
**PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2001, AT 4:30 P.M.
R. DAVID TEBBEN * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS, ORRICK, BARRA, JONES, AND RICHMOND

ABSENT: NONE

Notice of a special meeting of the City Council was posted and received by Council on January 24, 2001.

Mayor Tebben called the special meeting to order at 4:30 P.M for general work session discussion, comments and interaction of the agenda projects; VFW Road Priorities, Garbage Collection, Landfill Development.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Tebben.

Roll was called and all Commissioners were present.

Agenda

Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Barra, that the **Agenda be approved as presented.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Communications, Petitions, Reports

As a follow-up to his status report of the overall project for Veteran's Drive Corridor from the Council Meeting of January 22, 2001, Dennis Kief Director of Public Works, briefed members of a possible scenario for proceeding with the development of both the continuation of Veteran's Drive north as well as fast tracking VFW Road. He gave a synopsis of funded sections/construction years and suggested to undertake Phase I Studies on both Veteran's Drive (Broadway to Sheridan) and VFW (2nd to Towerline). He estimated the study for Broadway to Sheridan would cost approximately \$50,000.00 and the VFW Road section about \$100,000.00. In addition, he provided the proposed scope for each study. He advised that the more preliminary work completed, the better the chance of receiving Federal and/or State funds. Segments of the corridor were generally discussed and the intentions and direction to proceed given for future sections. Inasmuch as the 1996 Corridor Study covered much of what is an integral part of a Phase I Study, it was decided to finish a study of VFW Road from Route 29 (2nd Street to Towerline Road).

Ron Hawkins representing Cincinnati Township felt the board members would be supportive in contributing to the VFW Road alignment. Com'r. Jones suggested that a standardize name be given to the combined road, presently named in sections VFW Road and Veterans Drive.

Greg Ranney Director of Public Properties made a presentation to the Council concerning the garbage bids received and filed at the meeting of January 22, 2001. After contacting the Cities of Morton, East Peoria and Washington for comparison he introduced figures generated by the finance and personnel departments for options of garbage collection in-house. He indicated that the City had begun to position themselves for collection in 1992 when yardwaste was created in house. In addition he felt the City would save money over the increased bid of Waste Management and the new bid of Peoria Disposal Co. Council discussed the possible advantages and disadvantages of purchasing vehicles for collection routes and paying maintenance and labor costs. Com'r. Orrick distributed his analysis of costs and issues. Issues of alley/curbside collection, ergonomics, liabilities and risk of doing business would need to be further addressed. Com'r. Jones requested additional information from 10 comparable cities to properly analyze per stop figures. Mr. Ranney was requested to keep Council briefed on the matter so that action could take place to coordinate with the expiration of the present contract with Waste Management on September 1, 2001.

Greg Ranney told Council the last operating landfill in the County. Tazewell Recycling and Disposal

Facility in East Peoria would be closing in 3 ½ years. It would be more expensive to send garbage to a landfill in Peoria County. Council discussed higher estimates, increased maintenance on trucks, loss of tipping fees and possible solutions to the matter. Jim Unsicker Tazewell County Board Chairman attended the meeting to inform members of a geological study being performed to learn where a new land fill could be placed in the County. He felt cooperation of all major municipalities and the County was necessary. No action was taken.

Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Orrick, that the meeting adjourn. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 5:45 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk