
**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 12, 2005 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
WILLIAM R. MADDOX* MAYOR PRO-TEM * PRESIDING**

**PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS, BLANCHARD, JONES, DAGIT, AND
MAYOR PRO-TEM MADDOX**

ABSENT: NONE

As provided by Resolution No. 237, establishing the procedure for appointing a mayor pro tem, Com'r. Jones was selected by alphabetical rotation to preside at the meeting.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by City of Pekin Firefighters

Roll was called and all commissioners were present.

Agenda

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

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Dagit, that the **Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of November 28, 2005 be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Public Input on Agenda Items

Ed Schwinn 1009 South Capitol Street addressed Council regarding an extension of an agreement to allow a riverboat to moor at the foot of Court Street. He questioned if the new agreement would include fees.

Mr. Schwinn also commented on the Levy to come before the Council. He supported revenues from sales tax rather than increased property taxes.

Consent Agenda

City Clerk Sue McMillan presented the following items under consent Agenda.

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Dagit, that the Consent Agenda be **approved as presented**

1. Receive and File Reports and Minutes: Police, Liquor Commission 11/17/05, Traffic Safety Committee 11/4/05 and 12/2/05, Amended Traffic Safety Committee 10/7/05, Amended Traffic Safety Committee 8/5/05, Building, and T/PCCC
2. Proclamation: Arbor Day April 28, 2006
3. Receive and File the Bids for Outdoor Warning System / CDBG Emergency Siren

CONTRACTOR	BID	OPTION ADDITIONAL CELLS	TOTAL
RAGAN COMMUNICATIONS	\$23,995.00	\$6,505.00	\$30,500.00

4. Receive and File Notice from Com'r. Dagit of Electronic Attendance 1/9/06
5. Receive and File Insight Communications Notice of Pricing Adjustments
6. Resolution No. 130-05/06 - Appointments to Riverway Business Park Review Committee

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Communications, Petitions, Reports

Fire Chief Chuck Lauss presented awards and decoration certificates for individual firefighters who supported the Hurricane Katrina response and recovery efforts. The Humanitarian Service Awards were

by both the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) and Illinois Fire Chiefs Association (IFCA)

New Business

ORDINANCE NO. 2453

**AN ORDINANCE MAKING, LEVYING AND ASSESSING MUNICIPAL TAXES
IN THE CITY OF PEKIN, TAZEWELL AND PEORIA COUNTIES, ILLINOIS,
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR FROM MAY 1, 2005 TO APRIL 30, 2006
AND KNOWN AS THE ANNUAL LEVY ORDINANCE**

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Dagit that Ordinance No. 2453 be adopted. Finance Director Bob Reis and Treasurer Chic Renner explained to Council the establishment of a tax rate for the 2005 levy. Which would be collected in 2007. The levy was proposed at \$4,990,500 and based on preliminary EAV the estimated rate would be \$1.3237. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Mr. Reis explained that the following four resolutions that would abate the levy required to pay the principal and interest on each outstanding General Obligation Bond and utilize sales tax dollars from the General and TIF funds to pay the annual payments.

RESOLUTION NO. 126-05/06

TAX ABATEMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. 2324

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Blanchard that Resolution No. 126-05/06 be adopted. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 127-05/06

TAX ABATEMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. 2386

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Blanchard that Resolution No. 127-05/06 be adopted. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 128-05/06

TAX ABATEMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. 2387

Motion by Com'r. Blanchard, seconded by Com'r. Dagit that Resolution No. 128-05/06 be adopted. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 129-05/06

TAX ABATEMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. 2415

Motion by Com'r. Blanchard, seconded by Com'r. Jones that Resolution No. 129-05/06 be adopted. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Blanchard, seconded by Com'r. Jones that the **BID FOR OUTDOOR WARNING SYSTEM / CDBG EMERGENCY SIREN in the amount of \$23,995.00 and additional cells in the amount of \$6,505.00 be approved and the contract be awarded to Regan Communications.** Pamela Anderson Community Development Director informed Council that one bid was received. Steve Thompson and Chuck Lauss reviewed and recommended the 10 cell addition costs due to the additional audible coverage that would be gained in the industrial and low to moderate income Census Tract area. CDBG budget allocation for the siren project was \$30,000.00. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A245

**AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 1, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN
1995 REGARDING NO PARKING SCHEDULE 18TH STREET @ JAMES ROAD**

Motion by Com'r. Blanchard, seconded by Com'r. Dagit that Ordinance No. 1463-A245 be adopted. Com'r. Blanchard introduced the addition of the 50 ft. no parking as recommended by the Traffic Safety Committee for vehicle visibility and safety issues. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Blanchard, that the **SECOND AMENDMENT TO LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING WITH RECREATIONAL RIVER CONCEPTS, INC. be approved.** No second was heard. Motion died for lack of second to bring to the table for discussion.

ORDINANCE NO. 2454
PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF
PEKIN, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
(Riverway Business Park – 160 Acres)

Motion by Com'r. Dagit, seconded by Com'r. Jones that Ordinance No. 2454 be adopted. City Manager Dennis Kief advised Council that the ordinance provided for the addition of land into the corporate limits purchased for expansion of the Riverway Business Park. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 131-05/06
APPOINTMENT OF FRANK H. MACKAMAN

Motion by Com'r. Dagit, seconded by Com'r. Jones that Resolution No. 128-05/06 be adopted. Pursuant to State Statutes and the City Code Mr. Mackaman was appointed to fill the vacancy of the position of Mayor until his replacement was qualified, elected and sworn in. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Denny Vaughn 2102 Marigold discussed with Council the process of choosing a person to fill the vacancy in the position of mayor. Com'r. Dagit explained that the Council first met with Corporation Counsel to be advised of the statutes regarding the appointment, next met to discuss a Council member filling the position from within, and next to review external interest of qualified candidates.

Com'r. Blanchard thanked the public and those interested persons that he brought forth for consideration in being Mayor.

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

Public Property Director Greg Ranney informed the public that garbage pickup would be one-day late through the holidays. Toters would be mandatory by September 1, 2006.

Com'r Blanchard expressed sorrow in the recent passing of the following:

- Com'r. Massaglia's father
- Dorothy Elliott wife of retired police officer and mother of Officers Brad and Bryan Elliott
- Delores Pruvost wife of retired Police Lt. Gene Purvost.

Com'r. Blanchard requested that the City Manager explain the duties and the accountability of each of the new Treasurer and the Finance Director positions and to report back to Council in 2 weeks how the separation of the department was working.

Com'r. Dagit requested that the Traffic Safety Committee examine the issue of basketball nets on public right of way at the end of driveways and cul-de-sacs.

Com'r. Jones stated that the budget must become Council's a priority now that the position of mayor has been filled.

Mayor Pro-Tem Maddox welcomed the new Mayor along with congratulations from all Council members. Mayor Pro-Tem Maddox expressed concern that an item on the agenda He felt even if the members were not in favor of approval in extending the boat agreement that a second to a motion was in order to allow public discussion and public debate of issues in open session.

Motion by Com'r. Dagit, seconded by Com'r. Jones that Council move to **Executive Session** at 6:30 P.M. to discuss Acquisition of Real Estate 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 7 and Sale of Property 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 6. Council recess until the ceremonial installation of the Mayor was complete and the public and the press had the ability to interview. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

SWEARING IN OF MAYOR FRANK H. MACKAMAN

City Clerk Sue McMillan administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed Mayor. Mayor Mackaman addressed the Council and the Public with beginning remarks and his goal for the next 18 months.

The Council met in closed session beginning at 6:45p.m.

No further business to come before the Council, Mayor Mackaman called the meeting closed and a motion was made by Com'r. Dagit, seconded by Com'r. Jones that Council adjourn. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk