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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 9, 2013, AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
LAURIE L. BARRA * MAYOR * PRESIDING

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, HENDRICKS, MCCABE, GILLESPIE, GOLDEN, ORRICK, AND BARRA,

ABSENT: NONE

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

Roll was called. All members were physically present. A quorum was present.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Orrick, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of November 25, 2013 be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Orrick, seconded by Council Member Hendricks, that the **CONSENT AGENDA be approved as presented.** The following was presented for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

7.1 Receive and File: Pekin Public Library Fund Financial Statements April 30, 2013 Prepared by Willock Warning & Co., P.C.
7.2 Receive and File: Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes dated November 13, 2013.

On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS

Mayor Barra opened a **PUBLIC HEARING** for the Annual Levy Ordinance Fiscal Year May 1, 2013 to April 30, 2014 at 5:32 p.m. The public was given the opportunity to be heard to give testimony on the proposed increase of 4.9% to the municipality's tax levy. No one wished to be heard. Mayor Barra closed the hearing at 5:33 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

<u>DISCUSSION OF LIBRARY BONDING REFERENDUM</u>

Mayor Barra gave each Council Member the opportunity to address the matter requested by Council Member Golden to place the Library's request for a $5.6 million bond before the taxpayers as a Public Question at the next election.

Council Member Orrick compared the acceptance by the public to allow the Park District to bond for the expenses of the new Sports Complex. He felt if the citizens supported an athletic project for the youth of the community then they would support improvements to the literacy of the community's youth without the necessity of a referendum. Council Member Golden disagreed, sighting that Library Director, Jeff Brooks had stated that programs were presently sufficient for the youth. Council Member Golden felt improvements to the structure could be made for far less than presented at the previous meeting. The City could better serve the taxpayer and it was not a good time to tax more. Council Member McCabe felt costs were legitimate but he needed more questions answered. Council Member McCabe questioned the determination of the amount proposed and was told the proposed $5.6 million bond was based on the 2008 schematic $9 million plan but scaled back.

Council Member Abel supported improvements based on increase in usage. Council Member Hendricks said he supported the Library improvements but he was not against asking the taxpayers if they supported the expense by placing the question on referendum. Council Member Gillespie thought there were too many unknowns to place the question before the voters. Attorney Dancey voiced the opinion that the Public, Library Board, or the Council are able to place the issue on the ballot by referendum or by petition. Mayor Barra noted that if the public were against the proposed bonding for the expenses of the improvements they had not spoken out at the public meetings or in the press.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-13/14
FINAL PLAT DEERFIELD SUBDIVISION 6A

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Orrick that Resolution No. 82-13/14 be adopted. City Manager Joseph Wuellner advised that the action approved the final section of the 6th addition to Deerfield Estates Subdivision. The section would include 12 new single family residential lots to intersect with Hanna Drive. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Gillespie that the **TIF FAÇADE REVITALIZATION PROGRAM GRANT FOR 518 COURT STREET in the amount of $8,084.75 be approved.** Leigh Ann Matthews presented the application recommended by the Main Street Design Committee to pay Bill and Shelby Resse according to the program $8,084.75 for eligible exterior expenses to enhance 518 Court Street property. The Resse's would operate a Nail Salon Business. Council Member Orrick voiced concern of the program itself that there were no bids from local contractors. Council Member Golden expressed his concern that the structural report submitted had a December 9, 2013 date. He questioned who would check for ADA compliance On roll call vote all present voted aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2692-13/14
MAKING, LEVYING, AND ASSESSING MUNICIPAL TAXES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 2013 TO APRIL 30, 2014

Motion by Council Member Gillespie, seconded by Council Member McCabe that Ordinance No. 2692-13/14 be adopted. Assistant City Manager Darin Girdler presented a proposed 2013 Levy of $6,180,693.00, a 4.9% higher than last year. The estimate was made to again assist in an attempt to bolster losses of over $1.6 million each year in the General Fund due to unfunded Solid Waste and Storm Sewer expenses and increased pension costs. Council Member McCabe was not in favor of a 4.9% increase but stated the City had to plan for unforeseen expenses such as the tornado.

Motion was then made by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Abel that Ordinance No.2692-13/14 be amended to 3%. On roll call vote, Ayes, Gillespie, McCabe, Abel, and Barra; Nays, Golden, Orrick, Hendricks. Motion carried.

Council Member Orrick suggested a 1½% increase noting new revenues from gaming and the AMT franchise should be considered. Council Member Abel stated the City could not continue to play catch-up to expenses. Council Member Golden said he would not support 4.9% and did not want to support 1½%. He favored 0% increase. Council Member Hendricks was told all pensions had increased and if levy remained the same the General fund would be needed to pay fire, police and IMRF pension contributions. Council Member Hendricks felt the Council could work through the budget and find cuts to the levied General Fund description of "wages and benefits." Council Member Gillespie questioned what personnel could be cut after the suggestion had been discussed. He felt gradual increases to the levy were necessary and spoke in support of the 3% increase. Mayor Barra spoke of planning for unexpected expenses such as the Spring Flood and the tornado. She was in favor of 4.9% but would support a 3% increase.

Motion by Council Member Gillespie, seconded by Council Member McCabe that Ordinance No. 2692-13/14 be adopted as amended. On roll call vote, Ayes, Gillespie, McCabe, Abel, and Barra; Nays, Golden, Orrick, Hendricks. Motion carried.

City Clerk Sue McMillan explained the language in the outstanding Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements Bond Issue and the new Capital Improvement Projects Bond Issue through Bernardi Securities, Inc. provided for the levy of taxes to pay principal and interest amounts on the bonds. She stated that the two resolutions being presented were intended to authorize that taxes not be levied against taxable real property in the City of Pekin because there were other sufficient sources of funds to make those payments.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-13/14
ABATEMENT RESOLUTION

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Orrick, that Resolution No. 83-13/14 Abatement of Taxes Ordinance No. 2667-12/13 providing for the issue of $2,100,000.00 Aggregate Principal Amount of Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012 and Ordinance No. 2673-12/13 providing for the Levy and Collection of Taxes based on $1,975,000,00 Aggregate Principal of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012, abating $310,800.00, be adopted. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 84 -13/14
ABATEMENT RESOLUTION

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Orrick, that Resolution No. 84-13/14 Abatement of Taxes Ordinance No. 2625-10/11 providing for the issue of $7,110,000.00 Aggregate Principal Amount of Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010, abating $604,630.00, be adopted. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL

The Council wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and safe New Year.

James Bruen, 1014 Truman expressed appreciation to the City and employees for the fast cleanup of the north side after the tornado. Council Member Abel recognized that firefighter and soldier Eric Benson was diploid over seas. He encouraged the community to shop Pekin first for the holidays. Council Member Orrick thanked his wife for 45 years of marriage. Steve Moore, 2010 Westgate Drive expressed appreciation to Dave Hess and Tom Schaub for extending sound and video of the Council meetings to the City Hall lobby.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Orrick, that the Council move to Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss 65 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5.) Acquisition of Property and (2.) Collective Bargaining. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, motion by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Abel that Council adjourn. Motion carried voice vote. Mayor Barra adjourned the meeting.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:45 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk