sale and/or lease of municipally owned property 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 6. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye. Mayor Tebben requested a break to clear the Chambers before the start.

No further business to come before the Council, Mayor Tebben adjourned the meeting in open session.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:30 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk