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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 S. CAPITOL ST
ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2017 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
JOHN MCCABE *MAYOR * PRESIDING

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was led by Mayor McCabe.

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tim Golden	Council Member	Present	
Lloyd Orrick	Mayor Pro-Tem	Absent	
John p Abel	Council Member	Present	
Michael Ritchason	Council Member	Present	
Mark Luft	Council Member	Absent	
Rusty Dunn	Council Member	Present	
John McCabe	Mayor	Present	

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Council Member Ritchason, seconded by Council Member Dunn that the agenda be amended by removing New Business 9.1 Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Membership Dues and the agenda be approved as presented. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1. Council Minutes dated February 13, 2017

RESULT:	**APPROVED [4 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Council Member
AYES:	John P Abel, Michael Ritchason, Rusty Dunn, John McCabe
ABSTAIN:	Tim Golden
ABSENT:	Lloyd Orrick, Mark Luft

PUBLIC INPUT

Ann Witzig spoke on the total contributions of $15,000.00 for the partnership for IHSA March Madness Experience and membership in the PACVB. She voiced her opinion that she would like to see that the Council had proof of motel stays before taxpayer money was just handed out. She stated her displeasure that no one gets reports of how much these events bring to the City. Council heard Mrs. Witzig's comments regarding the Cambridge and Shire Storm Water Detention project. She questioned if the inappropriate survey and purchase of the Derby Street property would incur more expenses.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Ritchason, seconded by Council Member Dunn that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

The following items were presented by Mayor McCabe for consideration of the Consent Agenda by Omibus Vote. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

7.1. Building Department Report January

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES:	Golden, Abel, Ritchason, Dunn, McCabe
ABSENT:	Lloyd Orrick, Mark Luft

7.2. Enjoy Pekin Tourism Minutes

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES:	Golden, Abel, Ritchason, Dunn, McCabe
ABSENT:	Lloyd Orrick, Mark Luft

7.3. LETTER OF SUPPORT

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES:	Golden, Abel, Ritchason, Dunn, McCabe
ABSENT:	Lloyd Orrick, Mark Luft

COMMUNICATIONS

8.1. 2017 Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Presentation by PACB Representatives

The Council heard a presentation on the City's annual membership dues to the Peoria Convention and Visitors Bureau from Cory Hatfield, Director of Sales and Cara Allen, Director of Marketing and Communications. The representatives told the Council PACVB worked with communities in the 8 county service area to create economic growth through sales and marketing efforts to bring more sporting events, meetings and conventions and leisure tourist to the area. They distributed materials used to promote and attract events

RESULT:	**PRESENTED**

8.2. IHSA March Madness Experience Presented by David Defreitas

Mr. Dave DeFreitas, March Madness Experience steering committee, presented highlights of the event, the over 2,000 volunteers, and thanked the City of Pekin for their 22 years of support in hosting the Illinois High School Association boys state basketball finals. A short video was shown that featured a number of activities of the event including the basketball tournament, a second gym for wheelchair basketball. Jumpball Jamboree, Special Olympics and children activities.

RESULT:	**PRESENTED**

8.3. Annual NPDES MS4 Report

City Engineer Michael Guerra presented an Annual NPDES MS4 Report. He advised the Council the report contained the inspection of stormwater quality and was available on the City website. The presentation meeting for public comment was a MS4 new requirement.

RESULT:	**PRESENTED**

NEW BUSINESS

9.1. 1045 : PACVB Membership Dues REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA

9.2. Intergovernmental Agreement between City of Pekin Police Dept. And The Pekin Housing Authority

Council was advised that the police department had been in an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Pekin Housing Authority for several years which provided benefits both to the PHA and the City of Pekin. The City Manager recommended the agreement be extended for another 3 year term. Council Member Golden voiced concern of extra protection needed at the Housing Authority not equal to other rentals in the City. It was explained to Council Member Golden the supplemental agreement hired off duty police officers and the Housing incurred all liability.

9.3. To award the contract for the Parkway Drainage Sidewalk Structure

Council received a request and recommendation from the City Engineer Michael Guerra to award the Parkway Drainage Sidewalk Structure to Stark Excavating Co. For the base bid and alternate one for a total cost of $117,170.75. Council had received and filed 7 bids at the meeting of February 13, 2017. Council was advised that the project was to remove and replace the sidewalk bridge on Parkway behind Pekin Insurance building. Council Member Golden noted the bids had come in over 20% estimate a second time and questioned the Manager and Engineer if liquidated damages provisions contributed to in why the proposal coming in higher.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [4 TO 1]**
MOVER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Council Member
AYES:	John P Abel, Michael Ritchason, Rusty Dunn, John McCabe
NAYS:	Tim Golden
ABSENT:	Lloyd Orrick, Mark Luft

9.4. Approve the Contract for the Cambridge and Shire Storm Water Detention System Project

The recommendation was presented to the Council to approve the contract to Otto Baum Company for the Cambridge and Shire Storm Water Detention System Project in the amount of $506,001.41. the City Engineer had advised the Council that the project was the result of the engineering study of 2013 that determined the flooding that occurred at the intersection was a result of lack of capacity and the elevation in the storm sewer system. The most cost effective correction was construction of a detention pond and purchase of the Layne property Derby Street location. Ten bids were received with Otto Baum being the lowest. Council Member Golden brought forth several of his concerns that the original 2013 discussions had morphed into something different in the purchase of the property, the storage building remaining intact, documentation that the gas tanks were filled or UST report completed, and a much larger track of land for the pond was utilized . When questioned by Mayor McCabe of the current practice, City Engineer Michael Guerra advised that the tanks were filled with sand, an acceptable procedure, over 50 years ago. The IEPA did not at the time, but now requires, the agency be notified. Soil boring and tanks were checked for contaminants.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [4 TO 1]**
MOVER:	Rusty Dunn, Council Member
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Council Member
AYES:	John P Abel, Michael Ritchason, Rusty Dunn, John McCabe
NAYS:	Tim Golden
ABSENT:	Lloyd Orrick, Mark Luft

9.5. IHSA Steering Committee

A motion was made that $5,000.00 be approved from the Hotel/Motel Tax Tourism Fund to sponsor the Illinois High School March Madness Experience Partnership. Council was informed in a request from City Planner Katy Shackelford that as a partner in the basketball tournament and activities Pekin had the opportunity to reinvest hotel/motel tax dollars from guests and provide potential for additional traffic to restaurants and shops. Council Member Golden stated he did not see a provision in the tourism ordinance that covered a donation only "grant" and expressed concern of not following the ordinance. He raised issue with guessing how much a hotel or motel's business had increased as a result of the event. Mr. DeFreitas informed the Council that last year during the events he was told by Don Welch CEO of PCAVB reservations were higher that other periods of the year. The event generated $7.5 million in direct and indirect sales and $550,0000 in local taxes on money spent.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Sheila Gwzenheisen and Judy Hale addressed the Council with complaints of a rental house and the disruption caused in their residential N. 10th Street neighborhood. They stated the landlord was of no help and asked what could be done. The police had been called 67 times. The City's Crime Free Ordinance was discussed and a meeting setup with the Police Chief and the women for further action.

Ann Witzig stated she had questions but did not want answers to the following:

Did not understand how Council Meeting would suffice for the annual public meeting for the MS4 Report.

In the information presented it said the City would make flood insurance available. She assumed the City had no such insurance when Cambridge flooded to help the people.

Mrs Witzig commented on her experience with Crime Free Ordinance and the assistance police will give to the landlords.

She hoped the Council would take the job serious when the budget was presented and be clear and not skirt around questions.

City Manager Tony Carson spoke to Council's comments of litter in the community and stated he has worked with the Police Chief and the ordinance will be actively enforced. He thanked the police department for being proactive.

Council Member Abel question the status of the new hotel potential development. Mr. Carson advise the Council that the Enterprise Zone Ordinance had to be resubmitted which would be a 2-3 process. The developer remains in communications and interested to go forward.

Council Member Golden commented that he was shocked to see that the new 14th Street sidewalk projects had incorrectly placed detectable warning surfaces. He stated the curb ramps with misplaced warning for the visually impaired if not placed parallel to the curb would give a wrong cue to enter traffic. He also felt the City was missing opportunities and could find more tangible use of tourism dollars to rehabilitate sidewalks.

Mayor McCabe pointed out that the school district continue to do great things. He noted the distinguished work of a 45 year score keeper for the school's spots teams.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (11.) PENDING OR THREATENED LITIGATION

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Ritchason that Council move to Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) Pending or Threatened Litigation. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

ADJOURN

No further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Council Member Ritchason, seconded by Council Member Abel that Council adjourn in open session Motion carried viva voce.

Mayor McCabe adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Sue E. McMillan

City Clerk