
**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 11, 2006 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
FRANK H. MACKAMAN * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS, BLANCHARD, JONES, MADDOX AND DAGIT

ABSENT: NONE

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Mackaman.

Roll was called and all commissioners were present.

Agenda

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

Minutes

Motion by Com'r. Maddox, seconded by Com'r. Blanchard, that the **Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 27, 2006 and the Special Council Meeting of November 30, 2006 be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Mackaman reminded the public if approved, the Consent Agenda approves all items read.

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

1. **Receive and File Reports and Minutes:** Police Department November Report, T/PCCC November Report, Building Department Report
2. **Receive and File Pekin Groundwater Guardian Designation 2006**
3. **Receive and File Annual Financial Statements for Year Ended April 30, 2006 and Sewerage Fund April 30, 2006 Prepared by Willock Warning & Co., P.C.**
4. **Proclamation: National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month December 2006**
5. **Resolution No. 172-06/07 – Appointment on expiration of current term of Robert Small to the Pekin Housing Authority Board for a 5 year term until January 14, 2012**
6. **T-Mobile Consent to Sublease – co-location tower at Eastside Fire Station**
7. **Receive and File Petition for Annexation – Harlan D. Bessler Lot 99 Country Club Estates**
8. **Receive and File Insight Communication notice of rate increase**
9. **Receive and File Pekin Fire Department 2% Foreign Fire Insurance Fund**
10. **Grant Application/Agreement to be submitted to DCEO for the purpose of sidewalk improvement on a portion of Derby Street**

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Communications, Petitions, Reports

A PUBLIC HEARING for the purpose of considering and hearing testimony relative to the adoption of the City of Pekin **BUDGET FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 2007 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2008** was opened by Mayor Mackaman at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Mackaman stated that the Budget presented met the objectives of the Conceptual Plan. A summary was given of the steps taken to reach final approval, draft prepared by staff, special meetings on November 9 and 20 to discuss changes, opportunities for council to meet

individually with the manager.

City Manager Dennis Kief stated there was no “fat” in the budget yet it was time to budget for major capitol improvements such as Hanna Drive expansion, Treatment Plant improvements, Broadway Road and Veterans Drive construction projects. City revenues for FY 08 were anticipated to be up 9.8% but expenditures were to be up 17% over the same period. Mr. Kief then presented an explanation of how a positive balance did not come from the General Fund Reserves, bond passage or new or increased fees. Items costing a total of \$1, 154,000 were placed on a bubble list resulting in a General Fund positive balance of \$54,239 and overall budget of a positive balance of \$748,037.

There were no public comments received. The hearing was closed at 5:55 p.m.

New Business

RESOLUTION NO. 173-06/07

BUDGET RESOLUTION

MAY 1, 2007 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2008

Motion by Com’r. Maddox, seconded by Com’r. Blanchard, that Resolution No. 173-06/07 be adopted. The Council was presented the FY May 1, 2007 through April 30, 2008 Budget in the amount of \$44,732,980. Com’r. Blanchard expressed dissatisfaction that expected cuts were not made and felt there was still a deficit. Com’r. Maddox addressed the specific supplements. The General Fund was not utilized. Confirmation was given to Com’r. Dagit’s question that bubble items would be brought forward only if revenues presented themselves. He requested funds for greater street improvements and asked that those dollars be addressed in future planning. Com’r. Jones spoke in support of the Budget presented. On roll call vote, Ayes, Jones, Maddox, Dagit and Mackaman; Nay, Blanchard. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2511-06/07

MAKING, LEVYING AND ASSESSING MUNICIPAL TAXES

Motion by Com’r. Maddox, seconded by Com’r. Blanchard, that Ordinance No. 2511-06/07 be adopted. The City’s property tax levy was set at \$5,210,500, a 4.4% increase. It was anticipated the City rate would remain approximately constant at \$1.31. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Attorney Burt Dancey explained the following 4 resolutions were annual housekeeping items to authorize that taxes not be levied against taxable real property for various amounts as provided in each of the bond ordinances.

RESOLUTION NO. 174-06/07

ABATEMENT OF TAXES ORDINANCE NO. 2324 \$1,040,000 REFUNDING 1991 CORPORATE PURPOSE

Motion by Com’r. Blanchard, seconded by Com’r. Maddox, that Resolution No. 174-06/07 be adopted. The resolution authorized that taxes not be levied against taxable real property in the City of Pekin in the amount of \$144,217.50 provided in bond ordinance issued for Public Works Projects. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 175-06/07

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

Motion by Com’r. Blanchard, seconded by Com’r. Maddox, that Resolution No. 175-06/07 be adopted. The resolution authorized that taxes not be levied against taxable real property in the City of Pekin in the amount of \$454,904.76 provided in bond ordinance issued for vehicles and the Riverfront Project through Herget Bank. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 176-06/07

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

Motion by Com’r. Blanchard, seconded by Com’r. Maddox, that Resolution No. 176-06/07 be adopted. The resolution authorized that taxes not be levied against taxable real property in the City of Pekin in the amount of \$204,942.50 provided in bond ordinance issued for TIF Downtown Business District through Bernardi Securities, Inc. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 177-06/07

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

Motion by Com'r. Blanchard, seconded by Com'r. Maddox, that Resolution No. 177-06/07 be adopted. The resolution authorized that taxes not be levied against taxable real property in the City of Pekin in the amount of \$163,660.00 provided in bond ordinance issued for Riverway Business Park industrial park land expansion. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 178-06/07

AMENDING THE CITY OF PEKIN EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Dagit, that Resolution No. 178-06/07 be adopted. Council was informed that the action amended the Internet and E-mail policies to comply with Local Records and Open Meetings Act. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Dagit, that staff be authorized to negotiate a contract with **GP TRANSIT** for future presentation to Council. Council was briefed on a three year contract with two 2-year options with CityLink to provide municipal bus service. Com'r. Blanchard expressed concern that the City Bus employees not be displaced in the decision to eliminate municipal bus services. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Dagit, seconded by Com'r. Jones, that the **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY** be approved. City Manager explained an agreement for utilization of City Hall office space part-time for a DCEO Representative. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

EMPLOYMENT SEPARATION AGREEMENTS AND RELEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEKIN AND ROBERT REIS, SR.

Mayor Mackaman explained that the Council would need to move to executive session for discussion of the agenda item. There could be possible action after returning to open session but taping of the meeting would conclude after other business.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Mayor Mackaman expressed his satisfaction with the work of the Street Department during the recent snow storm. He extended appreciation for his "hands on" experience of riding with snow plow driver Doug Farland and his truck Nellie. The Mayor spoke of his better understanding of the work of the department

Mayor Mackaman presented an ordinance in draft form only providing for the registration of landlords and of regular inspections. A meeting to hear public comments and for discussion of the matter was called for Monday, January 15, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

Com'r. Maddox read from a prepared statement regarding his "shadowing" Superintendent of the Street Department, David Pagliaro while directing the snow and ice removal plan. He spoke in support of the efforts of the department during an extraordinary snow event.

Best Wishes for the holidays was extended to the community by the Council.

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

Executive Session

Motion by Com'r. Dagit, seconded by Com'r. Jones, that Council move to Executive Session at 6:30 P.M. to discuss Pending Litigation 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 11. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye. The Council returned to open session. At 6:56 p.m.

Motion by Com'r. Dagit, seconded by Com'r. Maddox, that the **EMPLOYMENT SEPARATION AGREEMENTS AND RELEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEKIN AND ROBERT REIS, SR.** be approved and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute. On roll call vote, Ayes, Jones, Dagit, Maddox, and Mackaman; Nays, Blanchard. Motion carried. A prepared statement regarding the separation and the vote was released to the press.

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

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:57 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk