
**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, NOVEMBER 24, 2008 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
JAMES E. JONES * MAYOR PRO TEM * PRESIDING**

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

ABSENT: MAYOR TEBBEN

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Deputy Fire Chief Rick Bowman.

Roll was called and all Council Members were present except for Mayor Tebben.

Agenda

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

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of November 10, 2008, be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Council Member Dunn read and presented the following for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

1. **Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes:** Police Department October Report, Fire Department August, September, October Report, Liquor Commission Minutes November 3, 2008, Tourism Commission Minutes November 18, 2008, Traffic Safety Committee Minutes November 7, 2008, and Electrical Commission Minutes November 6, 2008.
2. **Proclamations:** "Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month" December
"National Hospice/Palliative Care Month" November
3. **Receive and File** Communications Comcast Channel Line-up additions
4. **Receive and File** Planning Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes Dated November 12, 2008
5. **Receive and File** Planning Commission Minutes Dated November 12, 2008
6. **Receive and File Pekin Planning Commission Hearings and Recommendations:**
 - a. Hearing #08-1768 – recommends to approve the re-zoning of property located off Route 98 from AG (Agricultural District) to I-1 (Light Industrial District)
 - b. Hearing #08-1769 – recommends to approve the Site Plan for the Special Use for a Drive-Thru for a Restaurant commonly known as 3610 Kelly Avenue
 - c. Hearing #08-1770 – recommends to approve the Special Use for a Drive-Thru for a Restaurant commonly known as 3610 Kelly Avenue
 - d. Hearing #08-1771 – recommends to approve the changes to Title 9 Chapter 8A Section 10-K-9 Code for Signs in a PUD Zone

Council Member Kortkamp read and presented the National Hospice/Palliative Care Month Proclamation to Harbor Light Hospice Director Patty Poke.

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS

RETIRING FIRE FIGHTERS

Fire Chief Chuck Lauss introduced retiring Fire Fighters Assistant Chief Don Faux, (33.yr. 6 mos), Assistant Chief Vaughn Bottomley (31 yrs 10 mos) and Captain Ron Klien (27 yrs 6 mos). Retirement watches and best wishes were extended.

A PUBLIC HEARING OF TRUTH IN TAXATION was opened by Mayor Pro Tem Jones at 5:41 p.m. to hear input on a proposed property tax levy for the City of Pekin. City Manger Dennis Kief spoke to the proposed City Tax Rate remaining unchanged from last year at \$1.3024 of \$100 EAV. He presented several visuals of levy history information. The increased City EAV would increase overall Levy to \$5,837,452.00. Nick Russo, 2209 Crestview questioned the police protection levy going down and the library levy increasing. Questions on County assessments were asked. With no other comments heard Mayor Pro Tem Jones closed the hearing at 5:55 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 2573-08/09

MAKING, LEVYING AND ASSESSING MUNICIPAL TAXES

MAY 1, 2008 TO APRIL 30, 2009 KNOWN AS THE LEVY ORDINANCE

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that Ordinance No.2573-08/09 be adopted.

Proposed City Tax Rate remains unchanged from last year at \$1.3024/\$100 EAV. Increased City EAV would increase overall Levy to \$5,837,452.

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **SITE PLAN FOR AVANTI'S FOR A DRIVE-UP WINDOW** at 3610 Kelly Avenue for a new restaurant formerly Kelly Avenue Bar and Grill, be approve. Public Works Director Joe Wuellner informed Council.

Recommendation of the Pekin Planning Commission was to approve the layout of a drive-up window.

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **SPECIAL USE FOR A DRIVE-UP WINDOW** at 3610 Kelly Avenue for a new Avanti's restaurant formerly Kelly Avenue Bar and Grill, be approved. Public Works Director Joe Wuellner informed Council that the Pekin Planning Commission approved the use of a drive-up window for this location. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye

ORDINANCE NO. 1568-A175-08/09

REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY – LANDRITH RT. 98

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Dunn, that Ordinance No. 1568-A175-08/09 be adopted. The Pekin Planning Commission heard the hearing to rezone the property from AG (Agricultural) district to I-1 (Light Industrial) district north of the Sewer Treatment Plant, partially in a flood plan, and an extension to an existing industrial park and recommended its approval based on consistency with surrounding area. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2574-08/09

AMENDING TITLE 7, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE D. OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995 REGARDING THE ELECTRICAL CODE

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Strand, that Ordinance No.2574-08/09 be adopted. A recommendation was made after review by the Electrical Commission to change language in the Code to adopt the latest version of the National Electric Code N.E.C. 2008 and to provide language to clarify restricting aluminum conductors for service entrances only. Effective January 1, 2009. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2575-OA-08/09
AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 10, SECTION 8 G. TITLE 9,
CHAPTER 8A OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995
REGARDING SIGNS IN PUD (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) DISTRICT AND
BILLBOARDS IN I (INDUSTRIAL) DISTRICT.

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that Ordinance No.2575-08/09 be adopted. Public Works Director Joe Wuellner explained to Council allowed for the request from Illinois Central College (ICC) to allow non-accessory signage in the Riverway Business Park on other than the parcel that the building was located. Council Member Strand spoke in support of signage strategically place for the college to give better direction to the location in the Business Park. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **AGREEMENT WITH STS FOR VETERANS DRIVE DESIGN BROADWAY TO SHERIDAN, be approved.** Public Works Director Joe Wuellner stated the scope of work to design the next section to the north of Veterans Drive would allow the City to go out for bids in the Fall of 2009 with construction in 2010. A Stimulus Bill proposed to create jobs would tend to be awarded to highway projects that were through design and ready to be built. Funds had been budgeted for this project. Council Members express their opinions on investing in actions that would take the next step in a northerly direction and the opportunity to continue efforts on both directions. Council Member Blanchard spoke in opposition to the agreement for the design of a third corridor north. On roll call vote, Ayes, Strand, Kortkamp, Dunn, Abel, Jones; Nay, Blanchard. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A285-08/09
AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 9
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995
REGARDING STOP SIGNS ON STATE STREET @ WINDSOR STREET AND ON LIGHTER
STREET @ WINDSOR STREET

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that Ordinance No. 1462-A285-8/09 be adopted. The recommendation of the Traffic Safety Committee was to stop traffic at the T-intersections for safety. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A286-08/09
AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 3 F.
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995
REGARDING HANDICAPPED SPACE ON PARK AVENUE

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Abel, that Ordinance No. 1462-A286-8/09 be adopted. The recommendation of the Traffic Safety Committee was to move the handicapped parking space in front of the Pekin Hospital to allow shuttle vans to park in this spot without restricting visibility to the East. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A287-08/09
AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 1. D.
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995
REGARDING NO PARKING SCHEDULE
NORTH SIDE WASHINGTON STREET AT SOUTH CAPITOL STREET

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Abel, that Ordinance No. 1462-A287-8/09 be adopted. The recommendation of the Traffic Safety Committee was to restrict parking on north side to address visibility safety concerns of Washington Street curve at Summer Street. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A288-08/09
AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 3. F.
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995
REGARDING SPEED LIMITS ON BROADWAY ROAD FROM SCHRAMM DRIVE TO
VETERANS DRIVE

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that Ordinance No. 1462-A288-8/09 be adopted. The recommendation of the Traffic Safety Committee was to control speeds on Broadway, which would result in 35 mph from N. Fourteen to California Road and 45 mph to Veterans Drive on completion of the Broadway widening project. Council Members reported they had received comments from the public as to limiting the speed back to 35 mph in an area that now has two lanes to move the traffic with a turn lane. Council Members generally spoke in support of the reduced speed, sighting the increasing development of residential properties in Hickory Hills, businesses on Broadway, and the congested entrances of Shade Park and Country Club Estates. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH TAZEWEEL COUNTY TO PROVIDED ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES FOR THE CITY, in the amount of \$43,170.00, be approved.** Police Chief Tim Gillespie advised Council that based on reports in the police department on the collection of animals the services were sufficient. The increase from last year was 4.1% but the alternative of in-house had been determined to not be feasible. Council Member Blanchard spoke in opposition to an expense he felt was double taxation. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH PEKIN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT 108 AND PEKIN PARK DISTRICT FOR JAMES FIELD, be approved.** Mr. Kief advised Council that the improvements consisted of sidewalks and the base for brick pavers in an amount to not exceed \$40,000 from the TIF Funds. Darrell Dagit, 2025 El Camino Drive was available to answer questions of the Council. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

City Manager Dennis Kief informed Council that in regards to the 2008 Amendment to the TIF Redevelopment Plan and Project letters were mailed to all residential addresses located within 750 feet of the boundaries of the proposed TIF area. The letter referred to the amendment and the availability of the Project Plan and the delineation of the area on a boundaries map. He advised the map was not enclosed and there may have been questions to the members.

Council Member Blanchard stated that he favorite setting further work sessions to discuss the budget and ways of reducing spending. Council Member Dunn in speaking for the Council expressed Best Wishes and a speedy recovery to Mayor Tebben. Council Member Abel reminded the community to “Shop Pekin First” for the holidays. Staff members gave status reports on projects: Broadway Road completion – striping weather permitting and holiday on day delayed garbage collection.

Nick Russo, 2209 Crestview sought Council’s support to enforce police patrol of speeding on residential streets.

Bill Gilroy, 1312 South 11th Street spoke in support of continuing efforts to complete Veterans Drive connection south by widening of VFW Road.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that **Council move to Executive Session** at 6: 45 P.M. to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 5. The purchase of real estate by the Municipality and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.). 11. Litigation. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, in open session, Mayor Pro Tem Jones called the meeting closed.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:00 P.M.

