
**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 9, 2012 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
LAURIE L. BARRA, MAYOR PRESIDING**

**PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, BLANCHARD, SCHMIDGALL. HENDRICKS, AND
BARRA**

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS MCCABE AND MASSAGLIA

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

Roll was called and all Council Members were physically present except Council Members McCabe and Massaglia. A quorum was present.

AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Blanchard that **the agenda be amended by removing 7.4 under Consent Agenda and the agenda then be approved as amended.** On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 12, 2011, be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

PUBLIC INPUT

Bill Fleming, Director of Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce spoke to the Agreement with Advanced Technology Recycling. He requested Council delay the vote and consider giving a local business Going Green Computers, the opportunity to submit their qualifications.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

7.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes: Police November Report, Tazewell County Animal Control November Report, Building Department October and November Reports, and Liquor Commission Meeting Minutes December 22, 2011.
7.2 Receive and File Financial Statements April 30, 2011: Tax Increment Financing Central Business District Fund, Sewerage Fund, Pekin Public Library Fund, and Tazewell/Pekin Consolidated Communications Center.
7.3 Receive and File Bids for Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Removal opened December 28, 2011.
7.5 Approve Council Meetings Dates set for 2012.
7.6 Resolution No. 27-11/12 – Mayor's appointments of Patrick Oberle and Frank Mackaman to the Economic Development Advisory Committee.
7.7 Receive and File Pekin Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes dated December 14, 2011.

On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Blanchard that the **BID FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SLUDGE REMOVAL PROJECT in the amount of \$30,800.00, be approved and the contract awarded to Stark Excavating, Inc.** City Engineer Mike Guerra recommended the award of a contract to Stark Excavating, Inc. for the removal of the sludge material down to the clay liner from approximately 1/3 of the lagoon. He informed the Council that this was a separate project from the contract provider. The area needed to be cleared for Williams Brothers to be able to excavate for the footings in the construction of the new plant. Council was also advised that it was the responsibility of the contractor if they disposed of the materials to farmers. Though the project was not budgeted the expense could still be paid from the sludge fund extra. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Schmidgall that **CHANGE ORDER #7 FOR THE WASTEWATER Treatment Plant Phase I project in a credit amount of \$76,829.75, be approved.** City Manager Joe Wuellner advised Council that the change covered credits for computer equipment the City purchased and additional work required to make changes to piping, electrical and control changes to keep existing system in service. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A-312-11/12

AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995 REGARDING NO LEFT TURN AT HILLTOP AND COURT STREETS

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Abel that Ordinance No. 1462-A-312-11/12 be adopted. In Chief Nelson's absence, the Manager explained the recommendation of the Traffic Safety Committee to prohibit vehicles on the easterly intersection of Hilltop and Court from making left turns on to Court Street. The decision based on a fatal accident that occurred at the location would restrict left turns during heavy traffic between 8:00.a.m. and 8:00 p.m. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Hendricks that the **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH TAZEWEEL COUNTY FOR ANIMAL & RABIES CONTROL SERVICES in the amount of \$45,046.00 be approved.** Mr. Wuellner requested the approval of an annual agreement to pick up and properly disperse/dispose of lost or stray animals. He noted the County had the proper facilities and personnel to provide this service that the City did not. Council Member Blanchard questioned if the contract were not entered into, would not the taxpayer of the County still get response. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Blanchard that the **AGREEMENT WITH ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY RECYCLING FOR ELECTRONICS RECYCLING be approved.** Council was advised that effective January 1, 2012 televisions, monitors, microwaves, keyboards, etc. were not allowed to be placed in a landfill. Background information was given by City Manager Joe Wuellner regarding an agreement at no cost for the disposal of electronic items. ATR would provide containers for the public and pickup at the Street Department facility. Discussion following regarding a local company, Going Green Computer's qualifications. It was agreed time would be given to submit a proposal containing their compliance with the Public Act. Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Schmidgall that the **AGREEMENT WITH ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY RECYCLING FOR ELECTRONICS RECYCLING be tabled until the next regular meeting of January 23, 2012.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council Member Blanchard complimented the public for their charity in giving to the less fortunate during the holidays.

Mayor Barra expressed the City's condolences to Council Member McCabe and family on the death of his sister. She also announced the scheduling of the Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, January 14, 2012 and the Martin Luther King Peoria Luncheon on Monday, January 16, 2012.

City Manager Joe Wuellner informed the public that Friday, January 13, 2012 would be the last day of yardwaste pickup until Spring.

Dale Kuntz, 5 Fox Point, distributed photos of what he feels is “Cultural Decade” and dumpiness in his continued campaign to encourage cleanup of Court Street.

Brad Frick, 1600 Margaret Street addressed the Council regarding his previous and present relationship with the City on recycling. He stated the company Going Green has State Certification for recycling electronics.

Steven Moore, 2010 Westgate, stated the 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. time for prohibited left turn from Hill Top on to Court Street would be confusing. He also questioned the Council following approval of the Animal and Rabies Agreement if there had been any reported cases of rabies in the last year by the County.

Ray Magee, Account Executive, Advanced Technology Recycling spoke in support of ATR’s ability to provide for the disposal of the City’s electronics in a manner protective of the environment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the Council move to Executive Session at 6:10 p.m. to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6) (5) Acquisition, Sale, Exchange, of Municipally Owned Property. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, Mayor Barra adjourned the meeting in open session.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:20 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk