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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 12, 2007 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
DARYL DAGIT * MAYOR PRO TEM * PRESIDING

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, BLANCHARD, JONES, MADDOX AND DAGIT

ABSENT: MAYOR FRANK MACKAMAN

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As provided by Resolution No. 237, establishing the procedure for appointing a mayor pro tem, Council Member Dagit was selected by alphabetical rotation to preside at the meeting in Mayor Mackaman's absence from the City.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Pro Tem Dagit.

Roll was called and all Council Members were present except Mayor Mackaman.

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

Minutes
A motion was then made by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Maddox, that the **Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of January 22, 2007, the Special Council Meeting – Candidate Forum of January 30, 2007, and the Special Council Meeting – Landlord Public Input of January 31, 2007 be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Consent Agenda
Mayor Pro Tem Dagit presented and read the following items under Consent Agenda.
Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Maddox, that the Consent Agenda be **approved as presented.**

1. **Receive and File Reports and Minutes: T/PCCC January Report, Electrical Commission February Minutes, Police January Report, Inspections Department Minutes, Building Report, Traffic Safety Committee February Minutes**

2. **Charitable Solicitation: Central Illinois Lupus Foundation Annual Tag Day Friday October 5, 2007**
   Eagles Lodge Benefit for Paula Reed March 31, 2007

3. **Resolution No. 184-06/07 – Mayor's Appointments to Riverway Business Park Review Committee**

4. **Receive and File IDOT Memorandum Submitting and Recommending approval of Agreements for Federal Participation of $400,000 for VFW Road design and $100,000 for Land Acquisition**

5. **Receive and File Illinois Central Railroad Company License for Underground Pipelines, Cables, and Conduits granting permission to construct sanitary sewer at Davis and Second Street**

6. **Receive and File Application to the Department of the Army for permit for minor dredging, installation of a floating dock, and improvement to the parking area West side of the River**

7. **Loan Agreement with United States Air Force Static Display Program for Airplane at Pekin Municipal Airport**

8. **Ordinance No. 2513-06/07 – Changing Name of Vogel Avenue to Commercial Drive**

9. **Resolution No. 185-06/07 – Approving Final Plat Riverway Business Park 3rd Addition**

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Communications, Petitions, Reports

A **PUBLIC HEARING** was opened by Mayor Pro-Tem Dagit at 5:34 p.m. to contemplate the adoption of an ordinance authorizing the Lease of Municipally Owned Property to Tazewell/Pekin Consolidated Communication Center for the premises at 1130 Koch Street. The City Clerk confirmed that the notice was properly published in the Pekin Daily Times on January 26, 2007. All interested parties were given the opportunity to be heard. There were no comments received from the public. City Manager Dennis Kief informed Council that the present lease had expired and a new agreement was reached for T/PCCC to rent the area in the Service Center facility for $750.00 per month for 5 years with a 5-year option. The hearing was closed at 5:35 p.m.

New Business

ORDINANCE NO. 2514-06/07
AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED REAL PROPERTY
TAZEWELL/PEKIN CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS CENTER T/PCCC

Motion by Council Member Maddox, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that Ordinance No. 2514-06/07 be adopted. The ordinance approved the negotiated new lease for the premises at 1130 Koch Street in the amount of $750.00 per month for 5 years. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2515-06/07
AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995
REGARDING REFERENCES TO COUNCIL MEMBERS AS COMMISSIONERS

Motion by Council Member Maddox, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that Ordinance No. 2515-06/07 be adopted. Council was informed that the request to replace references from the term Commissioner to Council Member was a matter of cleaning up the Code. In addition reference under the former government as Commissioners of various Divisions were deleted. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2516-06/07
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2448 ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Motion by Council Member Maddox, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that Ordinance No. 2516-06/07 be adopted. City Manager Dennis Kief explained that in compliance with the Local Records Act and the Open Meetings Act, the amendment incorporates E-mail and Electronic Document Policies that were similar with the Employee Policy. Difference was that Internet use during work hours was not applicable to the Council. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Maddox, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **CITY MANAGER BE AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT FOR THE CITY OF PEKIN TO PURCHASE ELECTRICITY WITH THE FINAL CONTRACT TO COME IN FRONT OF THE CITY COUNCIL.** City Manager Dennis Kief asked for authorization to follow the Request for Proposals process other municipalities were approaching after there was indication that CILCO would not freeze utility rates. He confirmed concerns that there would be no impact on the franchise agreement. Council Member Jones requested that a professional be contacted to prepare the RFP that understood utility rates. Mr. Kief felt the writing of the proposal was within staff's expertise and that any final document would be brought back to Council. Council Member Blanchard spoke in support of the negotiation in-house. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Maddox, that the **REQUEST FROM TAZEWELL COUNTY HISTORIC PLACES SOCIETY FOR A TOURISM GRANT FOR THE ART FESTIVAL** be approved in the amount of $277.17**.** The recommendation was for an amount under the grant policy for Community Event at 50% of total costs. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Maddox, that the **REQUEST FROM TAZEWELL COUNTY HISTORIC PLACES SOCIETY FOR A TOURISM GRANT FOR SCOTT ALTMAN EVENT** be approved in the amount of $1,121.18**.** Council Member Blanchard expressed his opinion that the request was not justified based on missing criteria for economic impact and documentation that the event brought over night stays.

Mayor Pro Tem Dagit stated that his decision to vote on the grant was determined by the fact he was voting on behalf of the non profit group, Tazewell County Historical Places and not for Christal Dagit who was a volunteer that received no compensation from the Museum. Mayor Pro Tem Dagit informed Council that the President of the Society had gone through several revisions to the application document and changes to the Tourism Policy since early summer. The Chair then recognized Christal Dagit to answer questions or address concerns. Council Member Maddox briefed Council on research he did regarding turn around of one dollar spent for tourism.

Motion was then made by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Maddox that the Tourism Grant application submitted by Tazewell County Historic Places Society for Scott Altman Event be approved under the policy of a Community Event at 1/2 of the expenses up to $500.00. On roll call vote Nays, Jones, Maddox, Dagit; Aye, Blanchard. Motion failed.

On roll call vote of the original motion to approve the requested amount of $1,121.18, Ayes, Jones, Maddox, and Dagit; Nay, Blanchard. Motion Carried.

<u>CITY OF PEKIN POLICY NO. 13-06/07</u>
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR TRANSIT SERVICES

Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Maddox, that Policy No. 13-06/07 be adopted. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council Member Blanchard reported he had received a response from Senator Koehler's office which indicated the Canadian National Railroad had moved up the intention to improve the railroad track crossing on Koch Street and Derby Street as soon as May 2007. The concern of Council Member Jones was addressed that the Railroad will raise the grade of the street for the improvement not at the City's expense.

Council Member Maddox applauded the work of the Street Department in snow removal efforts this year.

City Manager Dennis Kief informed the Council that staff would again meet for a recap of the snow event to evaluate suggestions for improvement. Garbage trucks equipped with plow blades will be utilized if needed for the impending snow. A parking ban would also go into effect at 10:00 p.m. this night.

Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Maddox, that Council move to Executive Session at 6:06 P.M. to discuss Acquisition of Real Estate 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 5. and Sale of Real Estate 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 6. and Pending Litigation 5ILCS 120/2 (c.) 11. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye. The Council returned to open session.

No further business to come before the Council, Mayor Pro Tem Dagit called the meeting closed in open session.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:23 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk