
**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 27, 2014 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

LAURIE L. BARRA * MAYOR * PRESIDING

**PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, MCCABE, GILLESPIE, GOLDEN, ORRICK, AND
BARRA,**

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HENDRICKS

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

Roll was called. All members were physically present except Council Member Hendricks. A quorum was present.

Council was informed by the Mayor that Mr. Warning was not able to be present for the meeting and the financial presentation under Communications, Petitions, Reports.

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AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Gillespie that the **agenda be amended** by removing the Presentation of the City of Pekin Financial Statements for the Year Ended April 30, 2013. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

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

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Orrick that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of January 13, 2014, be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Orrick that the **CONSENT AGENDA be approved as presented**. The following was presented for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

7.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports: Tazewell County Animal Control December Report.
7.2 Receive and File: City of Pekin Annual Financial Statements for Year Ended April 30, 2013 prepared by Willock Warning & Co., P.C.
7.3 Resolution No. 87-13/14 – Mayor Appointment of David Volz to the Pekin Housing Board for a term of 5 years to January 14, 2019.

On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Council Member Gillespie, seconded by Council Member Abel that **TAX INCREMENT FINANCING COMMERCIAL/RETAIL INTERIOR LOAN PROGRAM FOR JAKE'S BABER SHOP, be approved in the amount of \$5,557.50**. Council was asked to authorize a payout to property owner Jake Ista under the terms of the Central Business District TIF Commercial/Retail Interior loan program in the amount of \$5,557.50 for eligible expenses of the project costs to cover electrical, HVAC, and plumbing systems for the 217 Court Street property. Mayor Barra noted that an established business was locating in the 200 block of Court Street that the City had supported for Economic Development. She stated she was excited that the project for the stabilization of the group of buildings would begin to see foot traffic for the downtown. Council Member Gillespie and Abel welcomed the new tenant. Council Member Golden was informed that a lien/2nd mortgage was filed against the property as repayment leverage if applicant failed to meet the program requirements after which time the loan would be forgiven. He noted the application indicated the bathroom

was not ADA compliant and that a structural report was not required. Mr. Jake Ista answered Council Member Golden that the submitted proposals were from the lowest bidders. Council Member Orrick voiced his concerns of approving the forgivable loan/grant in that the business was not unique to Pekin. He opposed using tax payer dollars to fund the business. On roll call vote Ayes, Gillespie, McCabe, Abel, and Barra; Nays, Golden and Orrick; absent Hendricks. Motion Carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Mayor Barra announced that FEMA had extended the deadline for submitting tornado relief applications to February 3, 2014 and urged those affected by the damage to apply. Council Member McCabe encouraged the victims to not get discouraged if they were denied on a technicality but to apply more than once.

Council was told in regards to questions on the other developments in the 200 block of Court Street that Maquet's Rail House was completing inside work. No date for opening was scheduled.

Council Member Gillespie asked that the City pray for a retired police officer and the Fitzanko family that were seriously injured in a traffic accident.

Robert Bramham, 2108 Velde Drive, submitted photos to the Council of his construction complaints. He indicated that the City's inspections were at fault in not rescinding an issued occupancy permit for what he felt were code violations. Attorney Burt Dancey advised that public discussion was inappropriate at this time. No further response would be given to Mr. Bramham given the position that there was apparent threatened litigation. Sally Johnson, 1503 13th Street, Larry Nelms, 1604 Memorial Drive, and Janet Nelms, 1604 Memorial Drive, spoke in support of Mr. Bramham's complaint.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Orrick that the Council move to Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss 65 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2.) Collective Bargaining. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, motion by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Orrick that Council adjourn. Motion carried voice vote. Mayor Barra adjourned the meeting in open session.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:15 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk