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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 8, 2010 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.  
RUSTY L. DUNN, MAYOR PRESIDING**

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

**ABSENT: BARRA**

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

**Roll** was called and all Council Members were present except Council Member Barra. A quorum was present.

**AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

**Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of January 25, 2010 be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

There was no Public Input.

**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.

1. **Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes:** Building Department, Inspections & Zoning Reports, November 2009, December 2009, and January 2010; Liquor Commission approved minutes dated December 17, 2009 and unapproved minutes dated January 28, 2010; Animal Control January 2010; and Police Report January 2010.
2. **Charitable Solicitation:** "Hardcore Jeremy Benefit", February 13, 2010  
"Alicia Bays" – collection cans
3. **Resolution No. 33-09/10 - Regarding Minutes of Executive Session Meetings.**

On roll call vote, all present voted all present voted Ayes.

**COMMUNICATIONS PRESENTATION**

Chief Kurt Nelson provided overview of the **Fire Department's** accomplishments over the past year.

From the **Year-End Report** he presented slides of the endeavors of different services of the department

- Training
- Emergency Medical
- Technical Rescue
- Hazardous Materials
- Fitness and Wellness Initiatives
- Fire Prevention

Attorney Burt Dancey briefed Council on the changes to the **Freedom of Information Request Act** effective January 1, 2010.

- Act created Public Access Counselor
- Must designate one or more official FOIR Officers
- Must complete on-line training and registration
- Public body has 5 days instead of 7 business days to respond
- Fee waived for first 50 pages - \$.15 each additional page
- Commercial purpose request allowed with 21 day response – fee limitation not applicable
- Electronic communications part of public record
- Documents held by contractors subject to FOIR
- Little impact to Pekin practices

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Strand, that the **5 YEAR LEASE WITH ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES for property along Route 29 for Pekin Welcome Sign, be approved.** Public Works Director Joe Wuellner presented the 5 year extension of a 2005 lease of property at Pekin Lake. He stated that the land was originally leased for \$75.00 per year to construct the welcome signage on the north end of town. IDNR did not charge a renewal fee. On roll call vote, Ayes, Schmidgall, Kortkamp, Abel, Strand, Blanchard, and Dunn. Absent Barra. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Schmidgall, that the **CONTRIBUTION TO 2010 MARCH MADNESS EXPERIENCE from Tourism Fund in the amount not to exceed \$5,000, be approved.** Economic Development Coordinator Steve Brown spoke on the recommendation of the Tourism Committee to fund the event as a regional partnership of the IHSA Boys Basketball Tournament. Mayor Dunn stated area municipalities had contributed as well. The event would not gain Pekin a lot of “heads in beds” but would benefit from the advertising/marketing opportunities. Member Strand requested to go on record as philosophically opposed to the city being a corporate sponsor but stated March Madness was a great event. Council Member Schmidgall spoke in support based on the fact that tourism line item balance was limited to funding such purposes. On roll call vote, Ayes, Schmidgall, Kortkamp, Abel, and Dunn; Nays, Strand and Blanchard. Absent Barra. Motion Carried.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL**

Director of Solid Waste Greg Ranney informed the public that there would be no garbage collection on the holiday, February 15 Presidents Day.

City Manager Dennis Kief announced that effective 10 P.M. due to the anticipated snow accumulation the City of Pekin would enforce a Parking Ban on only the City’s designated Snow Routes.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the Council move to Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. to discuss

**5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 2.** Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, **5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 11.** Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent. **5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 5.** The purchase or lease of real property for use of the public body, and **5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 6.** The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

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

**COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:55 P.M.**

Sue E. McMillan  
City Clerk