
**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 13, 2014 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

LAURIE L. BARRA * MAYOR * PRESIDING

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

ABSENT: NONE

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

Roll was called. All members were physically present. A quorum was present.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Orrick, seconded by Council Member McCabe, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 9, 2013 and the Emergency Meeting of December 13, 2013, be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Abel, 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: Police November Report, Traffic Safety Minutes December 6, 2013, Liquor Commission Minutes November 21, 2013, and Tazewell County Animal Control November Report.
7.2 Receive and File Proclamation: "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day" January 20, 2014.
7.3 Resolution No. 86-13/14 – Regarding Minutes of Executive Session Meetings of the City Council
7.4 Receive and File: Scheduled Council Meeting Dates 2014

On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Council Member McCabe questioned from the received Traffic Safety Committee Minutes if the mailbox on the east side of the 300 Block of South 4th Street had been removed. Council was informed that the postmaster had been contacted and would make arrangements to remove the mail drop.

Council Member Hendricks, referring to the Liquor Commission Minutes, asked the status of the split decision of the subcommittee's findings to sell alcohol (beer and wine) in select gas stations/convenience stores and that it would not be pursued as reported.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS

FRONT STREET PRESENTATION

City Engineer Michael Guerra addressed the Council with the results of a study by Hanson Professional Services, Inc. in which it was determined to return Front Street to a 2-way street. Mr. Guerra told Council staff met with several major employers on the vital transportation route for Illinois Corn Products, Turner Grain, Aventine Renewable Energy. Staff also partnered with Illinois Department of Transportation in their observation of some of the major bottle necks for semis caused by the narrow road between Fayette Street and Distillery Road which opens to South 2nd Street. Kurt Bialobreski, Hanson Professional Services, Inc., summarized his firm's plan by referring to an engineering conceptual print. He reported to Council that the project was estimated at approximately \$6 million and would take 2 construction seasons.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 2693-13/14

PROVIDING FOR THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BY THE CITY OF PEKIN

Motion by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Abel that Ordinance No. 2693-13/14 be adopted. City Manager Joseph recommended the non-binding memorandum with Norman Irwin Trustee of Albert F. Smith for the exchange of real estate located east of the Riverway Business Park, sought for the proposed expansion of the Federal Bureau of Prisons. The acquisition of PIN 10-10-15-200-005; 101-10-15-200-007; and 101-10-10-400-003, approximately 161 acres of farm land would be in exchange of approximately 320 acres of farm land. The action would give the ability to show the FCI that the City has control of property when necessary, keeping us in the forefront of a new constructed facility. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Gillespie, seconded by Council Member Orrick that the **ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH HANSON PROFESSIONAL SERVICES INC. be approved.** Council was presented the scope of services that the firm would provide for Phase II Design of the Rehabilitation of Court Street (IL 9) from Broadway Road to Veterans Drive. The plans would precede the jurisdictional transfer from the State to the City of Pekin after the completion of Veteran Drive South. Council discussed the scope, fees and schedule. The fees, not to exceed \$1,100,000.00, were estimated at the upper limit for design. Described task orders would be initiated as necessary and to ensure the available dollars of the remaining \$30 million Capital Funding for Veterans Drive South. Council was advised the project was expected to be on a local letting targeted for March of 2016. They were also told the documented plans would become the property of the City. Council Member McCabe suggested changing the peak hours for observing traffic flow counts at intersections in the plan. Council Member Golden's questions regarding upgrades to existing sidewalks including curb ramps at intersections to meet current ADA/PROWAG standards and the City of Pekin 1995 ADA Plan were addressed. On roll call vote all present voted Aye

Motion by Council Member by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member McCabe that the **FIVE YEAR LEASE WITH HOLZWARTH-FLEXSENHAR, LLC for use of Hangar E at the Pekin Municipal Airport, be approved.** Council was presented a lease agreement for the exclusive use of a tenant that had paid rent on the community hangar since Byerly Aviation pulled out in 2008 from the strip shop facility. The LLC agreed to a rate of \$700 a month which included utilities. Council Member Golden spoke of his concerns that the condition of the septic drain field had not been addressed. He had asked that there be references in the lease regarding casualty coverage requirements or rent adjustments in the event of a loss. He felt a typical lease identified such areas. Council Member Orrick stated he could not support a five year lease without a cost of living increase provision. Mayor Barra spoke in support for approval, noting the payment was income for the airport and would also generate income for the facility from the purchase of fuel. On roll call vote all present vote, Ayes, Gillespie, McCabe, Abel, Hendricks, and Barra; Nays, Golden and Orrick. Motion Carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

The City Manager reported to Council that the City continues burning trees left by the tornado but the wet weather has caused some delay.

Council Member McCabe reported that the Library held a public meeting with the architects available to disseminate and answers questions in regards to the Renovation Project. Forty to fifty people from the community attended and provided input on the expenses proposed.

Council Member Gillespie brought forward from residents of Deerfield and Hickory Hills complaints that snow plows had loosen the remainder of the rock from the chip/seal street maintenance project and ended up in their lawns with the removal of the snow. Mr. Wuellner reported that the streets had been swept twice after the process was completed in the Fall. The City would sweep the streets again and would attempt to remove the rock from the lawns. Council Member Orrick requested that the chip/seal project include a better process of sweeping.

Council Member Golden suggested that high visibility steaks be placed on the medians at 14th and Broadway and along 14th Street through the Park to avoid damage to curbs from the snow plows.

Mayor Barra announced that the Library would host the Coalition for Equality's Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast on Saturday, January 18, 2014 and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon in Peoria on Monday, January 20, 2014. Mayor Barra also presented a plaque with a mounted insulator and inscribed quote of George Washington "Perseverance and spirit have done wonders in all ages." The gift was received from Ameren Illinois recognizing November 17, 2013 date of the tornado in Pekin.

Doede Barth, 7417 Locust Road, Delavan, addressed the Council to urge their support for the *USFIRST* Robotics Regional Competition to be held at the Avanti's Dome February 27-March 1, 2014. Local high school students and Robotics Club members, Ben Ringel – Tremont, Paige Chamblin – Richwoods, Nikki Redden - Notre Dame, and Liz Wickham Kohlsted - Dunlap told Council why they became involved in the organization and their interest in the engineering and science fields. Mr. Barth, Central Illinois Regional Robotics Planning Committee, left the Council with 7 requests on preparation for the large event in regards to street signs, banners, proclamation, etc.

Jeff Sangalli, 1863 Vienna Court, suggested Council consider search and rescue FEMA dogs for the City in light of the past year's tornado and flood events. Mayor Barra asked Police Chief Nelson to take under advisement.

Robert Branham, 2108, Velde Drive told the Council he had inspection issues with the new house he built. He was informed that his concerns were between him and the builder. He asked that Council rescind the builder's permit. Mayor Barra agreed to meet with Mr. Branham to discuss the matter further. Mr. Branham also advised the Council that he had installed insulation in sections of the West Campus. It was his opinion there was asbestos in the structure.

Nathan Schmidgall, 606 South 5th Street, addressed the Council regarding legalization of Medical Marijuana. He noted by State Statutes that the Council has the ability to consider licensing or taxing the plant. He suggested the process would be a better direction for Council than pressing for criminal charges of its use.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Golden, that the Council move to Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. to discuss 65 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1.) Personnel. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

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

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:10 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk