
**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, JANUARY 28, 2013, AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
LAURIE L. BARRA, MAYOR PRESIDING**

**PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, SCHMIDGALL, MCCABE, HENDRICKS, AND
BARRA**

ABSENT: BLANCHARD AND MASSAGLIA

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by students from Washington Intermediate School.

Roll was called and all Council Members were physically present except Council Members Blanchard and Massaglia. A quorum was present.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Hendricks, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of January 14, 2013, be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

PUBLIC INPUT

Attorney Valerie Moehle Umholtz, 410 Broadway, asked to address the Council for her client in respect to the subject of the stormwater study being presented on the meeting agenda. She referred to years of serious erosion and drainage problems that existed as well as the City's unrecorded easement that drains through her client's property. She felt it important for the City to move forward to remedy the issues.

Brandon Dentino, 2675 Allentown Road, told Council he was present to speak in favor of the approval of the master planning consulting service for the riverfront. He expressed frustration that thousands of dollars were spent in the past for the park and the pier but development did not follow. He asked that Council take this opportunity to move forward with careful planning and a look to the future for good development in the riverfront project.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member McCabe, that the **CONSENT AGENDA be approved as presented**. Mayor Barra presented the following for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

7.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports: Tazewell County Animal Control December 2012 Report and Mayor's Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities Minutes September 13, 2012
7.2 Receive and File: Pekin Hospital Foundation receipt of financial gift by The Unland Companies in the City's honor.
7.3 Resolution No. 61-12/13 – Mayor's reappointment of Leigh Ann Matthews and Dennis Kief to the Riverway Business Park Review Committee for a term until November 23, 2015.
7.4 Resolution No. 62-12/13 – Mayor's reappointment of Ann J. Trumpy to the Pekin Housing Board for a term until January 14, 2018

On roll call vote, Ayes, Abel, Schmidgall, McCabe, and Barra; Nay, Hendricks; Absent Blanchard and Massaglia. Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS

Melida Heien, Executive Director Pekin Main Street, informed the Council that she was working with 9 and 10 year old students from Washington Intermediate School on their Destination Imagination project. Their project was to design a park/community garden. Tristen Hess, Jasmin Segovia, Elizabeth Sandoval, Minah Strasser, Natalie Johnson, Aubree Mason, and Eryn Sturch addressed the Council with their ideas for carrying out their project for a garden. The group asked for permission to use the City owned empty lot on Court Street next to the Pekin Daily Times offices. Each girl presented a segment of the team community service project called Real to Reel. Mayor Barra expressed words of encouragement to the girls in their competition on February 23, 2013.

City Engineer Michael Guerra presented a summary of the reports on the findings regarding storm water studies performed in 2012 by the outside firm of Midwest Engineering Associates, Inc. Two representatives from the company were present.

BROADMOOR HEIGHTS AND PARK RIDGE DRAINAGE STUDY

- received complaints of increasing erosion and stream degradation
- comprehensive study of drainage basin approximately 115 acres bounded by Parkway Drive, Broadway Road, Schramm, Broadmoor School.
- Identified 18 issues (7 of which needed attention due to severity of problem)
- Estimated contractor cost of \$527,275.00

CAMBRIDGE AND SHIRE DRAINAGE STUDY

- prone to flooding for decades
- phase one of study - sewer branch off of Derby that drained intersection

*it was determined existing infrastructure undersized

- phase two of study - capacity of Derby Street storm collection system

*major contribution to flooding on Cambridge was tailwater condition produced on Derby sewer

- three contribution cause the stacking water conditions
- recommendation underground pipe storage along Shire
- three option cost range \$968,227 - \$1,376,839

Council Members discussed alternate options to purchase one or more of the properties for detention pond with pumps estimated at \$400,000 and a last option to leave the area as is. It was noted the cost estimates demonstrate that funding to make necessary repairs needed to be addressed. Mr. Wuellner told the Council staff would consider the options and return with a recommendation to Council in the coming weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Schmidgall, that **THE RIVERFRONT MASTER PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTING SERVICES WITH FARNSWORTH GROUP in the amount of \$22,500.00 be approved.** City Manager Joseph Wuellner advised the Council that the study for a development plan for the riverfront property would include verification of utilities and their placement/capacity. The scope of the project included a conceptual showing the best use for the area based on site restrictions such as existing structures, topography, utility locations. The information obtained would impact the City's ability to market an otherwise stagnant area for suitable sale and development. Tax Increment Financing (TIF) dollars would be used for funding the study. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Scott Jackson, 1410 Deray, announced tryouts would be held for the Artistic Theater's next dinner production March 1st. Mr. Jackson, a representative of Save West Campus, also informed the Council that the group met with Mr. Randy Price in regards to his plans to develop the West Campus structure.

Jim Mangan, 1200 Parkway Drive, told the Council that the City and staff had not done their job in reference to stating that the number of stays at local motels was not obtainable from the owners. He also stated he was not supportive of an \$11,000 dollar 2010 study that revealed no new hotels were needed in Pekin. He referred to Ordinance No. 2024 and the provisions he interpreted as the City had the authority to demand that information.

Attorney Dancey informed Mr. Mangan that he misconstrued information. Council Member Schmidgall read the provisions from the stated ordinance and felt the language was intended for the collection of hotel/motel tax imposed. He felt the language was intended for the collection of the hotel/motel tax paid and not for tourism statistical information of number of stays.

No further business to come before the Council, motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member McCabe to adjourn. Mayor Barra called the meeting adjourned.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:30 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk