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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 8, 2018 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
JOHN MCCABE *MAYOR * PRESIDING

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor John McCabe.

All members were present except Council Member Luft was absent. A quorum declared.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
James A Schramm	Council Member	Present	5:24 PM
Michael Garrison	Councilman	Present	4:51 PM
Lloyd Orrick	Mayor Pro-Tem	Present	4:49 PM
John P Abel	Council Member	Present	4:50 PM
Michael Ritchason	Council Member	Present	5:26 PM
Mark Luft	Council Member	Absent	
John McCabe	Mayor	Present	4:49 PM

APPROVE AGENDA

3.1. Motion to: **Approve agenda**

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

4.2. **City Council - Special Meeting - Dec 20, 2017 5:00 PM**

4.3. **City Council - Regular Meeting - Dec 11, 2017 5:30 PM**

PUBLIC INPUT

Rick Hilst addressed questions to the Council for New Business item 8.1. He noted in the paperwork for IHSA March Madness that six season tickets and VIP passes were given to sponsors and asked how the City determines who they are handed out to.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

6.1. Police Department Stats - November 2017

6.2. 2018 City Council Meeting Dates

6.3. Resignation of Audit Services Willock Warning & Co., P. C.

6.4. Resolution No. 72-17/18 Mayor's Reappointment of Ann J. Trumpy to the Pekin Housing Board

6.5. Motion to: **Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda**

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

PRESENTATION MARCH MADNESS - DAVE DEFREITAS

Mr. Defreitas introduced himself as Vice Chair and volunteer for the Illinois High School Association Basketball Tournament Finals and March Madness Experience. He told of the 22 years that sponsors made the event possible in Peoria. He informed the Council that the event had become much more than a basketball tournament in that events were not only held in the arena but the Experience in the Exhibit Hall played host to Wheelchair Tournaments, Legends Clinic, Jump Ball Jamboree, and dance. He thanked the City for their sponsorship throughout the years. He noted Peoria as Host City contributed more, but asked that the Council join some 30 other sponsors and 5 surrounding municipalities in sponsorship of $5,000.00. A short video was shown used for soliciting the 2016-2020 contract with the IHSA to remain in Peoria. Don Welsh President of the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau spoke also with appreciation for previous sponsorship from the City and requested to commit the same. The economic impact was a result of 5700 room nights in the area. Mr. Welsh thanked the Council for allowing PACVB to be part of Christmas on Court and the July golf tournament to be held in Pekin.

Mayor McCabe told the Council that the VIP tickets in question had been given to Pekin Boys and Girls Club for distribution.

NEW BUSINESS

8.1. IHSA Steering Committee

Council Member Abel spoke in support of the funding. He clarified by sponsoring the event and using tourism funding, hotel guest were re-investing in the community. The $5,000 was not tax dollars. Council Member Orrick questioned if Caterpillar would remain committed to Peoria since the corporate office changed to Deerfield.

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

8.2. ORDINANCE NUMBER: 2776-17/18 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A POLICY PROHIBITING SEXUAL HARASSMENT FOR CITY OF PEKIN

Human Resources Director Sarah Newcomb advised the Council that Public Act 100-0554 amended the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act including Section 70-5 pertaining to government entities. The State mandated adoption within 60 days after November 16, 2017 of an ordinance establishing a policy prohibiting sexual harassment. She noted the City had a policy in some format since 1992 but would update with the ordinance presented. The City would continue on going training new employees training and Council Members as required.

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

8.3. Resolution No. 73-17/18 A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Modification for Bus Rates and Service

City Manager Tony Carson presented to the Council Resolution No. 73-17/18 to authorize the Mayor to execute a modification for bus rates and service. Grade School District 108 and Pekin High School District 303 entered into agreements to extend for 2 years and modify service in their Memorandum of Understanding including exhibits for fuel and charters. He felt the agreements were mutually beneficial to both the school districts and the City. He advised that Superintendent of Busing Bob Henderson, attended the school district Board meetings after they had completed their due diligence. There they discussed private company, continuation with City, or a buy bus/contract private scenario. The Council was told the schools appreciated the extraordinary customer service and that the bus employees take the job seriously.

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

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Jim Mangan emailed information he would be speaking about to the Council Members regarding budget and loan plans of 2015 to buy capital items and complete projects. The loan list called for a roof for the City's Salt Barn. He felt there was a violation of the loan contract when half a roof was recently put on the building. He requested a thorough criminal investigation and that the Illinois State Police and Attorney General's Office be called for investigation of fraud and diversion of public funds.

Tom Veatch read from a prepared statement. He stated that the firefighters could not be blamed for shortfalls in the pensions and decades of under funding by the City in the 1970's and 80's. He believed it was a debt owed by the city and not an expense of present employees.

John McNish read the actions that had taken placed over the last two Council Meetings in adopting the Levy on December 11, 2017 by Ordinance No. 2774 with a vote of 7-0 and then rescinding it on December 20, 2017 and adopting Ordinance No. 2775 with only a vote of 6-0 due to Councilman Ritchason being absent. He states that no vote shall be rescinded at a special meeting unless the same council members are present that were when the vote was originally passed. He then stated that the city is sitting on an illegal levy. Mr. McNish thanked the firefighters for the work. He recommended to the Council to do something about their pension shortage.

Tony Carson notified the Council that this will be the final audit Willock Warning & Co., P.C. will be conducting for the City. Mr. Wolfe will be looking into recommendations for a new audit firm for next year. He then thanked the street department and solid waste department for what a great job they have done. Positive things for 2017 included 2 Million dollars in street and improvement work, beautification of downtown on Derby Street and hopes to see even more in 2018.

Council Member Ritchason asked to resolve the question regarding the tax levy being voted on at the special meeting. It was the opinion of corporation counsel, Burt Dancey, that the action was an effective action and filed with the county clerk.

Council Member Orrick noted that the Ledgestone disc golf event was to provide the City with a list of motel rooms used during the event. City Manager, Mr. Carson, will follow-up.

Council Member Abel invited Council Members to tour the airport. There is now a waiting list for hanger space. A presentation will come in the next few weeks. He continued to note that it would be favorable to have Habitat for Humanity connect with the community to built some new homes on city owned parcels in a means to get properties back on the tax roll.

Mayor McCabe thanked the fire department and street department for their snow removal, it is a thankless task. He also noted that this Saturday is the 25th anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration at the church with guest speaker from NAACP and a grade school presentation.

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

Motion was made to move to Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 1. 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.

10.1. Motion to: **Move to Exec Session**

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

ADJOURN

No further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Council Member Orrick, seconded by Council Member Ritchason that Council adjourn. Motion carried viva voce. Mayor McCabe adjourned the meeting in open session 7:00 p.m.