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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, NOVEMBER 22, 2010 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M. RUSTY L. DUNN, MAYOR PRESIDING

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, BARRA, KORTKAMP, SCHMIDGALL, STRAND, BLANCHARD, AND DUNN
ABSENT: NONE

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

Roll was called and all Council Members were present.

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

MINUTES
Motion by Council Member Strand, **seconded by Council Member Abel,** that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of November 8, 2010 be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

CONSENT AGENDA
Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Barra, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. The following were presented by Mayor Dunn for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

1. **Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes:** Police Report for October, Traffic Safety Minutes November 5, 2010, Electrical Commission Minutes November 4, 2010.

2. **Proclamations:** National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month December 2010.

3. **Charitable Solicitation:** Benefit Medical Costs Brenda Eckstein - January 22, 2011
   Pekin Union Mission Tag Day - Saturday, November 27, 2010
   Tyler Sullivan Family Benefit - January 8, 2011

4. **Receive and File** Tazewell/Pekin Consolidated Communications Center Annual Financial Statements April 30, 2010 Prepared by Willock, Warning & Co., P.C.

5. **Receive and File** Peoria Area Convention & Visitors Bureau Quarterly Report Third Quarter 2010.

6. **Receive and File** the Pekin Planning Commission Minutes dated November 10, 2010.

7. **Receive and File Pekin Planning Commission Hearings and Recommendations:**
   a. Hearing #10-1820–recommends the Rezoning from AG (Agricultural District) to R-2 (Single Family Residential) for property located along Velde Drive with a Legal Description as described in Exhibit "B" (tabled 10-13-10).
   b. Hearing #10-1821– recommends the approval of the Site Plan with the Stipulation that Screening be in place for the Toters/Dumpster Area for property located along Velde Drive with the Legal Description as described in Exhibit "B" (tabled 10-13-10).
   c. Hearing #10-1822– recommends the Approval of the Special Use for property located along Velde Drive with the Legal Description as described in Exhibit "B" (tabled 10-13-10).
   d. Hearing #10-1806 – voted to Table and Continue the Public Hearing on December 8, 2010, the Special Request for a Cell Tower located at 3000 Court.

Council Member Schmidgall requested that the Street Naming committee referred to in the Traffic Safety Minutes recommendations be placed before the Council on a future agenda for presentation and vote.
On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS
FINANCIAL UPDATE
City Treasurer James Wolf summarized the financial status of the City by referring to handouts of Investment Earnings Six Months Ended October 31, 2010 and Revenues Over Expenses – All City Funds Six Months Ended October 31, 2010. He noted he would not be able to give Quarterly Report because of the financial software change in April.

- Investments running above budget and above last year comparisons
- Will extend maturities because of marginal increases in rates
- Expenses have come down significantly

PUBLIC HEARING
A Public Hearing was opened by Mayor Dunn in order to present a proposed tax levy for the City of Pekin for assessing Municipal Taxes May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011 and an opportunity for the public to comment. The City Manager presented several options and it was the consensus of Council that the policy funding figures for the 3 Pensions Funds, the Library 2.5% increase, the use of the 2009 actual EAV as opposed to 2010 estimate, for and an increased Levy of 3.95% be used for the Levy ordinance.
Special meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Strand that the **AMENDED BID FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A VEHICLE SERVICE BUILDING be postponed indefinitely.** Public Works Director Joe Wuellner reported Bids opened for the construction of new mechanical building for mechanics to maintain and repair additional buses in the Hoyle acquisition. All bids were above estimate. Low bidder asked to offer reduction based on items to be added later. Motion on November 8, 2010 was to postpone until November 22, 2010. It was the decision of the Council to reconsider the expenditure at this time. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

NEW BUSINESS
Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Barra that the **SITE PLAN FOR NEW TESTAMENT BAPTIST CHURCH** for property along Velde Drive be approved. Council was advised that recommendations were received from the Pekin Planning Commission to approve the Site Plan and Special Use with stipulation for screening of dumpsters. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Barra, seconded by Council Member Strand that the **SPECIAL USE FOR NEW TESTAMENT BAPTIST CHURCH for property along Velde Drive be approved.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 1568-A184-10/11
PROVIDING FOR REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY
PIN 04-04-25-100-033 NEW FOR 2010 PIN 04-04-25-100-036
Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Abel, that Ordinance No. 1568-A184-10/11 be adopted. Council agreed with the recommendation of the Pekin Planning Commission to rezone property along Velde from AG (Agricultural District to R-2 (One-Family Residential District). On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A301-10/11
AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 9 OF THE TRAFFIC CODE
OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995
REGARDING AUTHORIZED STOP SIGNS MARGARET STREET AND TWELFTH STREET
Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Barra, that Ordinance No. 1462-A301-10/11 be adopted. The recommendation of the Traffic Safety Committee was made to remove the stop sign on N. 12th Street and place a stop sign on Margaret to have a cleaner flow of traffic. Council asked that the effected neighbors be contacted. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Blanchard that the **AMENDMENT TO 2010 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACTION PLAN be approved.** Community Development Director Pam Anderson presented the amendment which included the transfer of CDBG dollars to the Economic Development Financial Assistance Program 2 (EDFAP) and provisions to increase maximum loan amount from $50,000 to $100,000. Question was posed if the amendment was made for a single business. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Barra, seconded by Council Member Blanchard that the **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2 LOAN in the amount of $67,280.00 be approved for Hanger 3, Inc, dba 14th Street Hardware.** A recommendation was made by the Economic Development Advisory Committee to lend money for the startup of a business in a vacant property on Derby Street. Council discussed delinquencies of previous assistance programs, the experience of the business owner, and the amount of employees gained in the low-moderate tract of the CDBG program. Ms. Anderson informed Council that all guidelines were met in the application. Council Member Kortkamp stated she would abstain from voting due to her relationship to the seller of the property. On roll call vote, Ayes, Schmidgall, Strand, Blanchard, Barra, Dunn; Nay, Abel; Abstain, Kortkamp. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Strand that the **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR BANKING SERVICE be awarded to Pekin Community Bank.** Treasurer James Wolf advised that RFP's were sent in September and 7 banks responded. The City's present depository Herget Bank chose not to submit. Council was presented the criterions used giving higher weighting to monthly account costs and interest earnings scores. Pekin Community Bank financial impact would generate an estimated $50,000.00 plus earnings and savings on fees. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Abel that the **CITY OF PEKIN POLICY NO. 18-10/11 CITY RESERVES, be adopted.** Under direction from Council, Treasurer James Wolf drafted guidelines in maintaining adequate levels of reserves. It was felt there was a need to maintain adequate levels to mitigate risk that occurs from unforeseen revenue fluctuations and unanticipated expenditures. He read from the prepared policy that provided for a balance of less than 25% to be cause for concern and a balance of more than 40% as excessive. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council Members wished the community a Happy Thanksgiving, expressed condolences to the family of a former commissioner Fran Oberle, announced the Winter Wonder Land events for Sunday, and congratulated Council Member Strand on the news of her first grandchild.

Being the final day for filing Election Candidacy Petitions, Mayor Dunn noted the number of good candidates that had filed. He also made the public aware that he had made the decision not to run and would be redirecting his priorities to balance family and work.

City Manager Dennis Kief and Director of Public Properties Greg Ranney announced they would be retiring from the City under the ERI Early Retirement Incentive Program. Mayor Dunn noted that the Council would be deciding on an interim person while also deciding on the process that would follow for a permanent manager replacement.

Steve Moore, 2010 Westgate, addressed the Council and expressed appreciation to the general public that took the time and researched the background of a pork processing facility and spoke at a previous Council Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the Council move to Executive Session at 7:20 P.M. to discuss: 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 11. Pending Litigation and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 1. Personnel. 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 7:50 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk