
**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 23, 2009 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
RUSTY L. DUNN, MAYOR PRESIDING**

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

ABSENT: NONE

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

Roll was called and all Council Members were present.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of November 9, 2009 be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

PUBLIC INPUT

Dan DeHoog, 619 South 12th Street addressed Council regarding the Levy Ordinance. He requested taxes be cute and proposed 4 samples where he felt the City could save money.

Jason Juchems, 1306 Catherine Street, questioned the details of the Animal Control Agreement with Tazewell County. He particularly interested in if the terms included pick-up and disposal of snakes or reptiles.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. **Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes:** Tazewell County Animal Control October counts, and Building Department October Report.
2. **Proclamations:** "Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month".
3. **Receive and** Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Water Pollution Control Permit No. 2009-AB-1165 for Sewer Treatment Plant Improvements Phase 1.
4. **Receive and File** Vista Grande Sewer Easements.
5. **Resolution No. 21-09/10** – Mayor's reappointment of Steve Brown and Dennis Kief to the Riverway Business Park Review Committee until November 23, 20113.
6. **Receive and File** Petition for Annexation Lakeview Estates.
7. **Receive and File** Tax Increment Financing - Central Business District Fund Financial Statements April 30, 2009 Prepared by Willock Warning & Co., P.C.
8. **Receive and File** Tazewell/Pekin Consolidated Communications Center Financial Statements April 30, 2009 Prepared by Willock Warning & Co., P.C.

9. **Receive and File** Pekin Fire Department 2% Foreign Fire Insurance Fund October 2, 2008 – September 29, 2009 Annual Audit.

10. **Receive and File** Pekin Planning Commission Hearings and Recommendations:

- a. Hearing #09-1789 – approval of the Site Plan for Auto Repair and Sales with the stipulation of a 15 parking space limit and present an updated Site Plan for the request to the City Council located at 1404 Broadway
- b. Hearing #09-1790 – approval of the Special Use Request for Auto Repair and Sales with the stipulation of a 15 parking space limit located at 1404 Broadway Road.

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye. Council Member Blanchard noted the correct term of the reappointed member of the RWBP Review Committee was until 2012 as stated on the resolution not 2013 typo on agenda. The Council Member also expressed concern and felt the appointments should be stated by position not named employees incase they no longer worked for the City.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS

Public Works Director Joe Wuellner presented the plan of the Street Department and City for removing snow for the 2009-2010 winter season. In an effort to reduce snow removal costs his different approach would be to clean streets based on the amount of snow to save both salt and overtime expenditures as well as provide more rest time for the employees.

- Up to 2 inches – plow only main routes and hills
- 2 inches up to 6 inches – plow main routes and hills and side streets as needed
- Over 6 inches – plow main routed and hills. Work shifts established. Outside contractors for downtown areas
- Ice storms – salt applied main routes and hills followed by intersections

He advised that the salt barns were full at \$50/ton salt, the negotiated same price of the previous year. Council suggested the police and fire departments be notified of the snow removal plan and that the information be placed on Channel 22 for public awareness.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Strand, that the **SITE PLAN FOR AN AUTO REPAIR AND SALES LOCATED AT 1404 BROADWAY ROAD, be approved** with the stipulation of a 15 parking space limit, 10 cars repair, 5 cars for sale, and presented updated Site Plan as recommended by the Pekin Planning Commission. Public Works Director Joe Wuellner presented the recommendations of the Planning Commission for the owners of a business to operate on the lot just east of Walgreens. Zoned B-3 but needing the special use for auto service, the upgrade of buildings and lot would improve the condition of the area.

On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Barra, that the **SPECIAL USE FOR AN AUTO REPAIR AND SALES LOCATED AT 1404 BROADWAY ROAD, be approved** with the stipulation of a 15 parking space limit, 10 cars repair, 5 cars for sale, and presented updated Site Plan as recommended by the Pekin Planning Commission. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2601-09/10

MAKING, LEVYING AND ASSESSING MUNICIPAL TAXES MAY 1, 2009 TO APRIL 30, 2010 KNOWN AS THE LEVY ORDINANCE

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that **Ordinance No. 2601-09/10 –be adopted.** City Manager Dennis Kief presented the proposed Levy which was the same as 2008 - \$5,668,196.00. He recapped the options and proposals that were discussed at the last Council Meeting. He noted the levied amount was not the recommendation of the staff. Council Member Schmidgall requested that core services not be cut. Council Member Blanchard spoke in support of keeping the levy the same. He felt it was not the time to increase when Council had been told that the healthcare savings, the 2% beverage tax, and the increases in fines were needed to prepare for these hard times. Council Member Barra stated that the general fund would already be receiving \$588,199 less than the previous year because of the increased Police and Fire Pension Funds. If the Council remained status quo on the levy the budget would be impossible without major cuts. On roll call vote, Ayes, Schmidgall, Strand, Kortkamp, Blanchard, Abel, and Dunn; Nay, Barra. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Barra, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **AGREEMENT WITH TAZEVELL COUNTY FOR ANIMAL CONTROL JANUARY 1, 2010 TO DECEMBER 31, 2010** in the amount of \$43,213.00 be approved. Police Chief Ted Miller advised the Council that historically the City had contracted for the pick-up, dispersal/disposal of stray animals. The contract was an increase of \$43.00 over 2009. Council Member Blanchard requested that there be an alternative to develop the City's own control program. Discussion followed and indicated that costs would be greater than those incurred by the agreement. Handling in excess 800 animals per year would create expense, concern, and liabilities for the City. Bob Marshall, Tazewell County Animal Control Director, was present to answer questions and concerns that wild animals not picked-up. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Garnet Meischner, 1401 Janssen Street, requested that at minimum the City require the private owner of the Parking lot on 8th Street at the ATM machine place reflective lights on the concrete barriers between the next business.

Dan DeHoog, 619 South 12th Street, addressed Council regarding inspection of his pool for Code Enforcement. Mr. DeHoog was asked to discontinue relating his inappropriate concerns directed at individual employees.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that **Council move to Executive Session** at 6:40 P.M. to discuss

5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 2. Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives.

5ILCS 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 Dunn called the meeting closed.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:12 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk