
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE CITY HALL
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2006 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
FRANK H. MACKAMAN * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

**PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS, BLANCHARD, JONES, MADDOX AND
DAGIT ELECTRONICALLY**

ABSENT: NONE

As provided by Ordinance No. 2412 03/14/05 and under Title 1, Chapter 5, Section 3.1 of the Code of the City of Pekin 1995, Commissioner Dagit because of absence from the corporate limits of the City for personal employment purposes utilized the provisions and attended the meeting by teleconference.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by the 64th Mayor of Pekin David R. Tebben.

Roll was called and all commissioners were present. Commissioner Dagit responded to roll call as present by teleconference means.

Agenda

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Blanchard, that the **agenda be approved as presented**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Maddox, that the **Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 12, 2005 and the Special Meeting of the City Council December 19, 2005 be approved as written**. On roll call vote: Ayes, Dagit, Jones, Maddox, Mackaman; Nay Blanchard.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Mackaman presented and read the following items under consent Agenda.

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Maddox, that the Consent Agenda be **approved as presented**

1. **Receive and File Reports and Minutes: Fire November, Police December, Cash and Investments, Project Status, Tazewell County Animal Control, Annual T/PCCC, and Annual Building Report**
2. **Notification from Insight**
Adding PBS Create Channel 141 and deleting Fox Sports Chicago Channel 58 effective 1/9/06.
3. **Receive and File Lake Arlann Restoration Project Final Completion Report**
Evaluation of project completed successfully by Southwind in June 2005.
4. **Resolution No. 132-05/06 - Reappointment of Karl Jordan to the Pekin Housing Authority Board for a 5 Year Term until January 14, 2011**
5. **Resolution No. 133-05/06 - Designating Com'r. Dagit to Citizens Review Committee for Community Development Block Grant Rehab Program and to the Loan Review Committee and Com'r. Blanchard to Housing Board as Council Liaisons**
6. **Receive and File Bids Emergency Generator Wastewater Treatment Plant**
Request for Proposals generated 2 responses. Action under New Business #7.
7. **Receive and File Annual Financial Statements April 30, 2005**
A presentation by the Auditor under Communications.
8. **Receive and File Pekin Planning Commission Minutes Dated 14, 2005**

9. Receive and File Pekin Planning Commission Hearings and Recommendations:

- a. #1691 – approve Preliminary Plat Hickory Hills Estates Section Five and rezoning from R-E to R-2
- b. #1692 – approve special use to relocate ATM on Court St
- c. #1693 – approve site plan to relocate ATM on Court Street
- d. #1694 – approve Amendment to Zoning Ordinance to include Cul-de-sacs
- e. #1695 – approve Zoning changes to Non-Conforming Uses

See action under New Business # 1-6.

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Communications, Petitions, Reports

Mayor Mackaman read and Com'r. Maddox presented to Pamela Anderson the **PROCLAMATION: "DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY" JANUARY 16, 2006**. Mrs. Anderson gave notice to the public of the MLKJ Breakfast on Saturday, January 14 at the Library and the City of Pekin planned events in City Hall on the Monday birthday.

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Blanchard that the **PROCLAMATION: JANUARY 16, 2006 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY** be adopted. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Overview of **ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PREPARED BY WILLOCK WARNING & CO., P.C.** was presented by Jim Warning. Council reviewed key pages of the report.

- Statement 2 format showed amount of taxes it takes to run the City
- Balance Sheet showed increase in investments and debt

Mr. Warning felt the best use for Financial Statement was to review trends and correlation in government operations. He advised that Council keep in mind the increase to approximately \$1 million a year for Debt Service repayment. Com'r. Jones commented that the increase in investments for infrastructure and equipment would also depreciate over the years.

Fire Chief Chuck Lauss advised Council the City received **ASSISTANCE TO FIRE FIGHTERS GRANT** which would give 90% of the cost of a particular project and is matched by the 10% from the City of Pekin. The grant would be used to purchase vehicle ventilation systems for each of the three (3) stations, as per IDOL citation, and to purchase some upgraded communications for the apparatus. The amount of the grant was \$94,059.00 with the 10% matching from the City of Pekin \$10,451.00. City funding would come from a combination of this budget and next FY.

Lieutenant Greg Nelson presented a new resource for locating missing children and to keep the community better informed when registered sex offenders move in their neighborhoods. The department partnered with a federally funded organization, **A CHILD IS MISSING** that offers the ability to take a message and get it out to 1,000 homes a minute when a child was missing, or residents notified in surrounding ¼ mile of a registered sex offender's move into a neighborhood. Lt. Nelson stated that the system could also be used when a mass need for officers or fire personnel were notified for duty. It was noted the alert system is the first in the area and that it was no cost to the City. Council members spoke in support of the new program.

David Tebben representing the **POLICE FOUNDATION**, presented a donation from the Lions Club to Sgt. Rob McAtee of a generator and lighting equipment for the police department use. Mr. Tebben then introduced Ralph Warner of the Lions club who spoke on the charitable work of the service organization..

New Business

The first 6 items of business were recommendations from the Pekin Planning Commission to Council for their approval.

ORDINANCE NO. 1568-A160
PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY
HICKORY HILLS ESTATES SECTION FIVE
PART OF PIN # 05-05-031-306-013

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Maddox that Ordinance No. 1568-A160 be adopted. The Chair explained that the action was to approve the request to rezone Hickory Hills, Section 5 from RE (Residential Estate) to R-2 (Single Family Residential) that would allow for the construction of curbed streets with sidewalks and storm drainpipe versus, streets with drainage ditches and no curbs or sidewalks.

The size of the lots will also be reduced. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 134-05/06

PRELIMINARY PLAT HICKORY HILLS ESTATES SECTION FIVE

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Maddox that Resolution No. 134-05/06 be adopted. Council was briefed that action was to approve the Preliminary Plat for Section 5 of Hickory Hills Subdivision, which identified lot sizes, streets, etc. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Blanchard, seconded by Com'r. Jones that the **SPECIAL USE REQUEST IN ORDER TO RELOCATE THE CEFCU ATM IN EAST COURT VILLAGE BY CULLINAN PROPERTIES be approved.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Blanchard, seconded by Com'r. Maddox that the **SITE PLAN SUBMITTED BY CULLINAN PROPERTIES FOR THE RELOCATED CEFCU ATM IN EAST COURT VILLAGE be approved.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2455-OA

AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 10A, SECTION 5, SUBSECTION A OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995 REGARDING THE ZONING CODE

Motion by Com'r. Blanchard, seconded by Com'r. Maddox that Ordinance No. 2455-OA be adopted. Council was presented an ordinance to approve a change to the zoning code addressing non-conforming use whereby an existing residence could be in a business zone if it met certain criteria. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2456

AMENDING TITLE 10, CHAPTER 5, SECTION 2, SUBSECTION G OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995 REGARDING THE SUBDIVISION CODE

Motion by Com'r. Blanchard, seconded by Com'r. Maddox that Ordinance No. 2456 be adopted. Council was presented an ordinance to approve a change to the provisions of the subdivision code to include specific requirements and criteria for cul-de-sacs in developments. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Maddox, seconded by Com'r. Blanchard that the **BID FOR EMERGENCY GENERATOR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$61,406.00 BE APPROVED AND THE CONTRACT BE AWARDED TO CUMMINGS MID STATE.** After opening bids on January 4, 2006 it was noted the amount was less than 3% over the \$59,640.00 estimate by Farnsworth Group. The purchase would replace and upgrade the generator serving the wastewater treatment plant. Questions of Council were addressed by staff:

- Funding from 06 and 07 Budget out of Wastewater Fund
- New generator diesel powered only
- Cummings service out of Normal Illinois

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Maddox, seconded by Com'r. Blanchard that the **ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH FARNSWORTH GROUP not to exceed \$5,200.00 be approved.** It was noted the services agreement employed the Farnsworth Group to complete the application forms to expend federal dollars for wastewater treatment improvements on a time and material basis. If the project was not granted Categorical Exclusion and additional environmental assessment was required staff would need to return to Council for an additional approval of an estimated \$4,100.00 required for those services. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Maddox, seconded by Com'r. Jones that the **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL WITH TAZEWELL COUNTY be approved and the City Manager be authorized to execute the agreement when approved by the Tazewell County Board at their January meeting.** Council discussed the one-year agreement for services of the County to pickup animals running at large in the amount of \$39,129.00. The previous November agreement had been proposed for a calendar year Jan-Dec term. Previous year fee was \$38,200.00. Com'r. Blanchard requested that the City Manager research feasibility of in-house animal control. Due to the one year term of the present contract and the fact that it would take additional time to plan and implement the project and hire personnel, it was suggested to look at figures

prior to next renewal. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Maddox, seconded by Com'r. Blanchard that the **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR POLICE PROTECTION WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY** be approved.

Council was asked to consider the renewal of a yearly agreement for police protection by off duty officers term of February – January 2007. Police Chief Gillespie felt the agreement was a beneficial to City and Housing as well as a good public relations tool. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Maddox, seconded by Com'r. Blanchard that the **COUNCIL PRECEDE WITH THE CONCEPTUAL PLAN FOR THE CITY OF PEKIN** as presented. Mayor Mackaman introduced his proposal for mapping the City's future. He proposed a series of meetings to develop a conceptual plan to direct funding for future projects. Council was offered in place of a Retreat several shorter meetings. Com'r. Jones expressed concern about the time frame planned for the sessions if staff would need to attend. It was suggested to conduct the meetings on alternating Mondays of Council meetings, department Heads only involved depending on progress. The Manager would attend all sessions. City staff would then engage in operational planning and at the point the plan could have public participation. Commissioners spoke in support of the plan. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Com'r. Dagit thanked Council and staff for the ability to attend the Council meeting via teleconference.

Com'r. Jones asked that State official be contacted regarding the inability of the City to speed up the maintenance needed on Court Street. He again requested that provisions for removing junk or abandon vehicles be enforced.

Com'r. Blanchard noted:

- Traffic Safety Committee has changed the regularly scheduled meeting to the first Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. to accommodate the general public's right to attend.
- Noted no lights have been placed on the Belle of the Night boat as required by the last extension to the contract for mooring at the foot of Court Street.
- Requested that direction on what will be done with the West Campus be made part of the planning process. Requested that the payments due the City regarding code enforcement and security be collected.

City Manager Dennis Kief thanked the press for the positive story on development in the City and the announcement of Amerhart construction in Riverway Business Park. He presented a card signed by City staff to John Sharp of the Peoria Journal Star on leaving his assignment as City report. John introduce his replacement Karen McDonald.

Greg Ranney Public Property Director thanked the Solid Waste Department for their efforts in collecting additional refuse during the two holiday weeks. He noted toters were mandatory for each household by September 1, 2006 and were available for sale at 1130 Koch Street.

Denny Vaughn 2102 Marigold Drive asked Council where the bill for his cracked windshield and car alignment could be sent from his claim for damages while driving on Court Street. Mr. Vaughn was told the State of Illinois had schedule improvements for 2007.

Dale Schott representing Central Groveland Fire Protection District invited Mayor Mackaman to attend meetings March 9 and March 13 regarding a referendum. He also questioned the synchronization of traffic lights at 3rd Street, 5th Street, Margaret Street and Ann Eliza.

Reporters from the *Peoria Journal Star* and *Pekin Daily Time* were given the opportunity to ask questions.

No further business to come before the Council, Mayor Mackaman called the meeting closed.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:12 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk