
**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, DECEMBER 22 2008 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
JAMES E. "JIM" JONES * MAYOR PRO-TEM* PRESIDING**

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, BLANCHARD, STRAND, KORTKAMP, AND DUNN

ABSENT: NONE

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Council Member Blanchard's grandson Ely in honor of Mayor Tebben.

Roll was called and all Council Members were present.

Agenda

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **agenda be approved as presented**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Strand, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 8, 2008, be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

Council Member Dunn read and presented the following for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

1. **Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes:** Police Department November Report, Liquor Commission Minutes November 20, 2008, Traffic Safety Committee Minutes December 5, 2008, Airport Commission Minutes December 10, 2008, Fire November Report, and Building November Report
2. **Receive and File** Communications Comcast Introduction of New Packages Changes to Channel Lineup
3. **Receive and File** City of Pekin Financial Statements for year ended April 30, 2008 prepared by Willock, Warning & Co. P.C. and Annual Financial Report to State Comptroller
4. **Receive and File** Fiscal Report form for NPDES permit fees to the Illinois EPA for Wastewater Compliance Monitoring
5. **Receive and File** Acceptance of the Contract Award Documents for Hanna Drive from the Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration
6. **Receive and File** Planning Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes dated December 10, 2008
7. **Receive and File** Planning Commission Minutes dated December 10, 2008
8. **Receive and File Pekin Planning Commission Hearings and Recommendations:**
 - a. Hearing #08-1772-recommends to approve the re-zoning of property from R-4 Single Family Residential) to OS-1 (Office Service District) commonly known as Washington Street to the Pekin City Council.

- b. Hearing #08-1773-Pekin Planning Commission tabled the Site Plan Review for a Parking Lot located at 1022 Washington Street until a Variance has been granted and a new site plan has been drafted to the Pekin Planning Commission.

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 2576-08/09

MAKING, LEVYING AND ASSESSING MUNICIPAL TAXES MAY 1, 2008 TO APRIL 30, 2009 KNOWN AS THE LEVY ORDINANCE

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Dunn, that Ordinance No. 2576-08/09 be adopted. City Manager Dennis Kief presented the numbers for the proposed City tax rate reduced to $1.2645\% = \$1.265/\100 EAV. The estimated City EAV would increase the overall Levy to \$5,668,196. In a power point presentation he gave a brief history of the changes suggested from first presented the Public Hearing on November 24 to amended pension and Library figures, leaving \$370,000 less in the General Fund.

Council Member Blanchard made a motion to amend the ordinance as follows: Reduce Police and Fire Protection amounts each from \$920,125 to \$845,174 and reduce the total levy from \$5,668,196 to \$5,630,870. A 5% increase from 2007 not 5.69%. Mayor Pro-tem Jones asked for a second to the motion 3 times. Motion failed.

Council Members spoke to; the importance of keeping the Fire and Police Pensions funded at 103% and 105% for aging work force; the respect for communications between staffs recommendations and Council's amendments in arriving at a responsible compromise; and responsibility to tax payers in lowering the property tax rate to 1.26. On roll call vote, Ayes, Strand, Kortkamp, Dunn, Abel, and Jones; Nay, Blanchard. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 1568-A175- A176-08/09

PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Abel, that Ordinance No. 1568-A176-08/09, be adopted. A recommendation from the Pekin Planning Commission to approve the rezoning of 1022 Washington Street from R-4 to OS-1 for the purpose of constructing a parking lot to accommodate Pekin Prescription Lab. Council Member Strand thanked John Neumann for is efforts in resolving traffic issues. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A289-08/09

AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 3F. OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995 REGARDING HANDICAPPED SPACES

Motion By Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that Ordinance No. 1462-A289 be adopted. A recommendation of the Traffic Safety Committee to place a handicapped parking space on Buena Vista at the request of St. Paul's Church. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council Members expressed sympathy in the death of Mayor Tebben and extended condolences to the family. It was noted that the Council would deliberate diligently in their responsibility to appoint a person to fill the vacant position.

Council Members noted the importance of sharing the meaning of the holiday season with less fortunate families that are laid off work by supporting the food banks, shelters, and energy assistance programs.

The community was encouraged to attend the Pekin Insurance Holiday Basketball Tournament, 2nd oldest event in the State of Illinois.

Director of Solid Waste Greg Ranney informed the Council and Public that holiday garbage collection would be delayed one day and that Christmas trees would be picked up through January 16, 2008.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Strand, that **Council move to Executive Session** at 6:00 P.M. to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 3. Selection, Appointment, Performance, Discipline, or a Vacancy in a Public Office and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 5. The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, in open session, Mayor Pro-tem Jones called the meeting closed.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:30 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk