
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE CITY HALL
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2003 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
R. DAVID TEBBEN * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS, RICHMOND, AND MASSAGLIA

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER BARRA AND ORRICK

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

Roll was called. Commissioners Richmond and Massaglia were present. A quorum was present.

Agenda

Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia, that the **agenda be amended by adding under Consent Agenda Proclamation: Young Authors Week February 24, 2003**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia, that the **agenda be approved as amended**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia, that the **Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of January 27, 2003 be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Public Input on Agenda Items

Amy Newell Warner, 335 Buena Vista addressed New Business Ordinance No. 1462-A205. Ms. Warner opposed parking on Buena Vista and suggested additional solutions to correct what she felt was unsafe practices for dropping off children at Washington Grade School and the YWCA Day Care.

Jamie Taylor, President of YWCA Board of Directors stated the Y's position that it was their consensus after approaching the TSC for solutions, to support the option presented for 15 minute parking on the west and no parking on the east side of Buena Vista.

Barbara Walsh, 420 Washington addressed the proposed changes to parking on Buena Vista. She recommended that the YWCA create a drop-off area not on a city street. She asked Council to commit to traffic enforcement of no parking, u-turns, parking on wrong side of the street.

Dawn Goetz, 2307 Arlington Circle represented the parents committee of the YWCA. She stated the parents endorsed the recommendations presented by the Traffic Safety Committee.

Barb Strand, Children's Advocacy Center questioned the location of amendments to the Traffic Code Ordinance No. 1462-A205. It was confirmed there was no change to parking in front of the facility on Buena Vista.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia, that the **Consent Agenda be approved as presented**.

1. Receive and File Monthly Reports: Police, Fire, Inspections, Health Insurance, Traffic Safety, Tazewell County Animal Control, and Zoning and Inspections (Building, Code Enforcement, Sewer & Plumbing, Electrical, HVAC),
2. Charitable Solicitation: Teen Challenge Illinois February 14-15, 2003
Lupus Foundation of Central Illinois Friday, Oct 3, 2003
3. Receive and File Petition for Annexation 2009 South Second Street /Taylor

* 4. Proclamation: Young Authors Week February 24, 2003

On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Communications, Petitions, Reports

DISCUSSION WASTEWATER CONTRACT OPERATIONS ALTERNATIVES

Public Works Director Dennis Kief told Council that the ten-year contract with United Water ends August 2003. He offered Council three options to evaluate: 1) Re-bid the Contract 2) Extend the Contract with United Water for an unspecified time (until the expansion is complete, until we are operating the water system 3) Operate the facility ourselves as we did prior to 1993. Discussion followed on 20-year term being too long, testing the market with RFP, and the effects on writing a new contract considering an expansion and contracting water operations. Mr. Kief was directed to request that United Water submit a proposal for two 1- year add-ons to the existing Contract to Operate the Wastewater Treatment Facilities through August 2005. In addition he was to request two 1-year options through August 2007.

DISCUSSION WATER RATE CASE UPDATE

Dick informed the Council that he had received information associated with the rate increase case for Illinois American that was disturbing and could be serious for customers of the Pekin system. The Attorney Generals Office hired Scott Rubin to review the rate increase. Mr. Rubin testified that the American Water systems in Illinois should go to Single Tariff Pricing. This could result in a devastating 95% rate increase for industrial customers. Mr. Hierstein was directed to continue to monitor filings in the case but the City would not hire an attorney to fight the rate increase at this time.

New Business

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A205

AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 4 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN REGARDING NO PARKING BUENA VISTA AT BROADWAY

Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia, that Ordinance No. 1462-A205 be adopted. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A203

AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 4 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN REGARDING INCORPORATING SCHEDULE OF NO PARKING

Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia, that Ordinance No. 1462-A203 be adopted. Public Works Director Dennis Kief told Council the schedule was a major change to the way the City updates the various sections of the traffic portion of the City Code. He recommended consolidating a number of separate Parking Restriction areas into one category to be kept current in a database. The intent is that future recommended changes would be highlighted in the database. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye

ORDINANCE NO. 2319

AUTHORIZING INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT MORTGAGE ASSIST PROGRAM

Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia, that Ordinance No. 2319 be adopted. Council members endorsed the program based on previous experience of similar first time buyers programs. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye

ORDINANCE NO. 2320

AMENDING TITLE 4, CHAPTER 4C. OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN REGARDING LIEN NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY COST AND EXPENSES

Motion by Com'r. Massaglia, seconded by Com'r. Richmond, that Ordinance No. 2320 be adopted. Corporation Counsel explained that fees to recorder had increased for filing wastewater liens and that a \$25.00 expense was incorporated into the Code. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye

ORDINANCE NO. 2321

PROVIDING FOR EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY AND EXECUTION OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ROBERT DEAN COLSON, JR.

Motion by Com'r. Massaglia, seconded by Com'r. Richmond, that Ordinance No. 2321 be adopted. TIF funding would be used for the property purchase in the riverfront development, which \$200,000 cost was below appraisal. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye

Other Business

Roger Alexander, 1904 Court Street expressed his concern that speed limits were not enforced on Court Street and the concern of traffic safety at the intersection of Court and Parkway Drive. Traffic Safety Committee was directed to take under advisement a suggested "right turn must yield" sign in front of County Market. Police Chief Tim Gillespie explained that the volume of traffic makes radar surveillance of speed difficult.

Ivan Crossman, 1410 Vale Vista suggested using radar in the citizen volunteer police car. He encouraged drivers to slow down on Koch Street in front of the Public Property facility because of the visibility concern of exiting vehicles. Traffic is obscured by the incline in the street. He complimented the City for the installation of the new crosswalk LED traffic signals. The lights are more visible and cost effective.

Reporters from the *Peoria Journal Star*, *Pekin Daily Times* and Jonathan Ahl News Director WCBU were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Motion was made by Com'r. Massaglia, seconded by Com'r. Richmond at 6:45 p.m. that Council move to **Executive Session** to discuss Collective Bargaining, Acquisition of Real Estate and Personnel. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Com'r. Massaglia, seconded by Com'r. Richmond that Council adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:00 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk