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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 11, 2016 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
JOHN H. MCCABE * MAYOR * PRESIDING

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, GOLDEN, DUNN, ORRICK, ABEL, RITCHASON, LUFT, AND MCCABE
ABSENT: NONE

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

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

AGENDA
Motion by Council Member Ritchason, seconded by Council Member Luft that the **agenda be approved as presented.** On roll call vote to approve the agenda as amended, all present voted Aye.

MINUTES
Motion by Council Member Ritchason, seconded by Council Member Abel that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 14, 2015 be approved as written.** Council Member Golden stated he wished to make a comment that the minutes did not reflect the discussion he had on the Recycling Disposal Agreement with the representative of Area Recycling, Inc. In regards to the Council Member's questions on employees, the newspaper reported that 16 employees would be retained. Council Member Golden asked that the minutes for January 11, 2016 reflect from the replay of the meeting his discussion. *Council Member Golden addressed questions to Mr. Cassulo and was informed that the facility employed under 20 individuals. In response to a question of the terms of the original agreement for continued employment of 10-12 special needs men and/or women, Mr. Cassulo responded that he did not have that information available. Council was informed that a second cd needed to be inserted for recording of the meeting. Mayor McCabe called the meeting back to order. Mr. Cassulo advised the Council that he had checked during the break and that Midland Davis site presently employed 18 and that there was a history of employing a person from Tazewell County Resource Center (TCRC). He stating in moving forward the assigned company would consider as was possible.*
On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

PUBLIC INPUT
Ann Witzig questioned the availability to the public of the Annual Financial Statements.

CONSENT AGENDA
Motion by Council Member Ritchason, seconded by Council Member Luft that the **CONSENT AGENDA be approved as presented.**
The following was read and presented by Mayor McCabe for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

7.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes: Police Department December Report; Draft Liquor Commission Minutes December 17, 2015; Tourism Committee Minutes December 8, 2015; and Human Rights Commission Minutes September 23, 2015.
7.2 Resolution No. 15-15/16 – Mayor's appointment of Karl Jordan to Pekin Housing Authority Board for a five year term ending January 14, 2021.
7.3 Receive and File: City of Pekin Annual Financial Statements prepared by Willock Warning & Co.,P.C. for the year ended April 30, 2015. Presented by the auditor at the Council Meeting January 25, 2016.
7.4 Approved Scheduled Council Meeting Dates 2016

Council Member Golden asked to move 7.1 **Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes:** Police Department December Report; Draft Liquor Commission Minutes December 17, 2015; Tourism Committee Minutes December 8, 2015; and Human Rights Commission Minutes September 23, 2015 and 7.2

Resolution No. 15-15/16 – Mayor's appointment of Karl Jordan to Pekin Housing Authority Board for a five year term ending January 14, 2021, to New Business for discussion. Council Member Golden asked if all Audits were available to the public. The City Clerk advised the Council that the Annual Financial Statement to be presented at the next meeting was available and other fund audits, as they were received and filed by the Council, were placed on the City website for the public.
Roll was called on a motion that the consent Agenda containing only items 7.3 and 7.4 be approved as amended. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS
MARCH MADNESS ILLLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION EVENT
Council Member Dunn introduced Dave Defreitas, Steering Committee Member March Madness Event and Don Welch, Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. The gentlemen presented to Council the history of bringing the basketball tournament to Peoria for 20 years from Champaign; showed in a video what the event was about; encouraged dollar support and the benefits for contributing. Mr. Welch stated it could not be told with certainty the total dollar benefit to Pekin but the event was a "jewel" for the region and the sponsorship the right thing to do.

Comments and response to Council's questions:

- Pekin would be 1 of 20 sponsors in a regional partnership that included several area municipalities, corporations, restaurants, businesses, individuals
- Brings kids and families from all over the State of Illinois to the area
- Destination for common experience of grade school, high school and special needs athletes
- Estimated 2,000 volunteers
- City of Peoria contribution $200,000; "ask" of $5,000 to municipalities was for consistency
- Tangible benefits of signage, exhibits, program
- Promote the regional area to a one of a kind total experience not just basketball game; events; conferences; and contributes to the economic growth of the supporting communities with potential for attendees to stay at Pekin hotels, visit restaurants and to shop
- Contribution check goes directly to the IHSA to be disbursed to qualified expense requests
- Because of Avanti's Dome interest and Pekin's baseball diamonds heritage, Mr. Welch would inquire into the status of the IHSA softball tournament bid process and respond to the Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Orrick that the **COMPUTER SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES FOR LAND MANAGEMENT AND ASSET MANAGEMENT in the amount of $85,700.00 be approved.** Angie Evans, Assistant Finance Director presented to the Council a request for approval to purchase the Accela Land Management module to replace the current software which was no longer serviceable. Ms. Evans, Sarah Newcomb, Human Resources Director, and Michael Guerra, City Engineer explained the Land Management umbrella approach and solution include asset management and licenses/permits making it viable for 14 different divisions within the City and how the software integrated with the City's GIS; nearly every department having access to the work order system and the program's ability in providing reports for action items internally and Citizen access. The program would allow citizens 24/365 online services for submitting plans, applications, payments and scheduled request as well as inquiries and complaints. The program would be mobile friendly and increase the availability of information in the field and improve case management. The department heads addressed Council's question and concerns of integration brought forward by Code Enforcement Officer Ron Sieh. Mr. Sieh expressed his concern that his questions regarding migration of 10 years of history of building department records and inquires to other municipality uses had not been sufficiently addressed for him to support the change from his department's present system. Council Member Dunn expressed displeasure that the discussion among departments of unresolved issues was taking place and should have been addressed prior to a recommendation to Council. Council Member Golden stated he was apprehensive when the software Springbrook was in the discussion when that program was unclear for his questions on budget numbers the previous year. It was suggested that the request be tabled until an efficiency study was complete. Council further discussed serviceability, if the software could be "test driven" by departments first, and the confidence that additional cost would not be incurred each time there was a change needed from the vendor.

Motion by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Luft that the **ACELLA LAND MANAGEMENT AND ASSET MANAGEMENT SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES PURCHASE in the amount of $85,700.00 be tabled.** On roll call vote, Nays, Dunn, Golden, Orrick, Abel, Luft, Ritchason; Aye, McCabe. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Ritchason to discuss **Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes:** Police Department December Report; Draft Liquor Commission Minutes December 17, 2015; Tourism Committee Minutes December 8, 2015; and Human Rights Commission Minutes September 23, 2015. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Council Member Golden addressed his questions to Police Chief John Dossey regarding the Police Department December Report. He noted the report did not contain the number of citations issued for headlight requirements. Council Member Golden questioned how the officers were reporting burned out street lights and was told the procedure was setup to run through dispatch that total and locations were than being sent to the Street Department. The Council Member requested the Chief to include the statistics in the monthly reports. He also asked that the chief check on information of a dog being carried out of a house on Christmas day by the Tazewell County Animal Control officer. The Council Member was advised on the question of who picked up dead animals in the streets that removal taken care of by the Street Department. Motion by Council Member Luft, seconded by Council Member Ritchason to Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes. On roll call vote all present vote Aye.

Motion by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Ritchason to discuss **Resolution No. 15-15/16 –** Mayor's appointment of Karl Jordan to Pekin Housing Authority Board for a five year term ending January 14, 2021. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Council Member Golden questioned the Mayor on the reappointment and qualifications of Mr. Jordon. Council Member Golden noted that he had advised previously that the Pekin Housing Authority Office location was still non-compliant with ADA requirement for off street handicapped parking space. He suggested that possibly the Housing Board could get the stall accomplished. Motion by Council Member Orrick, seconded by Council Member Able to adopt Resolution No. 15-15/16. On roll call vote, Aye, Dunn, Orrick, Abel, Luft, Ritchason, McCabe; Nay Golden. Motion carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Jim Mangan encouraged the Council Members to be involved in the budget planning process. He distributed his suggested examples for school bus department and garbage service department cuts that could be made for the taxpayers benefit.

Greg Ranney, Executive Director asked for support from the City of Pekin employees for the fund raising efforts of United Way agencies and programs. He advised the annual campaign had 6 weeks left and was at a 65-70% goal. Mr. Ranney offered to meet with any City departments regarding contributions.

Ann Witzig stated her complaint regarding provisions contained in the Crime Free Ordinance and its procedures. She stated she was abiding by the law on the ordinance provisions as a landlord. She was told the ordinances needed to be amended to address her concerns. She asked that Council take care of changing the ordinance. Mrs. Witzig voiced concern that Council and the department heads had not responded to her after several request for the profit amount of the Bus Department. She was directed by the Mayor to file a Freedom of Information Request for a document in answer to her questions.

City Engineer Michael Guerra reminded the public to use caution during a snow event and expressed appreciation for the Street Department employees' efforts for clearing the streets of the most recent snowfall.

City Manager Darin Girdler updated the Council on Request for Qualifications sought for an efficiency study. Two responses of consultants were received. 1. Baker Tilley had no estimate of costs. 2. GovHR USA $23,500 basic scope of work. Northern Illinois University was given RFQ package but no reply. Council Member Golden expressed concern that a period of performance had not been identified. Mayor McCabe noted the GovHR response contained pricing for in-depth study up to $50,000. Mr, Girdler recommended there be more discussion with consultants in regards to the question for timeliness before consideration by the Council for approval of a firm.

Discussion paused while the recording cd was changed. Mayor McCabe called the meeting back to order.

Council Member Orrick asked Police Chief Dossey the solicitation and selection process of tow companies chosen for implementation of the Impoundment Ordinance. Chief Dossey advised the selection was based on his evaluation of company submissions:

- The communities best interest for business to be located in City limits
- Insurance verification
- background
- storage facility

Council Member Abel asked that the Council Members be limited to 5 minutes each on business items and addressing other matters at the Council Meetings. Council Member Golden opposed the suggestion.
Council Member Golden requested a written interpretation with verse and chapter sited from Corporation Council as to why a nuisance ordinance could not be written. He stated an excuse he had been given that a state law was already in place contradicted that reasoning and gave the example of the adoption of the City impound ordinance also provided for under state law. He next questioned the Police Chief if the criteria for the tow companies was available and if best value/lowest cost was used in the selection. The Council Member was informed that the information had been provided to the Council in the RFCA documents in their meeting packets of December 14, 2015. Council Member Golden stated that the remodeled Casey's on Court Street looked nice and commented that the business got the job done without coming to Council requesting money.
Mayor McCabe advised the Council that Code Enforcement had 2 new inspectors Brian Erps and Shana Wade. The Mayor acknowledge the achievements of Cindy Diekhoff in scoring 1000 points for the high school basketball team and the high school wrestling program for 1st place in the Morton Invitational. He read a letter from a Chicago 4th grade student requesting information on the City of Pekin.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Luft, that the Council move to Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1.) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the body.

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

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:30 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk