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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, JANUARY 26, 2009 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
JAMES E. "JIM" JONES * MAYOR PRO-TEM* PRESIDING**

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

ABSENT: NONE

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The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Pekin Dragons Squirt Team part of the Pekin Amateur Hockey Association. Members of the squad were recognized for their outstanding achievement in winning the Championship Title Squirt Level of the International Silver Stick Tournament in Canada.

Council Member Abel read the Proclamation setting January 11, 2009 as Pekin Dragon Hockey Day.

Roll was called and all Council Members were present.

Agenda

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

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of January 12, 2009 be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

Council Member Dunn read and presented the following for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

1. **Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes:** Police Report for December, Fire Report for December, Traffic Safety Committee Minutes, January 9, 2009, Mayor's Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Minutes, December 11, 2008

2. **Charitable Solicitation** Shade Memorial Youth Camp Tag Days, April 24, 25, 26, 2009

3. **Receive and File** Recommendation of the Joint Review Board to approve the Amendment to the Redevelopment Plan and Project for the Central Business District Redevelopment Project Area

4. **Receive and File** Pekin Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes dated January 14, 2009

5. **Receive and File** Pekin Planning Commission Minutes dated January 14, 2009

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **2008 ACTION PLAN DECEMBER AMENDMENT** be approved. Community Development Director Pam Anderson briefed Council on the Amendment consisting of $94.316.00 of reallocation of CDBG dollars and program income to additional projects in efforts to meet the timeliness test to be conducted by HUD on March 2, 2009. Council Member Abel questioned the increase in the administrative program. Council Member Blanchard questioned why the CDBG money could not be utilized for completing the Derby Street sidewalks and was told the project was finished. Council Member Strand noted Friends of

Tazewell County Children's Advocacy Center would possibly be using CDBG funds in the expansion of the center. On roll call vote, Ayes; Kortkamp, Dunn, Blanchard, Abel and Jones; Abstaining, Strand. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2577-08/09

APPROVING THE 2008 AMENDMENT TO THE TIF REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECT FOR THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Dunn, that Ordinance No. 2577-08/09, be adopted. City Manager Dennis Kief told Council a Public Hearing was held on January 12, 2009. A recommendation of the Joint Review Board was presented to extend the life of the TIF until 2021. The addition was limited to the property tax portion of the Tax Increment Financing. Mr. Kief felt the program would be a tool to leverage private investment opportunities in the Riverfront. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that the **SITE PLAN FOR 1022 WASHINGTON STREET FOR A PARKING LOT**, be approved. The Planning Commission recommended the site plan submitted by John and Chris Neumann for parking lot at 1022 Washington Street. The agenda noted the Council received Hearing #08-1773 at the meeting on December 22, 2008. Joe Wuellner Public Works Director addressed questions of the removal of the City trees in the right-of-way and their marginal condition. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Strand, that the **RESIGNATION OF COUNCIL MEMBER RUSTY DUNN EFFECTIVE JANUARY 26, 2009,** be accepted. Council Member Dunn formally presented his resignation as Council Member. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye

OATH OF OFFICE

JUDGE PETER AULT ADMINISTERS THE OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCIL MEMBER RUSTY L. DUNN

Mayor Dunn expressed his gratefulness for the support of Council, staff, and family. He felt the job was a huge responsibility to come into under such tragic circumstances as the death of Mayor Tebben but looked forward with optimism and confidence in meeting the challenges of being Mayor. His message to the Council, staff, and community was to move forward to meet challenges. He stated he would represent Pekin proudly and tell its story together with everyone. Appreciation was extended to Mayor Pro-Tem Jones for stepping up to the call in the Mayor's absence.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Congratulatory remarks were expressed by Council Members to Mayor Dunn.

City Manager Dennis Kief announced that House Representative Mike Smith would be at City Hall on Thursday, January 29, 2009 to present to the daughters of Mayor Dave Tebben and to the City of Pekin a Proclamation that was past on the flood of the House of Representatives honoring the late Mayor.

Attorney Burt Dancey gave explanation of the process to fill vacancy in the Council Member position. Council Members would have 60 days to come to a consensus in the appointment.

Madi Dunn 2109 Marianna Drive addressed Council and told how proud she was of her dad for being Mayor..

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that **Council move to Executive Session** at 6:04 P.M. to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 3. Selection, Appointment, Performance, Discipline, or a Vacancy in a Public Office and 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. 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 6:35 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk