
 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 13, 2017 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
 JOHN MCCABE *MAYOR * PRESIDING

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor McCabe.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called. All Council Members were physically present. A quorum was declared.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Luft, seconded by Council Member Ritchason that the Agenda be approved as presented. On roll call vote all presented voted Aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 23, 2017

5.1. MINUTES

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mark Luft, Council Member
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Council Member
AYES:	Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, Dunn, McCabe
ABSENT:	Tim Golden

PUBLIC INPUT

Keith Gleason President Teamsters Local 627 spoke in support to the Council's approval of the Sales Tax Ordinance. He stated the City had excellent City services performed by the employees he represented as well as police and fire employees. Those excellent services were what everyone wants and those types of services were expensive. There has to be a way to pay and increase sales tax is what the ordinance would do. The following, Executive Director West Business Trade Clint Drury, Brian Muth President Pacific Ethanol, Tom Vetch President Local Firefighters 524 spoke in support. Steve Schroeder recognized the services the City provided but Council needed to standup and raise taxes for the once wonderful infrastructure now crumbling.

Dustin Maquet stated he was not opposed to the increase in sales tax but informed Council that taxpayers in Pekin were paying a food and beverage tax of 2% also. Maquet asked if those paying the food and beverage tax be carved out of the sales tax to make it more fair.

Ann Witzig addressed the Council on the proposed increase in Sales Tax. She spoke of the popular word "vetting" and actions of the City as a "letting" Council. She gave examples of purchases of property at the riverfront and on Derby Street that Council had done nothing with. Mrs. Witzig stated her concern that the new generated money was for the General Fund spending and had to stop and for Council not to go out to the tax payer for the request.

Steve Schroeder spoke in support of the increase to the Sales Tax that had not been raised since 2006. He asked that Council stand up and say it was time to be able to provide repair the City's infrastructure.

Jim Todd, an employee of the City addressed the Sales Tax Ordinance and noted that the City would be getting money from other than those that lived in Pekin.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following was read and presented by Mayor McCabe for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote. Mayor McCabe read and presented the Proclamation "Pekin Women's Club Day" to Debbie Dant and congratulated the civic organization marking its 125th year existence. He also read and presented to school teacher and Council Member Michael Ritchason the Proclamation for "Young Author's Week."

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
AYES:	Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, Dunn, McCabe
ABSENT:	Tim Golden

- 7.1. Proclamation**
- 7.2. Proclamation**
- 7.3. Receive and File and File Bids for Cambridge and Shire Avenue Storm Water Detention System**
- 7.4. Receive and File Bids for Parkway Drive Drainage Structure Sidewalk Reconstruction**
- 7.5. February 2017 Traffic Safety Meeting Minutes**
- 7.6. Fire Pension Municipal Compliance Report**
Receive and File Fire Pension Municipal Compliance Report per House Bill 5088
- 7.7. Tazewell County Animal Control January 2017 Report**

OLD BUSINESS

- 8.1. Resolution No. 43-16/17 A Resolution Regarding Minutes of Executive Session Meetings**

Council voted unanimously to remove the tabled item of January 27, 2017 from the table.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	Mark Luft, Council Member
AYES:	Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, Dunn, McCabe
ABSENT:	Tim Golden

NEW BUSINESS

9.1. Ordinance No. 2761-16/17 Amending Title 3, Chapter 2, Sections 1-3 of the Code of the City of Pekin 1995 Regarding Municipal Taxation

Mr. Carson presented his recommendation to the Council on the amendment to the Home Rule Municipal Retailer Occupation Tax, increasing the tax from 1.2 percent to 1.75 percent. He stated during his discussion that Council be aware it was in the context of the General Fund. The Manager informed the Council that the need was significant for the increase for two reasons, it would preserve the City's existing levels of service and allow the City to replenish yearly the cash reserves that had fallen below acceptable levels. He pointed out the following facts: Businesses would not be at a competitive disadvantage to surrounding communities by the 1/2% increase. It had been previously estimated non-residents generated 20-25% of the sales tax. He estimated \$1.6 million dollars would be generated annually from the sales tax. He noted he had prepared 17 previous budgets and would be presenting to the Council in the next few months, the same type of budgeting where expenditures would not exceed revenues. With the General Fund operating at a 1.4 million dollar deficit it showed the need for the additional revenue. Without the increase the City would have to cut services but he felt the department were operating at a minimum levels. He strongly recommended the Ordinance be adopted that would show benefits to the City. Council Member Ritchason spoke of the Economic Development projects presented at the beginning of his term and was excited about their potential for the City. He informed the Council that an increase to the sales tax had been tabled until the Efficiency Study was completed to see if there could be cuts in its place. At that point the projects did not move forward without an earmarked source for the implementation of the projects. He commented that a tax was never popular, that the Council tried to make the best decisions, and that the City is at a place to move forward. Council Member Dunn spoke that the need was significant in replenishing cash reserves. It had been a long time since a company had moved to Pekin that provided head of household jobs. There was need for an economic development plan. Council Member Luft echoed the comments of Council Member Ritchason. He stated that the City now has a plan and has restructured the staff. He voiced concern without moving forward with revenues to fix the roads the City would never draw people to Pekin. He expressed total confidence in the Manager's proposal.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Council Member
AYES:	Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, Dunn, McCabe
ABSENT:	Tim Golden

9.2. Ordinance No. 2758-16/17 – Amending the Code of the City of Pekin 1995 Regarding Title 7 Chapter 4 Flood Control

City Engineer Mike Guerra submitted to the Council an Amendment to meet floodplain management regulations to conform to National Flood Insurance Program and the Flood Insurance Rate Maps, effective February 17, 2017. He advised the Council that an ordinance had been adopted in October but Peoria County study and FIRM maps for property on the other side of the river was not listed. Therefore Title 7, chapter 4 of the City Code modifications were needed to incorporate the requirements of NFIP standards.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
SECONDER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, Dunn, McCabe
ABSENT:	Tim Golden

9.3. Title 1 Chapter 12 Administrative Adjudication

Council was informed by Police Chief John Dossey on the changes to the City's administrative and traffic adjudication ordinances. He reported much of the ordinance related to cleanup work to the existing provisions and clarify some of its wording. The adjudication process would allow the City to save money in prosecution costs and aid in the collection of fines. The amendment confirms the ordinance is attached to underage drinking and social hosting ordinances. Also confirms there was no early pay discount attached to \$100 snow ban tickets. It was explained to Council Member Orrick's question that social hosting was a definition of drinking parties in residences.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rusty Dunn, Council Member
SECONDER:	Mark Luft, Council Member
AYES:	Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, Dunn, McCabe
ABSENT:	Tim Golden

9.4. Title 8 Chapter 10 Traffic Code of the City of Pekin ADJUDICATION

Police Chief Dossey next presented his request to amend The Traffic Code section, Title 8. He advised the amendment included updated language that would tie into other ordinances also the provisions as it pertained to the new marijuana legislation as it applied to expungement. Chief explained that adjudication in house shifted the burden from the taxpayer to the violator in a collection process of fees.

Council Member Abel questioned if the City had a large amount of uncollected fines. Council Member Orrick questioned and was told by Chief Dossey that the department is still required to report to the state for suspension of a license.

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MOVER:	Rusty Dunn, Council Member
SECONDER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
AYES:	Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, Dunn, McCabe
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ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

The public was given the opportunity to express their comments to the Council.

City Manager Tony Carson briefed the Council on an item he found concerning regarding a public comment about the waste water collections department. He expressed his 100% support of the employees. He next applauded the Police Chief and the department for the Community Policing initiative. He identified a situation in which Officer Nick Taylor made a cautious effort to alert a resident of his garage door being open during the night. City Engineer Mike Guerra presented a Merit Award from American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois 2017 Engineering Excellence Awards Completion for projects worthy of recognition for the engineer and the owner/client presented to the Farnsworth Group, Inc for the City of Pekin Wastewater Treatment and CSO Improvements. Mr. Guerra responded to Council Members Abel's question that the purchased property if the bid were to be awarded that the property will be demolished.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURN

No further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Council Member Abel and seconded by Council Member Ritchason to adjourn. Motion carried viva voce.

Mayor McCabe adjourned the meeting at 7:05 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk