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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 22, 2018 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
JOHN MCCABE *MAYOR * PRESIDING

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor McCabe introduced City Clerk Sue E. McMillan. She advised the Council that they had authorized her at a previous meeting to appoint a person, with the advice of the City Manager, to serve as Deputy City Clerk. Ms. McMillan called Nicole Stewart to the podium and administered the Oath of Office.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the new Deputy Clerk and Council Member Orrick's daughter Ms. Hasting.

All Council Members were present. A quorum was declared by Mayor McCabe.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
James A Schramm	Council Member	Present	5:29 PM
Michael Garrison	Councilman	Present	4:32 PM
Lloyd Orrick	Mayor Pro-Tem	Present	4:31 PM
John P Abel	Council Member	Present	4:32 PM
Michael Ritchason	Council Member	Present	5:24 PM
Mark Luft	Council Member	Present	5:29 PM
John McCabe	Mayor	Present	4:31 PM

APPROVE AGENDA

3.1. Motion to: **Approve agenda**

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Mark Luft, Council Member
SECONDER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. Motion to: **Approval of Minutes**

4.2. **City Council - Regular Meeting - Jan 8, 2018 5:30 PM**

RESULT:	**ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	James A Schramm, Council Member
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

PUBLIC INPUT

Jim Mangan stated that a public meeting was held at the library for city street repair. He suggested that the half a million dollar loan the city received that was never used now be used for street repairs and that council postpone any work until public surveys are done and that full surveys be put back on the website. He went on to propose that council have a meeting before doing any work.

Ann Witzig spoke about the Municipal Budget Officer, which she believes is the City Manager, asking for additional money to purchase trucks and how she read that the money was to be paid out of the solid waste enterprise fund for the 2018/2019 budget which she believes has not been secured. She provided a handout quoting lines from the city code. She states that we cannot spend money ahead of the budget and that strategic cuts need to be made.

Rick Hilst stated that he agreed with Ann Witzig. He believes the city should be making cuts. He asked where the $400,000 was coming from and whether or not a profit is being made or if the city is just being charged too much. He went on to speak about the September meeting and how Council Member Orrick brought up two brick streets, Buena Vista and one other brick street and was told that these were to be added to the list but he did not see them on there. He asked for a traffic count of those roads being proposed tonight. Mr. Hilst continued with questions regarding the crack fill projects and pointed out that Porch Street to Willow was never done. He stated that only Broadway was done and he was told that the contractor ran out of money. He proposed that there should be some language that if the contractor runs out of money that they are still required to complete the work the city approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor McCabe presented the Consent Agenda and 4 business items were approved by Omnibus vote.

6.1. Building Department Reports - November 2017 & December 2017

6.2. Tazewell County Animal Control Billing and Report - December 2017

6.3. Traffic Safety Committee Meeting Minutes - December 2017

6.4. Young Authors Week March 6th, 2018

6.5. Motion to: **Motion to Adopt Consent Agenda**

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Michael Garrison, Councilman
SECONDER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

PRESENTATION

7.1. Hometown Hero Banner - Patti Smith

Mrs. Patty Smith spoke about the hometown hero banners and how the project honors all of those who saved lives. She explained that the cost of the banner is $250 and its lifespan is about 3 years. They provide a space on the banner for sponsorship and the banners would be hung from Memorial Day to Labor Day. She asked the City of Pekin for a Sponsorship.

Tony Carson thanked Ms. Smith for coming and that the next step would be to identify a geographical location that would be acceptable to council. After discussion, if council would like to move forward they can come back to him with a consensus and he will work with Ms. Smith.

7.2. Amendment Chronic Nuisance Ordinance

Chief Dossey spoke about recommending changes to the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance. He went on to explain that sections A and B outline what a chronic nuisance is and how it only applies to rental properties. He explains that the hearing process is better outlined. He discussed how Peoria has had some success and has reduced incidents from 4 to 2 in a 6 month period. Its a tool to address with landlords and property owners from a civil aspect. He has attached a supplement that is more detailed. It also talks about the best practices to address some of the issues and concerns of the city.

Mayor added that one of the comments coming to him was the tenant ordinance. He stated that the chronic nuisance ordinance is not new but revamped and updated.

Council Member Orrick asked if Chief Dossey had a code and he explained that the end result would be to add it to the code. Chief Dossey explained that its a process of all departments and the community working together to abate issues. He explained that the ordinance will require a documentation process and all the phases are outlined in the packet. Chief Dossey said he would be available for anyone that had questions.

7.3. Presentation of the Proposed Streets for 2018 Street Maintenance Program

City Manager, Anthony Carson, spoke to clarify things that might have been said in the beginning. The City is utilizing the method that has been outlined for many months. He felt that what he saw last year didn't seem like it was inclusive as to what streets need repaired. We involved residents at library and council. Every street is listed on one or more of council. Not any were added as a staff. You have to put those dollars in there to meet the 850K. We will continue to keep information from council and residents. Again, very inclusive and very transparent. Commend city engineer putting this together. Its not easy filling out when you only have x amount of dollars to do it.

Mike Guerra spoke about the final selection for road maintenance for 2018. The City retained services of a consultant engineer as roads deteriorated at different rates. We received public feedback with city planner in which 150 people responded to the survey. This is our straight maintenance program study with the exemptions of Front, Court and Derby Street and brick streets. Utility service line improvement streets were not selected. We received $850K of MFT and the city came together to provide a comprehensive list. We estimate crack fill by taking the overall length of road, turn into lanes and how much of that lane is cracked and come up with linear footage. Sheridan was favorite or expressed the most need. Last piece is to spread it out in the city. To accommodate everyone in the city.

If these projects are approved by council tonight, preparation of plans and specs and with the utilization of MFT, we will need resolution to be approved. So we can begin that process and it takes a month or two from IDOT as well. Hopefully

April. Cannot incur any costs until May 1 but would like to have it out. Mr. Guerra provided a handout of the streets.

Mr. Guerra took questions from council with regard to the different options to improve the streets, either by crack fill/seal coating/spray patching or rebuilding the street which cannot be achieved with this type of budget. Mr. Guerra continued to answer questions involving the process of repairing streets.

NEW BUSINESS

8.1. Resolution No. 75 - 17/18: Approval of the 2018 Street Maintenance Program

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	Mark Luft, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

8.2. Resolution No. 76 - 17/18: Approve Authorization for 2 New Garbage Trucks Purchase

City Manager, Anthony Carson, reminded council of last year when we asked council to come up with 5 year plan for solid waste department and we did presentation and laid out what the needs were going to be. Solid waste department trucks' age is well past what they should be, 2 to 4 truck in for repairs at a time. We laid out that we needed two trucks in this budget year, and council approved past budget year, 2 more for 18/19 and one more for 19/20. We are still on track to be cash positive as what we are trying to do with all enterprise funds. Should not be having general fund subsidizing these. Would like to have fleet of trucks that are working and sufficient. And once that go outside the city area to other neighbors and offer service. We cannot do that until we know we have trucks that won't be breaking down to make department self sufficient and not using general fund. We talked about last year and made it clear that we need trucks that function and not constantly breaking down. These trucks wont be paid until way past budget. We are just now getting truck budget approved for last year. So this will help in about 3 to 4 months to get it ordered. Not expending of funds right now.

Mark Rothert continued by describing the Resolution to procure two new trucks. The staff is recommending approval of the resolution.

City Manager, Anthony Carson, then described the bidding process and that the two trucks will be listed on opengov.

Council Member, Lloyd Orrick, questioned City Manager, Anthony Carson, on the process of purchasing the two trucks in advance along with the bidding process, as he felt it should come back to council to confirm due diligence.

City Manager explained that council gave him the authority to make decisions regarding the budgeted capital expenditures.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Jim Mangan spoke about how he spoke with the state bidding officer at the capital development board in Springfield. He reports that they have no record pertaining to Pekin's salt barn project. He also spoke to the IDOT department that overseas salt barns and they haven't heard of it either. He says he was also told that the contractor that did the work is not a certified state contractor. He believes the City Manager bypassed council. Mr. Mangan asked for the date that council gave him authority. He feels he was given false information intentionally. He followed up by saying he wants to make sure the City is doing due diligence and that things are done right.

Mr. Jacob Collins spoke about how he very strongly supports the chronic nuisance ordinance. He would like to see more accountability on questions that are asked. He Wants us to remember we are all part of a team and would like to see us work together a bit better.

Charity Gullet spoke regarding Chief Dossey's chronic nuisance ordinance. She commented on how he's been great and helpful in the past couple of months. She believes the ordinance is a true testament to compassion and dedication for his work. He does a great job and he really cares. She had lost hope that no one cared. Here tonight, you did listen and you do care. She has never been so happy to be proven long. However, she had to travel down a difficult road. What she went through and the retaliation she suffered isn't what most people should go through to get here. The majority of these citizens want to live in a safe sanitary environment. She believes council will follow through and vote yes.

Rick Hilts asked if Council member Orrick could possibly send him information on two brick streets or he will file a FOIA request. He asked why the city charge can't charge franchise fee to the private garbage companies. We do it to cable companies and Ameren. He said he sent an email to finance director, regarding the original levy meeting. He asked when council voted to abate bond series and not levy taxes, where did that money come from to pay for that bond.

John McNish stated that he failed to see Mr. Wolfe here to give financial report. He then asked Chief Dossey if the chronic nuisance covers vehicles. Chief Dossey answered that it only pertains to property. He then addressed that Council Member John Abel had not responded to his email.

Ann Witzig spoke to point out that questions are asked with no answers, words go into the air. She does agree that due diligence and accountability goes with answering questions. She asked why the City Manager has to be so stubborn with answering questions. She then concluded that she enjoys Chief Dossey's employment here.

Julia Kurtcher addressed council regarding the Sierra Club's transition to 100% of clean energy. Nearly 200 nations have agreed to achieve renewable energy. Positive by-partisan is possible. There are 188 mayors so far. She has come to invite the City to Carver Center Thursday 6-8 pm. She provided a handout.

City Manager Tony Carson told the Council that it was wrong of a public member to question his integrity. He said that no one at the State level or at the Illinois Department of Transportation would have the information on bidding the Salt Barn project that Mr. Mangan had indicated he spoke with to confirm the project was bid incorrectly. Mr. Carson advised the Council of a situation where Mr. Mangan had requested the Attorney General to review his email question that had been changed by Mr. Mangan to a FOIA request. Mr. Carson felt the actions told of the credibility of Mr. Mangan. The Manager requested Council vigorously enforce the policy of meeting conduct attached to each agenda before entering the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 1. PERSONNEL

10.1. Motion to: **Motion to move to Executive Session 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 1. Personnel**
Motion was made to move to Executive Session at 7:48 p.m. to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 1. Personnel The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	John P Abel, Council Member
SECONDER:	Michael Garrison, Councilman
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

ADJOURN

No further action to come before the Council, motion was made by Council member Luft, seconded by Council Member Ritchason that Council adjourn. Motion carried viva voce. Mayor McCabe adjourned the meeting in open session at 8:00 p.m.