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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, FEBRUARY 23, 2015 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
LAURIE L. BARRA * MAYOR * PRESIDING

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

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

Roll was called. All members were physically present except Council Member Hendricks. A quorum was present.

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

MINUTES
Motion by Council Member Gillespie, seconded by Council Member Abel that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 9, 2015 be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

PUBLIC INPUT
Austin Grant, an amateur radio operator, asked what actions had been taken on his previous request before the Council to consider review of the policy and change to a $2,500.00 fee required for his radio tower, as per Code 9-13-1. Mr. Grant was told he would be contacted in the next day by the City after speaking with the Planning/Code Enforcement departments.

Robin Garlish and Kady McFadden distributed information and addressed the Council regarding The Central Illinois Healthy Community Alliance (CIHCA), individuals and organizations committed to creating a sustainable and healthy community for Central Illinois. They stated CIHCA was concerned about the air and water pollution created by the E.D. Edwards coal plant now owned by Dynegy. The representatives encouraged Pekin awareness and participation in advocating rules that protect the community.

Sally Johnson stated that the Council was making it hard on Pekin residents. She voiced her concerns and asked the Council to stop the unnecessary spending on the following: Library improvements, garbage fee, sewer project, federal prison, Court Street improvements, Veterans Drive.

Ann Witzig voiced her concern that the Council did not make appropriate plans but goes to the people as a bank to fund projects.

Robert Bramham questioned if the funds appropriated from that State for Veterans Drive were $30 million or $31 million dollars.

CONSENT AGENDA
Motion by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Orrick 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: Building Department Inspections & Zoning January Report and Tazewell County Animal Control January Report.
7.2 Receive and File: N. Veterans Drive Mill and Overlay Project opened February 11, 2014 @ 10:00 a.m.

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS
PUBLIC HEARING
A Public Hearing was opened by Mayor Barra for the Community Development Block Grant CDBG Five-Year Consolidated Plan and CDBG Action Plan Period of May 1, 2015-April 30, 201 at 5:50 p.m. Community Development Director Pamela Anderson presented the draft phase of the plan to the Council. The plan would be available for public review and comment from February 9, 2015 to March 9, 2015. A second Public Hearing would be held on March 5, 2015 at 5:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. She summarized for the Council the purpose of the plan to develop a viable community by providing decent housing, suitable living environment and expansion of economic opportunities principally for low and moderate incomes persons. The summary included objectives, evaluation of past performance, housing, workforce, educational needs, implementation, resources and goals from analyzed data. Comments were received from each Council Member. Comment for the hearing was also received from Ann Witzig that as a landlord she observed her filled vacancies were tenants from the public housing. No additional comments were heard. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:25 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS
Motion by Council Member Orrick, seconded by Council Member Gillespie that the **BID FOR N. VETERANS DRIVE MILL AND OVERLAY PROJECT in the amount of $189,586.43 be approved AND THE CONTRACT AWARDED TO R.A. CULLINAN AND SON A DIVISION OF UMC, INC.** City Engineer Michael Guerra recommended Council's approval of an original piece of roadway on north Veterans from Court Street to the end of the asphalt section to bring the quality of all sections of Veterans up to acceptable standards. Mr. Guerra noted only one bid was received, 5.1% higher than estimate but still within the original authorized $200,000.00 for the project. Council's questions regarding IDOT changes to the specifications on how the bituminous prime coat was measured and IDOT's recommended change to the hot mix asphalt surface course mix were address. It was the engineer's opinion that re-bidding the project would result in no change to the number of bidders or the amount of the bid. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Orrick that the **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH TAZEWELL COUNTY for upgrade digital orthophotography in the amount of $3,224.88 be approved.** Council was asked to approve a joint effort to share the cost to acquire current regional aerial photography. The cost included the City's own copy of geo-reference photography for 27 square miles of the City and surrounding area to integrate with our GIS system. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL
Council Member McCabe recognized the Pekin girls basketball team and Destination Imagination team for their commendable recent winning efforts.

Council Member Orrick noted the CDBG agencies and the City were fortunate to work with the coordination of Pamela Anderson.

Council Member Golden asked that an issue involving a resident's complaint that an improper citation led to a missed hearing and court cost be resolved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Orrick, that the Council move to Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss 65 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6.) Lease of Municipally Owned Property and (1.) Personnel. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, motion by Council Member Abel, that Council adjourn. Motion carried voice vote. Mayor Barra adjourned the meeting in open session.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:20 P.M.
Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk