
**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 14, 2011 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
RUSTY L. DUNN, MAYOR PRESIDING**

**PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, BLANCHARD, BARRA, KORTKAMP, SCHMIDGALL,
STRAND AND DUNN**

ABSENT: NONE

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

Roll was called and all Council Members were present.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Barra, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of January 24, 2011 and the Special Budget Work Session Meeting of February 7, 2011, be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that the **CONSENT AGENDA be approved as presented.** Mayor Dunn read and presented the following for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

7.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes: **Traffic Safety Committee Minutes February 4, 2011; Building, Inspections, and Zoning Report January 2011; and Tazewell Animal Control January 2011.**

7.2 Charitable Solicitation: **Benefit Nancy Adami-Wagnaar April 2, 2011**

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Blanchard that the Local match for **HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SIGN GRANT in the amount of \$8,193.75 from Motor Fuel Tax, be approved.** Public Works Director Joe Wuellner reported that ten municipalities and townships jointly applied and were granted funding to replace regulatory signs and post. Pekin's portion of local match would be \$8,193.75 to East Peoria who took the lead of responsibility. The grant covers 250 signs out of 3400 throughout the City which would bring the City closer to the 2015 compliance for reflectivity requirements. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Schmidgall, that the Tourism Grant for **MARCH MADNESS EXPERIENCE participation in the amount of \$5,000.00, be approved.** Council was advised that the Tourism Committee recommended a \$5,000.00 grant contribution to be a regional sponsor for the IHSA Boy's State Basketball Tournament event hosted in Peoria. The City receives additional traffic from attendees to our hotels, restaurants and shops. Council Member Barra voiced concern of the lack of advertisement of Pekin's available hotels on the IHSA web site. Council Member Blanchard stated he would not support the expenditure. It was noted that the expense was from the Tourism Fund and did not affect the budget deficit. On roll call vote, Ayes, Strand, Kortkamp, Abel, Dunn; Nays, Blanchard and Barra. Motion Carried.

INFORMATIONAL BUDGET

Interim City Manager Frank Mackaman presented for Council's information a current summary of FY2012 project revenues and expenses. He explained the format of the document and 4 fund categories. Mr. Mackaman suggested a second budget work session be scheduled to discuss which of the 4 subtotaled funds, revenue over/under expense,

Council wanted to tackle as a proposed 2012 budget number. He reported from a work session question that the PEDIF was a restricted fund in General Fund Reserves. The document would be available to the public on the Pekin Web site.

Mayor Dunn received interest from Council Members in meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 @ 5:30 p.m.

Council Member Schmidgall requested an update status of the 2011 budget and approximate dollar of reserves that will be used to balance the year ending April 31, 2011.

No action was taken by the Council

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Recognition was given native Pekinite D.A. Points in his winning the PGA Pebble Beach Pro-Am Golf Tournament over the weekend.

Appreciation was extended to all who worked on and participated in the Candidate College Training Session on Wednesday.

Mayor Dunn announced applications were available from the City to fill vacancies on the following Committees: Airport, Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning, and Mayor's Advisory for Persons with Disabilities.

Council Member Blanchard announced that Project 9-12 was hosting a Candidate Forum on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at the Pekin Public Library.

Public Works Director Joe Wuellner distributed to Council a memo outlining an issue of grain truck traffic and the congestion caused on Front Street. In the memo two options to solving the issue were presented. Mr. Wuellner asked Council to contact him so he could respond to Turner Grain, Aventine, Illinois Corn Products and Tomen Grain regarding the City's preference.

Council extended appreciation for the Street Department and City's response to February's snow event. The Fire Department was also congratulated for quick response to a fire on Mechanic Street over the weekend.

Steve Brown, 1715 Memorial Drive thanked Council for the partnership with the Avanti's Dome which allowed for two large events coming up at the facility. He invited the Council and Public to attend a Girls Fast Pitch Tournament and Tazewell Council Beer and Wine Fest.

Tim Golden, 2104 Alhambra Court, raised concern on the materials used and the application for the improvements to Eastside Fire Station. The City Manager informed him that he had met with P.J. Hoerr and would have a conclusion report to Council by Wednesday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that the Council move to Executive Session at 6:10 P.M. to discuss: 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 5. Acquisition of property and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 21. Discussion of closed session minutes. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

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

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:35 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk