
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 12, 2018 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
JOHN MCCABE *MAYOR * PRESIDING

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A quorum was declared by Mayor McCabe. Council Member Schramm was absent.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
James A Schramm	Council Member	Absent	
Michael Garrison	Councilman	Present	3:43 PM
Lloyd Orrick	Mayor Pro-Tem	Present	3:42 PM
John P Abel	Council Member	Present	3:55 PM
Michael Ritchason	Council Member	Present	5:19 PM
Mark Luft	Council Member	Present	5:26 PM
John McCabe	Mayor	Present	3:42 PM

APPROVE AGENDA

3.1. Motion to: **Approve agenda**

3.2. Motion to: **Motion**

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mark Luft, Council Member
SECONDER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
AYES:	Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe
ABSENT:	James A Schramm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. Motion to: **Approval of Minutes**

4.2. **City Council - Regular Meeting - Jan 22, 2018 5:30 PM**

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Garrison, Councilman
SECONDER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe
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PUBLIC INPUT

Jim Mangan addressed council regarding the audit on the agenda. He felt it was a good time to ask folks to ask the auditor and treasurer that is present about the questions he's been asking about the half a million dollars not accountable that was taken out in 2015. Mr. Mangan was hoping that the two of them could answer where it's out now or if it was carried over from the 2016/2017 budget. He ended with one other question on the chronic nuisance ordinance. He asked if the ordinance included nuisance of open dumpsters at 14th and Willow Street that have been open continuously forever and a day. He would appreciate finding that out too.

John McNish approached council in reference to the wastewater service purchase and the memo from the city engineer. He points out that the itemization of Mr. Guerra's figures do not add up to the correct amount. Mr. McNish said he talked with Lloyd earlier and Mr. Guerra should be asking for \$26,646.52 instead of the request for action of \$26,089.22. He doesn't understand how council will vote with different amounts.

Charity Gullett spoke about the chronic nuisance ordinance. Her essential point was that if you yourself are not willing to live aside what she has been the last 14 months then vote yes. she asked that council contemplate Mr. Dossey's first passage and be a responsible citizen and not a passive law abiding voter. She asks that council not do nothing by voting no and not be passive and be involved by voting yes. She asked that you come together and unanimously vote yes. She thanked everyone for their time.

Julia Kurtcher spoke in support of the chronic nuisance ordinance. She explained that she cannot open her windows. She questioned those who could not afford a lawn-mower to mow the lawn. She said she is afraid to go outside and get her mail.

Jacob Collins spoke to support the chronic nuisance ordinance and to support the continuance of the two hour parking restriction for another six months.

Carl Johnson spoke to encourage yes on the upcoming chronic nuisance ordinance. He stated that last year or so he continued with the next door neighbor's porch falling from the house and their property in his yard. He said that luckily these people have moved out and new owners are making extensive repair. This property has attracted vermin, raccoons, possums, rats and he has caught them in his backyard and thrown them out in the country. This behavior decreases the property tax base. He said he owns business rental property and its the first building you see. He maintains this well so that it is safe and clean and to attract new residents in Pekin. He believes some may influence votes to the negative but asks not to listen to them. He said your yes vote will improve quality of life.

Ann Witzig stated that she had questions on the police section. She stated that some fines have been added, over \$29,000. She said to take that times 12, if that is the average taken each month, where does that money go? Pension, department, funds? Where? She continued to ask about bids for properties under 7.1 other expenditures. It states \$4 million were other expenditures she would like to have a few examples of what other expenditures are. Ms. Witzig then spoke about the airport. She says there are no ramp or tie down fees and fuel is low. She questioned if there has there been any increase in anything on the airport in the last 2 years. If nothings been raised we should look into that. She ended with the fact that she appreciates the ordinance and that down the road it will effect tax base which is what you need. She said people are taking lower amounts when selling their house. We'll have less money if not taken constructively.

Kendra McDaniels stood up to say that she has lived here all her life and she is here to support Charity with the chronic nuisance. She states to vote Pekin proud and vote yes.

Howard Shore spoke to state he is here to support the chronic nuisance amendment. He stated that one of his parents lived next to a house in disrepair, and they too lived next to house with possums and raccoons, vote yes for an amendment.

Betsy Fannon spoke to say she was here to support chronic nuisance ordinance. For 20/30 years she lived next door to a home with no repairs, renters junked backed yard. She bought the property and looks much better now, also had raccoons looking in her back window.

Josh Smith spoke in support of the chronic nuisance ordinance. That's all he had to say.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor McCabe presented the Consent Agenda and 3 business items were received and filed.

6.1. Tazewell County Animal Control Billing - January 2018

RESULT:	RECEIVED AND FILED
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6.2. Police Department December 2017 Stats

RESULT:	RECEIVED AND FILED
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6.3. Receive and File Notice of Properties to be Demolished Using CDBG Funding

6.4. Motion to: Motion to Approve Consent Agenda

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Council Member
AYES:	Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe
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PRESENTATIONS

7.1. Presentation of Annual Financial Statements

James Warning of Willock Warning & Co., P.C. presented an outline and summary, including the past 3 or 4 years for comparisons, of selected financial information of the City of Pekin for fiscal year ended April 30, 2017 from the audited Annual Financial Statements. He spoke on the financial condition of the City, spending most of his presentation focusing on net pension obligations, the General Fund, the Sewage Fund, and the Solid Waste Fund. He also touched on operating expenses and revenue. The Council followed along as he explained specific pages of the audit referred to in the outline. Council member Orrick asked Mr. Warning's opinion of the future of the city on the continued path. Mr. Warning answered by pointing out that he loves this city and changes will need to be made on a constant basis. Council member Orrick thanked Mr. Warning for his service and job performed. Council member Luft questioned what other communities are doing about their fiscal issues. Mr. Warning answered that he believed cuts needed to be made. Council member Luft and Mayor McCabe expressed their appreciation and gratitude towards Mr. Warning.

7.2. 1327 : Airport Presentation

Mr. Todd Dugan gave his presentation on the airport. He began by describing the history of Pekin Airport and emphasized that the airport allows goods, services,

and citizens to move about. He explained how the airport's proximity allows for significant economic efforts. He commented on the many grants and federal money the airport receives that are mostly government subsidized. He explained how increased traffic count and fuel sales offsets operational expenses. Mr. Dugan announced that over 2,000 people attended wings on wheels. Mayor McCabe commented that the state estimated several million in grants over the next five years and asked what they are basing that on. Mr. Dugan explained that it derives from TIFF programs and that the airport is projected to received four million dollars in which we receive 95% and pay back up to 5%. Council members Abel pointed out that customers come from all over. Council member Ritchason spoke about fuel prices and the runway lighting project. City Manager Anthony Carson followed up by pointing out that we have gradually increased prices such as the farm lease and are looking at additional revenue sources. Mr. Carson praised Mr. Dugan on his performance. Council member Ritchason commented that we have outgrown what we have in terms of hanger space and there is a waiting list, he emphasized that there is a lot of growth out there. Council member Luft agreed with council member Ritchason and asked Mr. Dugan how the Pekin Airport's hangar fees compares to others our size. Mr. Dugan explained that our hangar fees are higher but our fuel prices are lower than most. City Manager Anthony Carson followed up by stating that our model makes sense for a small airport. Council member Orrick and Mayor McCabe praised Mr. Dugan for a great job.

NEW BUSINESS

8.1. Ordinance No. 2777-17/18 - Chronic Nuisance Amendment

Motion by Council Member Abel seconded by Council Member Ritchason that Ordinance No. 2777 - 17/18 be adopted. Chief Dossey addressed the Council for questions. He also addressed Mr. Jim Mangan's question about the dumpster order and that a ticket would not be issued right away but the alternative is the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance, the administrative function would be to take it a step further. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John P Abel, Council Member
SECONDER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
AYES:	Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe
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8.2. Intergovernmental Agreement Advanced Funding for TC3

Motion by Council Member Ritchason seconded by Council Member Luft that Intergovernmental Agreement Advanced Funding for TC3 be adopted. Council was informed that all communities have been asked to advance \$25,000 that will allow the new organization to pay ongoing expenses before the merger to consolidate 911 centers from 4 to 2 is complete. We are the last community to vote on this. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
SECONDER:	Mark Luft, Council Member
AYES:	Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe
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- 8.3. Resolution No. 77-17/18 Purchase Computer Servers for Wastewater**
 Motion by Council Member Luft seconded by Council Member Abel that Resolution No. 77 - 17/18 be amended to approve \$26,646.52 to be spent up to that amount. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

- 8.4. Motion to: Motion to Approve WWTP Server Purchase as Amended**
 Original motion to approve WWTP Server Purchase as Amended. Council was informed that the contract was approved in August for technical assistance and we do not have that knowledge for our IT as it is a very unique skill set and the life expectancy of our server has surpassed. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

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SECONDER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
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- 8.5. Resolution No. 74-17/18 A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Modification for Bus Rates and Service**
 Motion by Council Member Luft seconded by Council Member Ritchason that Resolution No. 74 - 17/18 be adopted. Council was informed that the two year agreement after this year of both South Pekin and Rankin approached the City Manager with an agreement both sides felt were fair. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

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SECONDER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
AYES:	Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe
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- 8.6. Resolution No. 78 - 17/18**
City of Pekin Downtown Two Hour Parking Restriction Moratorium
 Motion by Council Member Garrison seconded by Council Member Orrick that Resolution No. 78 - 17/18 be adopted. City Manager informed Council that six months ago they started a process of getting business owners involved. The City sent out an email and received overwhelming support and calls of support without anyone complaining of a negative impact. They asked for a whole year of the two hour parking restriction. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

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MOVER:	Michael Garrison, Councilman
SECONDER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
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ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Mr. Rick Hilst approached the podium to thank Mr. Warning. He continued to ask whether the funds in the cash pool are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and if all the money invested is insured or guaranteed. Mr. Hilst continued his questioning as to whether or not the cash pool fund has been audited and how we ended up with money to pay for new garbage trucks. He also wanted to know the principal of the 2010 bond series and what fund they are coming out of. He said he send an email to Mayor McCabe asking if those speaking from the public can be allowed to display pictures on the screens. Mayor McCabe argued that the public is not allowed to use our offices and if we open up the screens they will get bogged down and possibly have technical issues, but he is still thinking. Mr. Hilst continued pointed out that Charity Gullett first came here with a bunch of pictures and that maybe the public would like to see those pictures posted on the screens.

Mr. John McNish spoke by congratulated the Police Chief. He then commented on how everyone looked surprised after Mr. Warning's presentation. He believed Mr. Warning said Council should oversee the finances, but Mr. McNish doesn't see that happening and suggested that Council read the code.

Ann Witzig approached the podium and stated that she did not get an answer of the \$20,000 that went for fees from the police department issuing tickets. She commented on how she believes there is nothing to address the 20 people waiting for hangars. If she had money and needed revenue she would move forward and build. Ms. Witzig began to address Mr. Dugan with questions and was stopped by Mayor McCabe to address the Council only as a whole and to write any of her questions down and to give them to him. She agreed she would and moved on to speak about the busses. She would like to know how much premiums were for bus insurance. She explained that she doesn't get what she wants so that is why she gets irritated up there.

Mr. Jacob Collins suggested that Council look at ways to increase revenue and not to be afraid to try new things.

Charity Gullett spoke and thanked Council for passing the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance. She stated that the government can work when we can work together. She believes that Council listened and acted. She commented that she would be defensive if she was spoken to the way Council is spoken to by members of the public.

City Manager Anthony Carson address Council about how at the last meeting Ms. Smith came in about the banner program and he believes that it is worthwhile. He explained that one of the things we have to do is to identify an area conducive to put up banners

where we own our own utility polls. He pointed out one area on Parkway Drive from Court Street to Sheridan and asked Council to consider this area to utilize the program. He asked for feedback from Council.

Treasurer Jim Wolf spoke about the questions raises regarding the 2015 loan. He explained that the loan is funded as we present invoices to Morton Community Bank. Final projects have just been completed so he will be able to draw down the loan. The loan is exclusively used for various road projects.

Council Member Abel commented how Charity Gullett will be a poster girl on how things get done. He has spoken to people who are afraid to come up to the podium. He stated that she proved that things do work well most of the time.

Council Member Garrison thanked the citizens that did comment on the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance. He thought it was a no and that it was an overreach, but with passion they changed his mind and he voted yes.

Council Member Luft informed everyone that he is no longer the owner of Maurie's downtown. His wife tried to type up a statement of why they were letting it go but she cried so he is taking care of it. His wife has health issues and they have growing needs of their handicapped child. He thanked those who came down and the community that supported them.

ADJOURN

No further action to come before the Council, motion was made by Council Member Ritchason seconded by Council Member Luft that Council adjourn. Motion carried viva voce. Mayor McCabe adjourned the meeting in open session at 7:20 P.M.