City of Pekin

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, OCTOBER 28, 2024 AT 5:30 PM
MAYOR MARY J. BURRESS PRESIDING

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Onken.

Call to Order

City Clerk, Ms. Sue McMillan, confirmed all Council Members were physically present and logged in.

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Rick Hilst	City of Pekin	Council Member	Present	5:30 PM
Karen Hohimer	City of Pekin	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	5:30 PM
Dave Nutter	City of Pekin	Council Member	Present	5:30 PM
Mary Burress	City of Pekin	Mayor	Present	5:30 PM
Lloyd Orrick	City of Pekin	Council Member	Present	5:30 PM
John P Abel	City of Pekin	Council Member	Present	5:30 PM
Chris Onken	City of Pekin	Council Member	Present	5:30 PM

Approve Agenda

RESULT:	**PASSED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER:	Council Member Rick Hilst
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Karen Hohimer
AYES:	1st Alternate Mayor Pro Tem Abel, Mayor Burress, Council Member Nutter, Council Member Hilst, Council Member Orrick, Mayor Pro Tem Hohimer, Council Member Onken

Approval of Minutes

RESULT:	**PASSED (UNANIMOUS)**

MOVER:	Council Member Rick Hilst
SECONDER:	1st Alternate Mayor Pro Tem John Abel
AYES:	1st Alternate Mayor Pro Tem Abel, Mayor Burress, Council Member Nutter, Council Member Hilst, Council Member Orrick, Mayor Pro Tem Hohimer, Council Member Onken

4.1. City Council - Regular Meeting - October 14, 2024 5:30 PM

Public Input

Dan Chipman, a resident and retired firefighter expressed disappointment with the Council's recent 4-3 vote against reinstating two parallel parking spaces on Park Avenue, citing safety concerns for residents. He argued that the Hanson engineering analysis, which was used to justify the decision, overlooked the specific area that could safely accommodate these parking spaces. He noted that the location near Court Street has ample room, and the existing parking on the north side of the street suggests there is sufficient space for additional spots on the south side. He also referenced flooding and a worsening sinkhole near the Garden and Park intersection that could be mitigated by restoring parking as it was before. Citing Proverbs 8:15, he urged Council members to reconsider their votes to protect the most vulnerable in the community.

Consent Agenda

RESULT:	**PASSED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER:	Council Member Rick Hilst
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Karen Hohimer
AYES:	1st Alternate Mayor Pro Tem Abel, Mayor Burress, Council Member Nutter, Council Member Hilst, Council Member Orrick, Mayor Pro Tem Hohimer, Council Member Onken

Council Member Hilst read the 3 items listed on the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Nutter requested Consent Agenda Item 6.3 Receive and File Expenditure for Restocking Sewer Supplies for the Street Department be moved to New Business.

6.1. Accounts Payable Paid Proof List thru October 18, 2024

6.2. Financial Reports September 2024

Unfinished Business

7.1. Ordinance No. 4242-24/25 Requiring the Registration of Properties that are Vacant or Subject to Foreclosure

RESULT:	**(UNANIMOUS) LAYED OVER TO DECEMBER 9, 2024 COUNCIL MEETING**
MOVER:	Council Member Lloyd Orrick
SECONDER:	Council Member Chris Onken
AYES:	1st Alternate Mayor Pro Tem Abel, Mayor Burress, Council Member Nutter, Council Member Hilst, Council Member Orrick, Mayor Pro Tem Hohimer, Council Member Onken

A motion was made by Council Member Onken seconded by Council Member Orrick to approve Ordinance No. 4242-24/25 Requiring the Registration of Properties that are Vacant or Subject to Foreclosure.

City Manager John Dossey informed the Council that, following the previous meeting's postponement, city staff met with the PR group and local realtors who provided constructive feedback. To incorporate their suggestions and draft supportive language, city staff requested additional time to finalize the ordinance, aiming for completion by December 9.

A motion was made to layover Ordinance No. 4242-24/25 Requiring the Registration of Properties that are Vacant or Subject to Foreclosure.

