
**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 13, 2010 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
RUSTY L. DUNN, MAYOR PRESIDING**

**PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, BARRA, KORTKAMP, SCHMIDGALL, STRAND,
BLANCHARD, AND DUNN**

ABSENT: NONE

Mayor Dunn introduced Holden Neiukirk, grandson of Police Chief Ted Miller, Lexy Ranney, granddaughter of Superintendent of Transportation Greg Ranney, and Jackson Worlow, grandson of Street Department Employee Bill Weichel. The children of the retiring employees led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

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.

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of November 22, 2010 be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. The following were presented by Mayor Dunn for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

1. **Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes:** Fire Department November Report, Police Department November Report, Minutes of the Sister Cities Commission dated 07-21-10 and 12-02-09.
2. **Receive and File** Annual Financial Statements April 30, 2010, Pekin Public Library Fund Financial Statements April 30, 2010, and Sewerage Fund Financial Statements April 30, 2010 Prepared by Willock, Warning & Co., P.C.
3. **Receive and File** List of Council Meeting Dates for 2011.
4. **Receive and File** Pekin Planning Commission Minutes Dated December 8, 2010.
5. **Receive and File** Pekin Planning Commission Recommendations and Hearings:
 - a. Hearing #10-1806 – approval of the Special Use Request by AT&T for a Cell Tower located at 3000 Court (amended to approval from denial).

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

**COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS
RETIREMENT PRESENTATIONS**

Recognition was given to several departing employees for their service to the City of Pekin:

Bill Weichel Street Department – 24 years

Greg Ranney Superintendent of Transportation and Solid Waste – 20 years

Police Chief Ted Miller – 23 years

Deputy Police Chief John Ghidina – 30 years

City Manager Dennis Kief – 26 years

SYNOPSIS OF THE FY 2010 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Jim Warning Auditor from Willock, Warning & Co. distributed 6 pages summarizing Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balances from the Financial Statements Year Ended April 30, 2010. He discussed with Council the overview of Expenditures and Revenues for core governmental services, schedule of personnel costs, the City's debt service schedule, and a comparison of various tax revenues.

PRESENTATION OF THE PRELIMINARY FY 2012 BUDGET

City Manager Dennis Kief submitted the preliminary figures for the next budget. He recommended utilization of approximately \$680,000 of General Fund Reserves to balance revenues and expenses. Even after utilizing those dollars the General Fund Reserves would be above the 25% minimum established by the Reserve Policy. He advised the City should continue to find cost savings and revenues if citizens expect the services that have been provided.

PRESENTATION OF RESTRUCTURING OF CITY DEPARTMENTS

City Manager Dennis Kief presented a new organizational chart that he proposed to streamline the departments with the intention to save money also. There were also corrections to the titles of the departments. The biggest changes with the retirement of Greg Ranney were disbursement of duties and a better flow of personnel within the Public Works Department. He suggested the applicable language in the City Code be changed at the next meeting.

HOTEL FEASIBILITY STUDY

Economic Development Director Leigh Ann Matthews summarized the returned study from Pinkowski & Company to research and assess site available for development of a hotel and assessment of the banquet and meeting spaces located in Pekin. The company concluded there currently was not enough demand to support another hotel in Pekin.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 2633-10/11

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE INTERIM CITY MANAGER AGREEMENT

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Barra, that Ordinance No. 2633-10/11 be adopted. Attorney Burt Dancey advised the Council of the terms to hire and appoint Frank Mackaman for approximately 6 months during the transition and search for a permanent City Manager. Mr. Mackaman addressed the Council in acceptance of the position. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

City Clerk Sue McMillan informed the Council that the City 4 outstanding Bond Issues plus the new 2010 bond for the Sewer Treatment Plant improvements contained language that the Levy would be necessary to provide the funding for the payment of principal and interest. However the City had sufficient sources if funds to make the said bond payments. Therefore the following resolutions abated the collection for that purpose.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-10/11

ABATEMENT OF TAXES

ORDINANCE NO. 2324 \$1,040,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS

SERIES 2003

(REFUND 1991 CORPORATE PURPOSE)

Motion by Council Member Barra, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that Resolution No. 72-10/11 be adopted. Authorizes that taxes not be levied against taxable real property in the City of Pekin in the amount of \$116,305.00 provided in bond ordinance issued for Public Works Projects to pay the principal and interest. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-10/11

ABATEMENT OF TAXES ORDINANCE NO. 2386 SERIES 2004 \$2,950,000

Motion by Council Member Barra, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that Resolution No. 73-10/11 be adopted. Authorizes that taxes not be levied against taxable real property in the City of Pekin in the amount of \$397,468.26 provided in bond ordinance issued Herget Bank for vehicles and the Riverfront Project through Herget Bank to pay the principal and interest. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-10/11

ABATEMENT OF TAXES ORDINANCE NO. 2387 SERIES 2004 \$1,410,000

Motion by Council Member Barra, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that Resolution No. 74-10/11 be adopted. Authorizes that taxes not be levied against taxable real property in the City of Pekin in the amount of \$203,672.50 provided in bond ordinance issued for TIF Downtown Business District through Bernardi Securities, Inc to pay the principal and interest. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-10/11

ABATEMENT OF TAXES ORDINANCE NO. 2415 SERIES 2005 \$1,120,000

Motion by Council Member Barra, seconded by Council Member Abel, that Resolution No. 75-10/11 be adopted. Authorizes that taxes not be levied against taxable real property in the City of Pekin in the amount of \$140,700.00 provided in bond ordinance issued through Morton for Riverway Business Park Industrial Park Land Expansion to pay the principal and interest. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 76-10/11

ABATEMENT OF TAXES ORDINANCE NO. 2625

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS SERIES 2010 \$7,110,000

Motion by Council Member Barra, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that Resolution No. 76-10/11 be adopted. Authorizes that taxes not be levied against taxable real property in the City of Pekin in the amount of \$604,730.00 provided in bond ordinance issued through Bernardi Securities, Inc for Wastewater Treatment Plant to pay the principal and interest. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2631-10/11

MAKING, LEVYING AND ASSESSING MUNICIPAL TAXES MAY 1, 2010 TO APRIL 30 2011

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Strand, that Ordinance No. 2631-10/11 be adopted. City Manager Dennis Kief reviewed the proposed Levy of \$5,891,999 and advised it was 3.95% higher than the 2009 Levy (\$5,668,196). Estimated Rate (based on estimated EAV) = 1.32203 and was 6.32% higher than the 2009 Levy Rate. Each Council Member spoke in support of the Manager's recommendation for the revenues needed to provide City services or in opposition to increasing property taxes, citing economic difficulties of citizens at this time. Council Member Barra noted it was necessary to levy the amount to maintain a balanced budget and to continue to provide services. Funding increased pensions and slow and reduced state payments have made it difficult to operate at the same levels. Council Member Schmidgall requested On roll call vote, Ayes, Strand, Kortkamp, Barra, Abel, and Dunn; Nays, Schmidgall and Blanchard. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2632-10/11

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE IMLRMA
MINIMUM / MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT**

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that Ordinance No. 2632-10/11 be adopted. Risk Management Coordinator Angie Evans briefed Council on the renewal of the Illinois Municipal League Risk Assessment min-max program for Calendar Year 12/31/10- 12/31/11. She advised premiums were based on losses incurred by a pool of municipalities rather than individual claims. If paid by December 20, 2010 cost would be \$798,167. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **TAZEWELL COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL AGREEMENT** in the amount of \$44,380.00 be approved. Police Chief Ted requested approval to the contract for the pick-up, short-term care, dispersal/disposal of residents' stray animals. The contract increased \$1,167.00 over last year's agreement. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-10/11

DESIGNATING PEKIN COMMUNITY BANK AS DEPOSITORY

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Strand, that Resolution No. 77-10/11 be adopted. The resolution provided language for obtaining ACH origination services and contracting with PCB for authorization of Treasurer and Assistant Finance Director to endorse deposits and payments of money. The Mayor and Treasurer were authorized to execute contractual documents. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Barra that the **SPECIAL USE REQUEST BY AT&T FOR A CELL TOWER** located at 3000 Court be approved. After several meetings to review the issue of frequency interference, the Pekin Planning Commission recommended to approve the Special Use located at 3000 Court. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Mayor Dunn announced that the 2nd meeting in December was cancelled. Council Members extended congratulations to all retirees and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

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

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:32 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk