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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 9, 2015 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
JOHN P. ABEL * MAYOR PRO TEM * PRESIDING

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, GOLDEN, ORRICK, HENDRICKS, MCCABE AND ABEL
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER GILLESPIE AND MAYOR BARRA

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As provided by Resolution No. 69-13/14, Council Member Abel was appointed in the absence of Mayor Barra as Mayor Pro Tem.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Pro Tem Abel.

Roll was called. All members were physically present except Council Member Gillespie and Mayor Barra. A quorum was present.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Orrick that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 23, 2015 be approved as written.** On roll call vote, Ayes, Golden, Orrick, McCabe, Abel; Abstain, Hendricks. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Ed Schwinn addressed the Council on a traffic ticket he had received during February 26, 2015 snow event. He noted discrepancies in the provisions of the code, how the code was enforced, and records of media announcements to the public.

Bob Bramham asked the status of a citizen’s request at a previous meeting regarding the differential provisions of the Code for commercial cell tower and amateur radio operators. Mr. Bramham was informed that the Pekin Planning Commission would discuss the matter at the April 8, 2015 meeting. He also questioned the dollar amount received for the Veteran Drive Road project and was informed that the total dollars were $30.5 million with an approximate amount left after construction of $6 million dollars for Court Street.

Jim Mangan read from a prepared statement his concerns respecting the Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan goal to develop economic opportunities for low and moderate income households. He felt Council needed to police the program better to assure dollars were well spent. He asked Council to reject the plan and reevaluate the goals which required measurements of need.

Ann Witzig voiced her opinion and observations on the following matters: law suit against the City of Pekin; the 9 month financial report; and the CDBG Consolidated Plan. Her concerns of the amount of families helped out of poverty and administrative costs were addressed by Community Development Director Pamela Anderson.

Lyn Johnson, a social service provider, spoke in support of the 5 Year Consolidated Plan. She indicated names of persons that benefited from the plan could be discussed outside of the privacy matters that a public meeting would compromise. She urged the Council to vote in favor of the plan.

Mary Ann Ladendorf asked the Council if there were and strings attached to receiving the HUD money from the CDBG program. She indicated she had previously been informed that the City would be obligated to play by HUD rules. She remarked that she was not opposed to helping those in poverty but the City of Pekin did not need subsidized housing units.

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

7.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports: Traffic Safety Committee Minutes dated February 6, 2015.		
7.2 Receive and File: Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes dated February 11, 2015.		
7.3 Receive and File: Pekin Planning Commission Minutes dated February 11, 2015.		
7.4 Receive and File: Pekin Planning Commission Hearings and Recommendations: a. Hearing #02-1888 recommends the infrastructures (Street Lights) be installed and working as approved by the previous Council for Gingoteague Subdivision #5 located on Remington Road in Tazewell County, Illinois.		
7.5 Resolution No. 115-14/15 – Zoning Map of the City of Pekin		
7.6 Resolution No. 116-14/15 – Urging The Governor and General Assembly to Protect Full Funding of Local Government Distributive Fund Revenues		

On roll call vote, Ayes, Orrick, McCabe, Hendricks; Nay, Golden. Council Member Golden asked if he could explain his no vote. He read from his prepared notes. Members Golden, using the example of Caterpillar, Inc. being a well run and efficient business, indicated if the City was run as efficiently the urging of full funding to the State would not be an issue. He felt CAT would have not stayed in Peoria without the election of Governor Rauner. Council Member McCabe raised Point of Order. He asked that roll call be continued for Consent Agenda motion on the table. It was Attorney Dancey's opinion that the vote should be completed. The clerk continued with yes vote Mayor Pro-Tem Abel. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS
NINE MONTHS ENDED JANUARY 31, 2015 FINANCIAL REPORT
Treasurer James Wolf distributed his report to the Council, staff and the public. Several figures and line items were highlighted from the Revenues Over Expenses, Major Revenue Sources, and the Investment Earnings Reports. Noted were:
Revenues Over Expenses

- Solid Waste (garbage) revenue only reflected the collection of 6 months revenue due to initial billing cycle.
- Tourism negative numbers relate to payment of Griffin Drive.
- Sewer operation loss result of unexpected sewer repairs.
- Storm water revenue and expenses were addressed and noted that mandates would require revenues in the future.

Council Member Golden commented that Council had not been asked to approve any contracts for unexpected sewer repairs. He requested the City Engineer provide data for the emergency work. In answer to public input that amounts were being left out of the reports, Mr. Wolf noted that the Library's property tax levy was not included under Major Revenue sources because the $1.1 million was not recorded on City books. The Library has its own advisory board and separate audit.
Major Revenues Sources

- Below budget numbers for Sales and Home Rule tax trends finally reversed in August 2014.
- Restaurant / tavern food & beverage taxes remain strong.
- Video gaming taxes continues steady climb.
- Overall revenues were down from budget due to delayed garbage fee and school bus funds collections.
- Drop in General Fund property tax result from increase allocated to police / fire levies even though increase in overall tax levy.