New Business

8.1. Ordinance No. 4246-24/25 Approving an Amendment to the Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Real Property with Illinois American Water for the City-Owned Property Generally East of the Current Terminous of Brenkman Drive

RESULT:	**PASSED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER:	Council Member Dave Nutter
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Karen Hohimer
AYES:	1st Alternate Mayor Pro Tem Abel, Mayor Burress, Council Member Nutter, Council Member Hilst, Council Member Orrick, Mayor Pro Tem Hohimer, Council Member Onken

Ordinance No. 4246-24/25, amending the purchase and sale agreement with Illinois American Water for additional city-owned property East of Brinkman Drive, was introduced for approval. City Manager Dossey explained that the Council had previously approved the sale of 1.9 acres for $37,104.38, but after site assessments, Illinois American Water requested an additional 0.475

acres to accommodate the installation of a new water tower. They have agreed to pay appraised value, bringing the revised total sale price to $46,380.48. Staff recommended approval, with Economic Development Director Josh Wray available for questions. Council Member Orrick inquired about who would cover costs for surveying and deed work, to which City Attorney Kate Swise confirmed that Illinois American Water would be responsible as part of their due diligence.

8.2. Ordinance No. 4247-24/25 Approving Termination of Purchase and Sale Agreement for Property at 14th Street and Willow

RESULT:	**PASSED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER:	1st Alternate Mayor Pro Tem John Abel
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Karen Hohimer
AYES:	1st Alternate Mayor Pro Tem Abel, Mayor Burress, Council Member Nutter, Council Member Hilst, Council Member Orrick, Mayor Pro Tem Hohimer, Council Member Onken

Ordinance No. 4247-24/25, terminating the purchase and sale agreement for property at 14th Street and Willow, was introduced. City Manager Dossey explained that the city had entered into an agreement with Mr. Milam in July 2022, and Council Member Hohimer inquired if Mr. Milam would still be interested in purchasing the property in the future. Mr. Dossey confirmed Mr. Milam's interest would resume if the city proceeded with constructing a new fire station on Sheridan, relieving the city of a five-year commitment.

Council Member Hilst asked about the repercussions of not approving the termination, and City Attorney Kate Swise clarified that failure to proceed could result in default by March 2025, allowing Mr. Milam options for a breach claim or an order to enforce the sale. Council Member Hilst emphasized that the original contract gives Mr. Milam a $200K buyout option if the city fails to relocate the fire station. If the city does not meet the agreement, it could end up leasing back the current fire station site from Mr. Milam. Ms. Swise confirmed that $200K remains as a balance, secured by the property mortgage. Council Member Hilst expressed regret over the lack of prior appraisal, adding that a rejection would lead to costly property leasing.

Council Member Orrick questioned if the entire payment of $225K, not $200K, was due; Ms. Swise affirmed.

8.3. Resolution No. 203-24/25 Approving Funding Agreement for Court Street from 8th to 10th with IDOT

RESULT:	**PASSED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER:	1st Alternate Mayor Pro Tem John Abel

SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Karen Hohimer
AYES:	1st Alternate Mayor Pro Tem Abel, Mayor Burress, Council Member Nutter, Council Member Hilst, Council Member Orrick, Mayor Pro Tem Hohimer, Council Member Onken

Resolution No. 203-24/25, approving a funding agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for the Court Street project from 8th to 10th, was discussed. City Manager Dossey explained that the resolution authorizes the acceptance of $3 million in Surface Transportation Program - Urban (STU) grant funding for the project, which has an estimated total cost of $4.3 million. The City is responsible for the remaining funds. The project is scheduled for bidding in January 2025, contingent on completing land acquisitions for the remaining four properties.

Council Member Nutter inquired about the status of land acquisitions, and City Engineer Josie Esker confirmed that four properties are still being negotiated, primarily with larger corporations. She mentioned the potential for delays if the land acquisition process isn't completed in time.

Mayor Burress asked for confirmation on the project timeline, to which Ms. Esker confirmed the goal of bidding by January 2025.

Council Member Hilst clarified that the State would bid out the project separately for the sections from 8th to 10th and from 10th to Stadium Drive, as requested by IDOT, which would require two different engineers and contractors. Ms. Esker noted that this would require more effort from city staff but would save the City from paying for document reviews.

The grant amount of $3 million was confirmed to be an estimate, with Ms. Esker noting that if the bid comes in lower than expected, the City will only be responsible for up to 30% of the project cost. She also confirmed that the budget for the project would be split between fiscal years 2025 and 2026, with small amounts allocated in the current fiscal year.

Council Member Hilst questioned the accuracy of the $1.3 million figure for the remaining project cost, and Ms. Esker explained that the budget includes funds allocated for the 10th to Stadium Drive section as well.

Economic Development Director Josh Wray clarified the funds already budgeted, including $1 million for Court Street engineering, $2.7 million for the current phase, and $750,000 for the 8th to Stadium section.

City Manager Dossey mentioned that a new budgeting tool will be introduced to help track where funds for capital projects will be allocated more clearly in the future.

8.4. Resolution No. 204-24/25 Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Mohr and Kerr for the Survey and Platting of the Lutticken Property

RESULT:	**PASSED (6 TO 1)**
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Karen Hohimer
SECONDER:	1st Alternate Mayor Pro Tem John Abel
AYES:	1st Alternate Mayor Pro Tem Abel, Mayor Burress, Council Member Nutter, Council Member Orrick, Mayor Pro Tem Hohimer, Council Member Onken
NAYS:	Council Member Hilst

Resolution No. 204-24/25, which approves a professional services agreement with Mohr and Kerr for surveying and platting the Lutticken Property, was introduced by Economic Development Director Josh Wray. He explained that the project involves surveying and platting 16 parcels, costing an estimated $69,000, with an additional $20,000 required for a full ALTA survey, setting a not-to-exceed limit of $100,000.

Council Member Orrick inquired about billing procedures, and Mr. Wray confirmed that Mohr and Kerr would bill monthly based on their fee schedule provided in the council packet.

Council Member Nutter noted a planned 5% rate increase by the contractor at the beginning of the year, which Mr. Wray considered reasonable, and City Engineer Josie Esker clarified that this is a standard provision to accommodate contractor wage adjustments.

Council Member Nutter also asked if the survey documents would belong to the City, which Mr. Wray affirmed.

Mayor Burress felt the resolution was a significant first step in advancing the project.

8.5. Resolution No. 205-24/25 Authorizing Purchase of a Trench Burner by Air Burner Inc.

RESULT:	**PASSED (5 TO 2)**
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Karen Hohimer
SECONDER:	1st Alternate Mayor Pro Tem John Abel
AYES:	1st Alternate Mayor Pro Tem Abel, Mayor Burress, Council Member Nutter, Mayor Pro Tem Hohimer, Council Member Onken
NAYS:	Council Member Hilst, Council Member Orrick

A motion was made by Council Member Hohimer seconded by Council

Member Abel to approve and adopt Resolution No. 205-24/25 Authorizing Purchase of a Trench Burner by Air Burner, Inc.

The purpose of the purchase is to help the City with tree removal and manage storm damage more effectively, as space at the North plant is running out, and hauling the debris to the landfill would be too costly. The equipment meets EPA requirements and could also be used to assist surrounding communities during storm events for a nominal fee. Additionally, the equipment is needed for a one-time project to clear a tree line at the Airport to meet FAA sight requirements. City Manager John Dossey explained that the original price of $65,468 had increased by $9,000 due to the recent hurricanes that depleted inventory, and the final price, including shipping, is $73,376.

Public Works Director Dean Schneider, working with the sales representative from Air Burner Inc., confirmed a reduction in shipping costs from $4,800 to $3,600.

Council Member Nutter inquired about the original price and raised concerns about funding, noting that there was no budgeted amount under machinery and equipment, but the purchase would be taken from the capital budget.

Council Member Orrick raised concerns about fire safety and liability, asking whether the equipment had been reviewed for safety guidelines. Deputy Fire Chief Tony Rendleman confirmed that the equipment would follow manufacturer guidelines and be monitored by staff. Mr. Schneider explained that the unit would be placed in a secure area, likely at the airport, and not in public spaces, reducing the risk of liability.

The Council also discussed the potential for other municipalities to lease the equipment. Mr. Schneider mentioned that a rental agreement could be drafted to ensure proper liability coverage.

Council Member Hilst raised questions about the equipment’s warranty and potential repair processes. Mr. Schneider explained that the warranty covered parts and labor for one year, and any repairs would likely be managed by the manufacturer or in-house staff.

Council Member Nutter motioned to amend the resolution to increase the purchase price to a not-to-exceed amount of $74,000, which was seconded by Council Member Orrick. The motion to approve the amendment was passed.

RESULT:	**PASSED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER:	Council Member Dave Nutter

SECONDER:	Council Member Lloyd Orrick
AYES:	1st Alternate Mayor Pro Tem Abel, Mayor Burress, Council Member Nutter, Council Member Hilst, Council Member Orrick, Mayor Pro Tem Hohimer, Council Member Onken

8.6. Resolution No. 206-24/25 Authorizing Purchase of a New 3/4 Ton Pick-up and Plow for Public Properties

RESULT:	**PASSED (6 TO 1)**
MOVER:	Council Member Chris Onken
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Karen Hohimer
AYES:	1st Alternate Mayor Pro Tem Abel, Mayor Burress, Council Member Nutter, Council Member Orrick, Mayor Pro Tem Hohimer, Council Member Onken
NAYS:	Council Member Hilst

City Manager John Dossey read the request for Resolution Number 206-24/25, authorizing the purchase of a new 3/4 ton pickup and plow for public properties. Mr. Dossey explained the vehicle's intended use, replacing a 1997 truck that was no longer roadworthy. The purchase would come from contingency funds in the department, while the plow cost would be covered by the equipment line item for properties. The recommended vehicle from Dennison was chosen as it is a local vendor.

Public Works Director Dean Schneider explained that he reached out to Morrow Bros. and secured a state bid price for the truck, which is a Super with a four-door configuration.

Council Member Orrick sought clarification on the price difference between the Dennison truck and a comparable 2023 model from Morrow Bros. He noted that the Morrow truck, though less expensive at $53,989, had a shorter bed, whereas the preferred model had a longer bed, resulting in about a $1,000 difference.

Further questions followed, with Council Member Orrick asking whether the Street Department would operate the truck. Mr. Dossey clarified that this truck would be for public properties, such as parking lots, and the Street Department would not use it. The truck would be used for a variety of tasks, including snow removal, watering flowers, and hauling materials.

Council Member Hilst raised concerns about why the vehicle wasn’t included in the budget discussion, as it was not initially budgeted. Mr. Dossey explained that it was held back due to uncertainty over the Woolsey property purchase and was therefore allocated in contingency funds. Council Member Hilst emphasized that large expenses like this should be included in the budget, not contingency funds.

Council Member Nutter expressed no issue with purchasing the truck but raised concerns about the line item allocation for snow removal and salt. He also agreed with Council Member Hilst's concern about the truck's problematic history, noting that it had been a safety issue in previous years.

Mayor Burress asked why Council Member Nutter had a problem with the vehicle being listed under snow and salt, and Council Member Nutter clarified that in previous years, snow removal had been incorrectly included under the salt budget line. Council Member Nutter said he would follow up with the accounting department regarding the proper categorization of the expense.

8.7. Resolution No. 207-24/25 Approving FY26 Enterprise Lease Agreements for New Police Vehicles

RESULT:	**PASSED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER:	Council Member Chris Onken
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Karen Hohimer
AYES:	1st Alternate Mayor Pro Tem Abel, Mayor Burress, Council Member Nutter, Council Member Hilst, Council Member Orrick, Mayor Pro Tem Hohimer, Council Member Onken

Resolution No. 207-24/25, which approves the FY26 Enterprise Lease Agreements for new police vehicles, was introduced for discussion. City Manager John Dossey explained that the police department is requesting approval to lease six new 2025 Ford Interceptor police vehicles from Enterprise Fleet Management. These leases would include six marked squad cars, with two vehicles being upfitted with full cages and four with half cages. The leases are part of the ongoing fleet program designed to reduce overall fleet costs for the police department.The total financial impact for the leases is $67,596.72, which will be budgeted in the FY26 budget as delivery is not expected until that fiscal year. The breakdown includes $45,088.32 for four vehicles equipped with half cages ($939.34 per month for 12 months) and $22,508.40 for two vehicles with full cages ($937.85 per month for 12 months). The award is based on a previously awarded contract.

Council Member Orrick asked about the difference between the half and full cages. Police Chief Ranney explained that the difference is equipment-related, with half cages often being used to accommodate taller officers or for vehicles that will transport two officers. Council Member Orrick further inquired about the terminology, asking if the vehicles were patrol vehicles, to which Chief Ranney confirmed that they were, referring to them as "squad cars."

Chief Ranney went on to explain that the department has 23 patrol vehicles, with 56 police officers and 68 total employees. Each squad car is assigned to two officers, ensuring the vehicles do not run continuously, as there is an eight-hour break between shifts. He added that the contract with Enterprise includes more vehicles than there are sworn officers.

Council Member Orrick asked about the department's fleet size, to which Chief Ranney confirmed that there are 64 vehicles, but not all are owned by the police department. City Manager Dossey clarified that some vehicles on the list provided in September might not have been picked up by Enterprise yet.

Council Member Nutter inquired about the hail damage on some vehicles and whether all hail-damaged vehicles were still in operation. Chief Ranney explained that the vehicles with hail damage were waiting to be upfitted but had been kept in operation until then. Council Member Nutter also noted that the project needed to be fast-tracked to meet the build schedule with the manufacturer.

Chief Ranney concluded by highlighting one of the benefits of using Enterprise, which is the ability to strip equipment from older vehicles and install it in new ones. This helps reduce costs, and in some years, the vehicles can be sold by Enterprise, with the proceeds credited toward the overall cost.

8.8. Resolution No. 208-24/25 Approving the Contract for Tree Removal at Pekin Municipal Airport to B.E.B. Excavating Inc.

RESULT:	**PASSED (6 TO 1)**
MOVER:	Council Member Chris Onken
SECONDER:	1st Alternate Mayor Pro Tem John Abel
AYES:	1st Alternate Mayor Pro Tem Abel, Mayor Burress, Council Member Hilst, Council Member Orrick, Mayor Pro Tem Hohimer, Council Member Onken
NAYS:	Council Member Nutter

Resolution No. 208-24/25 was introduced to approve the contract for tree removal at the Pekin Municipal Airport to B.E.B. Excavating Inc. City Manager John Dossey explained that the contract aims to address the removal of trees along the south tree line at the airport to comply with FAA safety requirements. Staff received three estimates for the project, with B.E.B. Excavating Inc. and Topless Tree Service both assuming the use of a City-owned air curtain for disposal. Topless Tree Service included an additional charge if the air curtain was not purchased. The third estimate, from Miller and Sons, did not account for the use of the air curtain. Staff recommended awarding the contract to B.E.B. Excavating, contingent on the approval of the purchase of the air curtain.

The contract will cover the removal of approximately 100 trees that have grown too tall, exceeding the FAA's height requirement of 23 feet. Airport Manager Mike Cruce elaborated on the FAA inspection process, which identified the south tree line and taxi lines as non-compliant due to the trees' height. He explained that the trees are located along the south property line and fence, which have not been maintained over the years. The tree line has grown to 40-50 feet in some areas, creating flight safety concerns.

Council Member Orrick recalled a previous situation when farm activities led to the removal of trees in that area, and Mr. Cruce explained that those trees were on land under an agricultural easement, which would need cooperation from landowners for trimming. The FAA requires that all trees on airport property be addressed due to flight safety concerns.

Council Member Nutter raised questions regarding the contractual aspects, particularly if the removal included stump removal and repair of any damage to the fence. Mr. Cruce confirmed that the contract would cover both tree and stump removal, as well as any necessary fence repairs. Council Member Nutter also inquired about the guidelines given to contractors for removing the trees and stumps. Mr. Cruce clarified that the plan was to use an air burner, which would help reduce transportation costs for hauling the debris, as trucking the debris would require a long detour.

In response to Council Member Hilst's question about why estimates were obtained instead of sending out a formal Request for Proposal (RFP), Public Works Director Dean Schneider explained that the first estimate received from B.E.B. Excavating Inc. was in line with the procurement policy. The other estimates were obtained from Topless Tree Service and a third company that was reached out to but did not provide a competitive estimate. According to procurement requirements, the City needed two quotes, and the first estimate met those policy guidelines. Mr. Schneider further clarified that if the initial two estimates had been higher than expected, the City would have opted to issue an RFP. However, since the procurement requirements were met with the quotes received, there was no need to proceed with a formal RFP process.

Council Member Hilst also raised a question about the allocation of the air curtain rental costs, noting that it was being charged to public properties, not the airport. Mr. Schneider responded that public properties would initially cover the cost, but there would be a transfer later to allocate the expense properly.

6.3. Receive and File Expenditure for Restocking Sewer Supplies for the

Street Department

RESULT:	**PASSED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER:	Council Member Dave Nutter
SECONDER:	Council Member Lloyd Orrick
AYES:	1st Alternate Mayor Pro Tem Abel, Mayor Burress, Council Member Nutter, Council Member Hilst, Council Member Orrick, Mayor Pro Tem Hohimer, Council Member Onken

City Manager Dossey introduced the agenda item, explaining that the purpose of the expenditure was to restock sewer supplies for the Street Department after the season's usage, noting that prices are expected to increase next year. Core & Main, a nearby supplier based in Washington, Illinois, has been utilized as the closest provider. Mr. Dossey also mentioned plans to gather pricing information from Core & Main and competing suppliers early next spring.

Council Member Hilst inquired why the expenditure did not come to the Council for approval before being expended. Public Works Director Dean Schneider clarified that while the materials were ordered, the invoice has not yet been paid, as some items remain on backorder. Mr. Schneider added that the expenditure was initially quoted but not yet fully invoiced.

Council Member Nutter shared that he had removed the item from the consent agenda for further clarification, as the purchase exceeded the budgeted amount and caught him off guard. City Engineer Josie Esker explained that typically, the Street Department orders restocking supplies without Council approval, but since this purchase exceeded $15,000, it was brought to the Council.

Ms. Esker acknowledged that an individual in the department had ordered more supplies than expected. In the future, Ms. Esker noted that a formal RFP will be considered for these types of purchases to avoid such issues.
In response, Council Member Hilst expressed concerns about deviations from the procurement policy, which, in his view, seemed to occur frequently. Ms. Esker reiterated that the deviation was an oversight, and the receive-and-file action was a corrective measure to align with policy.

8.9. Preliminary FY26 Budget Discussion on Police and Fire Pensions

Finance Director, Eric Dubrowski, gave a PowerPoint presentation on Police and Fire Pensions.

The Police Pension Fund stands at 62.32% funded with a $2.6 million recommended City contribution, while the Fire pension is at 44% funded with a $4.7 million contribution recommendation, both targeting 90% funding by

2040. The funds face challenges due to historic underfunding, missed return targets, inflation, and rising service demands. To address these shortfalls, the City should consider increasing the tax levy and alternative funding strategies. Meanwhile, legislative shifts, including Tier 2 changes and a notable increase in disability cases in the fire pension, add complexity. Council members acknowledged the need for transparency and emphasized the importance of consistent contributions by both employees and the city to reduce long-standing pension liabilities.

Any Other Business To Come Before The Council

City Manager John Dossey reported that the CivicPlus website is now searchable back to 1998, with document search capabilities available for at least a week, though the video functionality may take another week or two to finalize.

HR Director Shelly Costa reminded the employees of tomorrow's Health and Wellness Fair at the Moose Lodge, encouraging participants to fast and inviting non-participants to visit the vendor booths.

Council Member Hilst raised a concern regarding the Traffic Safety Committee, asking about the process for approving requests. City Engineer Josie Esker explained that only code changes are brought to the Council, while requests for signage or other minor adjustments can be approved by him. She noted that although a citizen position had been available, the member had recently resigned.

Ms. Esker added that Court Street paving is progressing, with potential work happening Friday or Monday.

Council Member Onken shared his experience attending an open house at the Mausoleum, where students presented on historical figures from Pekin.

Mayor Burress thanked Ms. Esker for the Court Street updates and praised the ongoing improvements.

Council Member Nutter reminded residents to be cautious while trick-or-treating.

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Adjourn

There being no further business to come to the Council a motion was made by Council Member Orrick seconded by Council Member Nutter to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried viva voice vote. Mayor Burress adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.