
**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, DECEMBER 13, 2004 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
LYNDELL N. HOWARD * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS, MADDOX, RICHMOND, JONES, AND MASSAGLIA

ABSENT: NONE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Howard.

Roll was called and all commissioners were present.

Agenda

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

Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Jones, that the **Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 25, 2004 be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Public Input

Mayor Howard informed the public that they could address the dog and other animal concerns at a Special Public Informational meeting the first week in January. The following spoke in opposition of portions of the proposed revisions to the Animal Control Ordinance:

Garnet Mieshner,	1401 Janssen	Jason Juchems	Broadway,
Janis White	1715 Arlan Drive	Cathy	810 South 9 th Street
Keith Gleason	Bacon Street	Vironica Lake	1408 State Street
Kara Brown	303 Orr	Tom Blanchard	1103 Mechanic
Chad Schmidgal	1514 Tennial Road		

Mayor Howard opened the Public Hearing to received comments on a lease to Tobin Brothers Development Corporation at 6:12pm. The Clerk confirmed that the hearing was properly published in the Pekin Daily Times on November 24, 2004. City Manager Dennis Kief informed Council that Tim Tobin had requested additional parking to his present lease for the lot at 324 Court Street adjacent to his office building. The City would receive \$1200 per year. No additional people asked to be heard. The hearing was closed at 6:14pm.

A second Public Hearing was opened by Mayor Howard at 6:15pm for the purpose of receiving public input on the proposed Levy and Assessing Municipal Taxes in the City of Pekin. Finance Director Robert Reis addressed Council concerning the funds and dollar amounts presented. The hearing was closed at 6:22pm.

Council members brought to the City Manager's attention the fact that they had received concerns that disabled persons were receiving bills for collection of their garbage if not brought to the curb. It was agreed persons must have a verifiable handicap.

Council members extended best wishes for the holidays because it would be the last meeting of the year aired to the general public.

Mike Thomas of Mountain Mud Espresso addressed Council regarding his project submitted to the Inspections Department. The plan for a stand alone drive up kiosk for sale of coffee in the

parking lot of County Market had two concerns:

- 1) traffic pattern in an already congested area
- 2) not an allowable use without sewer hook-up

Mr. Thomas requested that the Code be changed to allow for the concept that was acceptable in other municipalities.

Commissioner Jones questioned if the levy was really high enough. Commissioner Maddox suggested that everyone request a copy of the Ordinance No. 2399 and review the figures to be aware of where tax payers money goes. Tom Blanchard spoke in regards to freezing TIF.

John McCabe, 1407 Glendale spoke in opposition of Council approving additional loan to East Court Village II.

New Business

ORDINANCE NO. 2394 **AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE IMLRMA MINIMUM/MAXIMUM** **CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT**

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Richmond, that **Ordinance No. 2394 be adopted.** Council was informed of the annual renewal for general liability, workers comp, public officials liability, and public officials bonds through the State Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association. The min/max contribution was confirmed at \$446,288.00 for early payment option. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

HOTEL/MOTEL TAX INCREASE.

Director of Planning and Development Kim Uhlig told Council in a memo that due to the increased marketing efforts needed to bring awareness to visitor's destination projects such the Dragon's Dome and the Riverfront she recommended a 1% increase to the 4% tax. Discussion followed on the comparison rate of Peoria at 5.5%, E. Peoria at 5.0% and Morton at 5.75% and the increased dollar amount generated projected at \$25,000.

City Manager Dennis Kief advised that in no way was the proposed increase tied to the Dome project. He asked Council if they were receptive to the increase and at what amounts.

Each member addressed the issue:

Massaglia – supported 1½% to the general fund earmarked for property tax relief

Jones – felt the additional dollars would assist in the marketing of the Dome but once the project was up and running recommended sunset provisions to the increase.

Maddox – supported 1% increase and explained that the tax was not hurting the residents of Pekin

Richmond – explained that Developer Bill Griffin did not ask for revenues for the Dome Project. Advised that the Dome would receive grants just as others apply for funds. Receptive to 1½% increase

Howard – in favor of 1%

Mayor informed Council he had asked the Developer to consider a walking trail as part of the project.

City Manager Dennis Kief explained that the following three ordinances we additional revisions to sections of the Administration Code. Most dealt with language changes for protocol of reporting to City Manager or department head.

ORDINANCE NO. 2395
AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995 TITLE 1, CHAPTER 8 REGARDING
ADMINISTRATION CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Richmond, that **Ordinance No. 2395 be adopted.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2396
AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995 TITLE 1, CHAPTER 8A, SECTION 2
REGARDING FIRE PREVENTION

Motion by Com'r. Massaglia, seconded by Com'r. Maddox that **Ordinance No. 2396 be adopted.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2397
AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995 TITLE 4, CHAPTER 4A, SECTION 1
REGARDING SEWER REGULATIONS

Motion by Com'r. Massaglia, seconded by Com'r. Maddox, that **Ordinance No. 2397 be adopted.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Maddox, that **A SPECIAL JOINT COUNCIL MEETING BE SET FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2004 AT 5:30 P.M. FOR PRESENTATION OF WEST CAMPUS PROJECT.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Mayor Howard advised that the informational meeting on December 6 was open to the public and would be televised. He also advised that the decision to cancel or reschedule the Council meeting on Monday, December 27 would be made when Council was more aware of deadlines for budget and levy following the November 15th Budget Work Session.

Other Business

Commissioner Jones expressed concern that he receives numerous calls requesting that junk vehicles parked in yards be cleaned up. Discussion followed regarding the procedures for complaints, interoffice responsibility of the Police Department or Code Enforcement, and availability of storage lots after citation notices and being towed. Joseph Wuellner Public Works advised that the Code Enforcement office has gotten more aggressive. Commissioner Jones suggested that the department also review the provisions of the code that allow recreational vehicles to be parked in drive ways.

Sharon Lansberry of South 18th Street encouraged Council to consider improving the Water Treatment facility as they reviewed budgets and levy figures. She expressed concern that there is still flooding and water backup in the 18th Street/Derby Street area. City Manager Dennis Kief assured Mrs. Lansberry that the City was monitoring the sewers and taking steps to correct the problems.

William Gilroy suggested that the City's vacant lot on 3rd Street be used for parking junk cars that have been towed in violation of the Code.

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

Motion by Com'r. Maddox, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia that Council move to **Executive Session** at 6:30 P.M. to discuss Collective Bargaining ILCS 120/2 (c) 3. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Com'r. Maddox , seconded by Com'r. Richmond that Council adjourn. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:20 P.M.