Investment Earnings
The Treasurer informed the Council that the Federal Reserve was ready to raise interest rates which would impact the City investments.
Mr. Wolf summarized by stating the finances were fairly positive with revenues steady, indicating city being good stewards.

NEW BUSINESS
Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Orrick that the **TAX INCREMENT FINANCING COMMERCIAL LOAN PROGRAM FOR SEICO, INC.** in the amount of $57,123.30 be approved. Council Member Hendricks questioned the amount of the funding and it was clarified that the maximum eligible amount of the program should be $25,000. The motion was restated by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Orrick that **TAX INCREMENT FINANCING COMMERCIAL LOAN PROGRAM FOR SEICO, INC.** in an amount not to exceed $25,000.00 be approved. Economic Director Leigh Ann Brown presented the recommendation of the Pekin Main Street Design Committee to authorize the payment to the property owner of 132 Court Street for eligible interior expense for expansion of offices. Council was advised that 2 additional employees would be hired and that a significant amount of the property tax bill was the TIF District. Council Member Golden questioned Mrs. Brown on building documents he felt should be contained in the packet materials. Mrs. Brown noted site plan and other documents were available in the Inspections Department for their expertise in the applicant's construction phase. On roll call vote, Ayes, Orrick, Hendricks, McCabe, Abel; Nay, Golden. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Hendricks that **CHANGE ORDER 6 FOR PHASE 2B WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT** in the amount of $3,180.00 be approved. City Engineer Michael Guerra advised the Council the change order included the addition an extension of the hoist crane and a credit for an adjustment for flashing not needed. Council Member Golden brought to Council's attention the potential legal danger in work being authorized by the City Engineer before the governing body's formal approval by change order. The Council Member read several briefings from Construction Specifications Institute Project Resource Manual and Magazine of the severity if not approved by the Council after the work had already been ordered. It was Attorney Dancey's opinion that no legal dangers existed for the motion before Council or similar practices on construction change orders. On roll call vote, Ayes, Orrick, Hendricks, McCabe, Abel; Nay, Golden. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 117-14/15
MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND GENERAL MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS FOR STREET DEPARTMENT

Motion by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Orrick that Resolution No. 117-14/15 be adopted. City Engineer Michael Guerra told the Council that the appropriation of $542,000.00 allows MFT Funds to pay items such as salt for snow plowing, electricity and repairs of street and traffic lights, materials for bituminous street repair, and tree removal on ROW. He advised the higher estimate was due to the increase in the price of salt. Council Member Golden questioned how materials for streets could be estimated when there was no requested 2 year comprehensive plan presented for street maintenance. Council Member Orrick stated he was in favor of outsourcing that project if the engineer was limited on time due to of staff. On roll call vote, Ayes, Orrick, Hendricks, McCabe, Abel; Nay, Golden. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Orrick, seconded by Council Member Hendricks that **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 2015-2019 CONSOLIDATED PLAN** be approved. Community Development Director Pamela Anderson previously presented the plan to the Council and the public and requested action for approval of the Plan at this meeting. HUD required a plan that states the needs and priorities for the City and the plans for the CDBG dollars for 5 years. Additional comments and questions were received from Council. Council Member Golden stated that other than the use of the money for sidewalks he was not in favor. He did not see where the programs were working, yet created a culture that people did not need to work to bring themselves out of poverty. He suggest funds be given to trade unions for training or property donated for construction of homes by Habitat for Humanity to help those in poverty. Council Member Hendricks called for the question. Comments continued. Council Member Hendricks left the meeting at 6:10 p.m. and returned at 6:12 p.m. On roll call vote, Ayes, Orrick, Hendricks, McCabe, Abel; Nay, Golden. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Orrick, seconded by Council Member McCabe that **2015 ACTION PLAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT** be approved. On roll call vote, Ayes, Orrick, Hendricks, McCabe, Abel; Nay, Golden. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2718-14/15

APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF VOLUME CAP IN CONNECTION WITH PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND ISSUES AND RELATED MATTERS

Motion by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Orrick that Ordinance No. 2718-14/15 be adopted. Ordinance authorized the transfer of Pekin's allocation to apply to the issuance of the Assist Program for first time home buyers. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council Member McCabe announced fundraiser for Honor Flights for Veterans this week at Kouri's
Council Member Golden finished his prepared comments addressing the Resolution Urging Governor to Protect Full Funding of Local Government Distributed Funds. Member Golden next commented on the following:

- Barricades at the riverfront property to deter dumping not working. He asked for long term plan
- Asked staff to review inconsistencies of snow ban ticket
- Manager's weekly update helpful

No further business to come before the Council, motion by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Orrick that Council adjourn. Motion carried voice vote. Mayor Pro Tem Abel adjourned the meeting.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:15 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk