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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 S. CAPITOL ST
ON MONDAY JANUARY 27, 2020 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
MARK LUFT * CHAIR * PRESIDING

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Mark Luft. The City Clerk confirmed all members were present and logged on. A quorum was declared by Mayor Mark Luft.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Michael Garrison	Councilman	Present	4:50 PM
Rick Hilst	Councilman	Present	4:51 PM
Karen Hohimer	Councilwoman	Present	4:53 PM
Dave Nutter	Councilman	Present	4:50 PM
Lloyd Orrick	Mayor Pro-Tem	Present	4:51 PM
John P Abel	Councilman	Present	4:51 PM
Mark Luft	Mayor	Present	4:51 PM

APPROVE AGENDA

3.1. Motion to: **Approve agenda**

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Councilman
AYES:	Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. City Council - Regular Meeting - Jan 13, 2020 5:30 PM

RESULT:	**ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Dave Nutter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
AYES:	Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft

PUBLIC INPUT

John McNish questioned Agenda Item 7.2 Resolution No. 42-19/20 parking lease agreement with SEICO with regards to whether or not a survey has been completed.

CONSENT AGENDA

6.1. Tazewell County Animal Control Billing December 2019

6.2. Accounts Payable Bill Run through 01-24-20

6.3. Motion to: **Motion to Approve Consent Agenda**

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
AYES:	Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1. Authorization of the City Manager to purchase and report to the City Council on the acquisition of two new Ford Transit Connect vans from the Illinois Government Bid through Morrow Brothers Ford Inc.

Councilmember Abel made a motion to approve the authorization of the City Manager to purchase and report to the City Council on the acquisition of two new Ford Transit Connect vans from the Illinois Government Bid through Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc., seconded by Councilmember Orrick. The motion was then withdrawn by Councilmember Abel.

Motion to: **Authorization of the City Manager to purchase and report to the City Council on the acquisition of two new Ford Transit Connect vans locally from Velde Ford**

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, presented the agenda item to approve the authorization of the City Manager to purchase and report to the City Council on the acquisition of two new Ford Transit Connect vans from the Illinois Government bid through Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc. Mr. Rothert explained that this was coming back to Council from the previous meeting for consideration with several options due to demand for special needs routes through the school district. Mr. Rothert explained the different options. The first option being the state bid contract which was the best price for new models with Morrow Brothers Ford. At the last meeting it was requested that additional research be done which led to two other options. One option was through Velde offering two vans red in color, located in the city limits. The last option was through Uftring Dodge, offering two 2019 Dodge Caravans that were brand new, silver in color and that match our fleet. Mr. Rothert deferred to Mr. Dan Jost, Fleet Manager, and Mr. Bob Henderson, Bus Department Supervisor, for questions.

Mr. Jost explained that one option does have additional passenger seating, 7 instead of 6 and a slight difference in fuel economy. The caravan receiving 20 miles and the Ford receiving mid 20's because it is a smaller vehicle. Mr. Jost added that the current vehicles the City has are caravans and have had an excellent history with them.

Council questioned various details regarding each type of van which included cost difference of $7,500, average yearly mileage of 20,000, extended warranty offered, mileage efficiency, and local dollars within the community.

Councilmember Abel withdrew his motion to purchase two new Ford Connect vans from the Illinois Government bid through Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc.

Councilmember Garrison motioned to approve the purchase of the two Ford Connect vans from Velde Ford, seconded by Councilmember Hohimer.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Michael Garrison, Councilman
SECONDER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
AYES:	Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft

7.2. Resolution No. 42-19/20 Parking Lease Agreement with SEICO

Agenda Item 7.2 Resolution No. 42-19/20 died due to lack of a motion.

City Attorney, Kate Swise, explained to Council why the agenda item died. Ms. Swise stated that the item initially came before the Council for consideration in a previous meeting but was tabled to gather additional information, specifically property lines. Tabling an item technically requires it to be brought back later during the same meeting or the next meeting. Mr. Swise explained that it is better served postponing an item, in this case until the receiving of the survey. Ms. Swise added that tabling is a temporary solution so the item will be brought back when information necessary has been provided to Council, therefore not necessary to be brought back at every meeting. Should the Council want to consider the item later, the motion should be to postpone until the additional information requested is available to Council.

Ms. Swise added that it was her understanding that there is not a current survey.

Mr. Rothert added that they are currently working with a survey to place pins on the property.

City Engineer, Mr. Guerra, interjected to explain that court records were being utilized to pin it and from there it can be determined if there is an impediment on the property. Mr. Guerra confirmed that surveyors were out last week and it should be completed by the next few meetings pending the results of the corners.

NEW BUSINESS

8.1. Amendment to the Ameren Illinois Material Storage Lease in the Riverway Business Park

City Engineer, Mr. Michael Guerra, requested Council to amend the term for Ameren material storage lease in the Riverway Business Park for an additional month and to begin the lease on February 1, 2020. Mr. Guerra explained that Ameren is ready to move beginning February 1st at the same cost as the original lease, but just to extend the lease one month earlier.

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, added that it was also recommended that Ameren remove the pole on the sidewalk located on Court Street in front of Pekin Insurance as a contingency.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
AYES:	Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Elaine Ritchie questioned Council on the motorized bike issue.

Council explained that the item was not dead, but just wanted to make sure it is correct and that it may be on the agenda in February.

John McNish asked that Council verify that the FY18 and FY19 audit was still late. Mr. McNish also spoke regarding the wastewater billing issues, Court Street construction, no street lights on Court Street and the Pizza Peel construction site on the sidewalk.

Mayor Luft stated that Councilmembers are involved with the process to redo teh entire billing system for wastewater. Mayor Luft explained that a small committee will be created that will include staff and a Councilmember and an employee from the water company.

Alan White asked Council if a resident could also be on the committee and if so he would like to volunteer his services for that placement. Mr. White also inquired as to the results of his FOIA request stating language regarding PAC.

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, gave an update as to the quality control committee reviewing the audit, that Memorandum of Understanding were being worked on with the school district for bus service, that there are RFP's posted for HVAC at the bus department and staff is reviewing RFP's for consulting services. Mr. Rothert announced that upcoming meetings will include requests for support for IHSA and marigold. Mr. Rothert stated that it is not productive or helpful to be accused of fraud and that he is asking that characterization not be inserted moving forward.

City Attorney, Kate Swise, updated Council on the codification. Ms. Swise stated that Municode had sent recommendations and she went through each of those, discussed them with department heads and has put together a final response that was submitted the first part of this month. Municode has been provide ordinances over the last year and the next step is to provide a book, hopefully in the next month or so.

Mr. Rothert added that a memo was provided to Council regarding Goal #5 to address pension obligation options.

Councilmember Abel stated that he was informed by a citizen that a car went through the ditch on Veteran's Drive and asked that the City inform people that the road ends.

Mr. Guerra informed Council that the issue has been brought to the Traffic Safety Committee.

Councilmember Hohimer stated that at the last meeting she made a comment on the potholes in the roads. After doing some research she concluded that infrastructure wear and tear is due to a freeze and thaw that causes expansion and contraction on road services which leads to the creation of potholes.

Mayor Luft commented that he was surprised as to how many people follow pension issues. Detroit filed bankruptcy on their pension obligations but Pekin is not in that situation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 6. SALE OF PROPERTY

10.1. Motion to: **Move into Executive Session**
Motion was made by Councilmember Abel to move into Executive Session regarding 5 ILCS 120/2(c) 6. Sale of Property and (c) 5. Purchase or Lease of Real Property.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	John P Abel, Councilman
SECONDER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
AYES:	Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before Council, a motion was made by Councilmember Orrick, seconded by Councilmember Hohimer for Council to adjourn. Mayor Luft adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.