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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, 2009 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
MAYOR RUSTY DUNN PRESIDING

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, BLANCHARD, KORTKAMP, AND MAYOR DUNN

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER STRAND

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The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by members of the Chamber of Commerce Leadership Academy.

Roll was called and all Council Members were present.

AGENDA

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

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Jones, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 24, 2009 be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Bill Gilroy 1312 South 11th Street expressed his concern regarding the appointment of a present council member to fill the vacancy on the Council left by the appointment of Rusty Dunn to the position of Mayor. He was displeased that it was not filled by the vote of the people. Attorney Burt Dancey explained that the statutes govern the vacancy process and were followed. Mr. Gilroy requested Council consider proposing an ordinance change that the processes of appointment by the Council not happen again.

Jason Juchems 1111 South 9th Street requested that the names of individuals that submitted intent to be considered to the council member position be released. It was the intention of the Mayor to contact the parties to see if they would give permission for their disclosure.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **Consent Agenda be approved as presented.**

Mayor Dunn presented the following for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

1. **Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes:** Liquor Commission Minutes January 22, 2009, Building Report, and Inspections Report

2. **Proclamations:** Young Authors Week – March 16, 2009

3. **Charitable Solicitation:** Pekin High Swim & Dive Boosters Club – April 25 Purse Sale County Market

4. **Receive and File** Bids for Bus Barn Roof Project Opened March 2, 2009

5. **Resolution No. 72-08/09 – Publication of the Zoning Map**

Mayor Dunn read the Proclamation "Young Authors Week.

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS
Director of Solid Waste Greg Ranney presented to Council a spreadsheet for 5-year Recycling figures. He indicated the increasing curbside and McDonald drop-off total tons over the 5 year period of 48,928 saved landfill space equating to a recycling versus landfill savings costs of $895,843.00. He advised that the $67,000 received from the County was used for the education of recycling in the community's schools. Residents were encouraged to recycle as their way of saving tax dollars.

NEW BUSINESS
Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that the **FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AGREEMENT be approved.** Director of Solid Waste Greg Ranney and City Manager Dennis Kief recommended the landfill 2004contract with Peoria Disposal Company to dispose of waste at the Indian Creek landfill to be extended through 2025. The terms of the extension were explained to Council, which included renegotiated downward tipping fee. Questioning the possibility of new technology for disposal of waste before 2025, Council Member Kortkamp asked if there were provisions for early out of the contract. Chris Coulter of PDC addressed the Council, thanking them for the public/private relationship. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Jones, the **AMERICAN WIND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AGREEMENT with the City of Pekin be approved in an amount not to exceed $20,000.00.** City Manager Dennis Kief spoke to the recommendation of the Tourism Committee regarding entering into an agreement to host a concert from the stage of its floating art center August 14-17, 2009. The organization played previously in 1987 and 2000 and drew good attendance. The cost, expended from the Tourism line item, would be reduced based on attendance at private showing August 18. Council Member Blanchard in answer to his question of costs for security and setup of the riverfront was told tourism budget would be used. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that the expenditure be made in the amount of $7,200.00 for sponsorship for the **NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY GATEWAY COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP.** Director of Illinois River Road National Scenic Byway Anaise Berry presented a powerpoint of the organization's regional impact, completed projects, and the 2nd year's objectives. Community Development Director Pam Anderson requested funding to construct a 4-sided kiosk in the City, budgeted within tourism fund to promote Pekin as experience along the Byway to visitors. Council had concerns answered on use of electricity, lighting, location at the riverfront, and 10 year warranty. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that the low bid for the **BUS BARN ROOF IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BE ACCEPTED IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $65,400.00 AND THE CONTRACT BE AWARDED TO HENSON ROBINSON COMPANY.** Bids were opened publicly on February 13, 2009 for the removal of roof materials, inspection-remove-replace insulation, install new roof for 3 mechanic areas of the building. Public Works Director Joe Wuellner advised Council that repair was evident by the large number of location where leaking had occurred. Cost was budgeted in FY209 Public Property expenses. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Abel that the **AGREEMENT WITH FARNSWORTH GROUP FOR WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT FACILITIES PLAN AMENDMENTS AND FINALIZATION, in the amount of $40,000.00 be approved.** Mr. Wuellner explained background to the Plan. Council was told Phase I Upgrades commenced in 2007 but review of existing facility determined changes were needed. Plans were now finalized for first phase and conceptual layout for second allowing for Plan to be amended. Revisions and resubmission was key for needed construction permits. Council Member Blanchard questioned why dollar amounts given previously when the expansion was explained to Council at the Retreat had ballooned and why million of dollars were now being discussed to raise the plant. He requested that the reasoning of additional mandates be provided to him in written documents. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **AGREEMENT WITH FARNSWORTH GROUP FOR CSO ASSESSMENT AND LONG TERM CONTROL PLAN in the amount of $135,000.00 be approved.**

Background on the wastewater plant was again given by the Public Works Director. Scope of work was to complete an assessment of the City's combined sewer outfall system begun in 2004 but impacted by additional 2007 requirements of the EPA. He recommended approval to complete assessment, finalize LTCP in a manner acceptable to IEPA. Once finalized and submitted, the City would know what was required to comply with the Clean Water Act for plan to implement changes. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the City Council accept the **RESIGNATION OF COUNCIL MEMBER SUE ANN KORTKAMP.** Council Member Kortkamp advised the Members of Council formally in a letter that she was officially resigning from the Council position expiring in April. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-08/09

APPOINTMENT OF SUE ANN KORTKAMP TO FILL THE POSITION OF COUNCIL MEMBER FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF RUSTY DUNN UNTIL APRIL OF 2011.

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Abel, that Resolution No. 73-08/09 be adopted. Mayor Dunn advised the public that the appointment completed the Council's obligation to fill the vacancy of the 7-member Council within the statute's 90 days left after the death of Mayor Tebben and subsequently his acceptance of the appointment to Mayor. He spoke of the experience and caliber of Sue Ann Kortkamp in the unanimous recommendation to fill the Council position until 2011. Ms. Kortkamp expressed her appreciation and honor in serving the City. On roll call vote, Blanchard, Jones, Abel, and Dunn. Motion Carried.

OATH OF OFFICE

City Clerk Sue McMillan administered the Oath of Office to appointed Council Member Sue Ann Kortkamp.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council Member Blanchard wished a Happy 80th Birthday to Police Department employee Etta Martis. Council Member Jones noted the Staff was already working on the 2011 Budget; encouraged the public to drive 5th Street to see the progress on Hanna Drive Extension; and made remarks on the informative discussion session that Representative Mike Smith had with the public and business members on economic development in the area.

Council Member Kortkamp brought attention to the fact that Council Member Strand was the recipient of the 2009 Partners in Peace Award. Council expressed congratulatory remarks.

Council was informed of the Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner on Monday, April 27, 2009. Mayor Dunn asked and received Council's concurrence to post and reschedule the second meeting in April for the business of the City to Tuesday April 28 in order for member to attend the event. Also a Town Hall Meeting sponsored by State Representative Smith, State Senator Koehler, and Mayor Dunn was announced for Monday March 16, 2009 in City Hall.

Solid Waste Director Greg Ranney informed the public that the yard waste program would begin the week of March 16th.

Fred Lawrence, 332 Orr Avenue addressed Council and received documentation regarding his concerns on the following 6 subjects in the Pekin Heights area:

- Drainage ditches of flooded front yards
- Lack of sidewalks
- Needed sign at dead end of Orr used as turnaround
- Zoning issues of residential property owners using yard to stockpile concrete

- Zoning issues of residential property owners using garage as motor club
- Environmental issue of dumping in ditch next to Pekin Mall

Council requested that staff review and if possible address the concerns. City Manager Dennis Kief advised Mr. Lawrence to seek residents request to install sidewalks or sewers through an assessment of the property owners. Typically infrastructure would have been paid by the sub-divider.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Jones, that **Council move to Executive Session** at 7:04 P.M. to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 6. The Setting of A Price for Sale or Lease of Public Property Owned by the City. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 22. Review of Closed Session Minutes.
On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, in open session, Mayor Dunn called the meeting closed.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk