
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE CITY HALL
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
ON MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2003 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
R. DAVID TEBBEN * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS, ORRICK, RICHMOND, AND MASSAGLIA

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER BARRA

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

The Mayor pointed out the Active Service Honor Roll, names of men and women called to active duty on display in the Council Chambers.

Roll was called and all commissioners were present except Commissioner Barra.

Agenda

Motion by Com'r. Massaglia, seconded by Com'r. Orrick, that the **agenda be approved as amended**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Massaglia, seconded by Com'r. Orrick, that the **Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 24, 2003 be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Public Input on Agenda Items

Terry Kohlbus, Executive Director of Tri-County Regional Planning Commission addressed New Business item 4. He spoke in support of the City's submittal to the Army Corps of Engineers for an analysis of a section of the Illinois River to determine the feasibility of constructing a marina and boat ramp. He emphasized the cooperative relationship of the Commission and City staff. He spoke of the regional significance of the project as reason for Tri-County's funding participation.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Com'r. Massaglia, seconded by Com'r. Orrick, that the **Consent Agenda be approved as presented**.

1. Receive and File Monthly Reports: Police, Fire, Tazewell County Animal Control, Inspections, Health Insurance and Zoning and Inspections (Building, Code Enforcement, Sewer & Plumbing, Electrical, HVAC),
2. Proclamations: "Doctors Week" March 24-30, 2003
3. Letter of Understanding Veterans Land Acquisition Negotiators Designation
4. Receive and File Bids Demolition Commercial Buildings

On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Communications, Petitions, Reports

Mayor Tebben read and presented the **PROCLAMATION "DOCTORS WEEK"** to Melody Mendenhall of Pekin Hospital in recognition of doctors' leadership in the prevention and treatment of illness and injury.

Public Works Director Dennis Kief presented a PowerPoint format of **VETERAN'S DRIVE CORRIDOR STATUS**. He informed Council of an upcoming 5 Year Transportation Bill. He had submitted a questionnaire and Tri-County Regional Planning Commission's support letter to Congressman LaHood for efforts to obtain federal planning and design funding for Veteran Drive. Mr. Kief recommended pursuit of funding for VFW Road - Route 29 to Towerline Road segment over Veteran's Drive Broadway to I-474 Phase I Study.

- Project matches funding
- Construction timeline in within the 5 years
- Enhances Riverway Business Park
- Diverts truck traffic off Route 9 - alleviating congestion/safety problem of Court Street

Each member of Council spoke in support of the recommendation of the Public Works Director and the City Manager and concurred with channeling efforts for construction of the southern direction segment. The Mayor pointed out he would lobby for additional funding from the state based on that decision.

A public hearing was held on March 6, 2003 to discuss input on the **2003 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACTION PLAN**. The Chair asked with no objections from Council to allow this additional opportunity to receive public comment at 5:55 p.m. Pamela Anderson, Community Development Director, was available to answer questions and accept comments on the outline of activities that the CDBG Action Plan would fund. The Action Plan was on file and available for public review and comment for a 30 day period. City Manager Dick Hierstein responded that there were minor changes. Housing rehab and emergency grants were addressed. The hearing was closed at 6:00 p.m. with no public input.

The Chair requested, with Council's indulgence, that members of the Pekin Community High School Student Council be permitted to announce formation of Pekin Youth Council at this point in the meeting. Anna Freidinger and Joseph Lamberson explained the mission of the youth to bridge the gap between voters of tomorrow and elected officials of today by organizing a 7-member council to offer a younger perspective on issues and communicating with each of the governing bodies in the community (i.e. City Council, School District Boards, Chamber of Commerce). Council offered the pledge of support and in addition, access to the Council Chamber facilities for meeting.

New Business

The Chair noted that Council would need to vary from the approved order of business and consider an amendment to the Code in order to permit use of online auctions to sell the City's personal property under New Business.

ORDINANCE NO. 2325

AMENDING TITLE 2, CHAPTER 9 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN REGARDING SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia, that Ordinance No. 2325 be adopted. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Unfinished Business

Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Orrick, that the **AGREEMENT WITH GOV DEALS, INC.** for Internet-based Auction System be approved. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

New Business

Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Orrick, that the **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 2003 ACTION PLAN** be approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 213

AMEND 2003 BUDGET ACTION PLAN

Motion by Com'r. Orrick, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia, that Resolution No. 213 be adopted. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Orrick, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia, that the **AGREEMENT WITH U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS** for hydraulic analysis of the Illinois Waterway in an amount not to exceed \$66,000.00 with the City's share being \$16,500.00 be approved. Public Works Director Dennis Kief told Council in summary the study of a 7-mile section of the Illinois River would be conducted to determine the impacts of constructing a new marina and new boat ramp. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Other Business

Commissioner Massaglia questioned the City Manager if each union was required to sign letter of agreement in order to participate on the Insurance Committee. Mr. Hierstein reiterated that was false information being circulated and not the intent.

Reporters from the *Peoria Journal Star*, *Pekin Daily Times* and Jonathan Ahl News Director WCBU were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Motion was made by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Orrick at 6:25 p.m. that Council move to **Executive Session** to discuss Pending and Threaten Litigation. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

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

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:40 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk