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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 14, 2011 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
LAURIE L. BARRA, MAYOR PRESIDING

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, MCCABE, ABEL, BLANCHARD, SCHMIDGALL. HENDRICKS, MASSAGLIA, AND BARRA

ABSENT: NONE

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

Roll was called and all Council Members were physically present. A quorum was present.

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

MINUTES
Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Hendricks, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 24, 2011, be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

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

7.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes: Police Department September and October Reports, Fire Department September Report		5
7.2 Receive and File State of Illinois Comptroller Fiscal Responsibility Report Card		5
7.3 Resolution No. 18-11/12 – Re-appointments of Donald Hild and Jerald Hall to the Riverway Business Park Review Committee until November 23, 2014.		5
7.4 Resolution No. 19-11/12 – Appointment of Lelonie Luft to Pekin Tourism, Convention, and Visitors Committee until the first Monday in May 2012		5

On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS
Gary Allen asked to present a proposal for municipally owned property. It was the opinion of Counsel that the matter did not meet criteria for agenda business items and that the Council did not expect to take action on the exemption to be discussed in closes session.

George Ohnemus, 1417 Willow, addressed the Council on several items on the agenda that he felt were wasting taxpayer dollars.

James Gerber Lakeshore Condominium Association president was also asked to speak to his concern of a general matter of the compost proposed site at the end of the business agenda meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS
City Manager Joseph Wuellner disseminated a memo to the Council regarding proposals for the 2011 levy that he would ask for Council's input publicly at the next. It was noted the majority of the levy covers the City pension's plans. He advised in order to maintain the level of services at their present status, additional funding would be needed by increasing taxes, implementing user fees, or secure loans. He recommended beginning to set money aside to accomplish plans for maintaining and replacing facilities, equipment and infrastructure. He felt longer delays cost more to correct the problems. It was hoped that the actuaries' reports for more defined pension numbers would be available by the November 28th meeting. Council Member Blanchard requested preliminary budget figures in order to make a decision on the levy numbers.

NEW BUSINESS

<u>RESOLUTION N0. 20-11/12</u>
REGIONAL STORMWATER STUDY

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Blanchard that Resolution No. 20-11/12 be adopted. City Engineer Mike Guerra answered Council questions in regards to the 11 community participation in a regional study conducted by Peoria County through a grant. The resolution would approve the city portion of the overall 45% local match in the amount of $1,848.73. By participating the City would also be able to request reimbursement for a stormwater construction project completed last year. Council generally supported participating rather than the estimated $90,000 study if done on the City's own. Council Member McCabe expressed concern where the City would be if the joint study did not meet the requirements contained in the document. On roll call vote, Ayes, Blanchard, Schmidgall, Hendricks, Massaglia, Abel, and Barra; Nay, McCabe. Motion Carried.

<u>RESOLUTION N0. 21-11/12</u>
PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE QUESTION WHETHER THE CITY OF PEKIN SHOULD HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ARRANGE FOR THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Abel that Resolution No. 21-11/12 be adopted. Council was informed that the resolution provided for the submission of the question for the City to have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity to be placed on ballot for the election of March 22, 2012. The City would operate the arrangement as an opt-out program if approved by the voter initiative question. Council questions were directed to Attorney Burt Dancey in regards to placing the question on the March election for sooner savings than the November elections and the unique statutory provisions for deregulation of the power industry. He advised through the agreement with Good Energy L.P. that the public would be provided with full education of bulk purchasing and 2 opt out periods. On roll call vote all present voted Ayes.

Motion by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Hendricks that the **FAÇADE APPLICATION FOR 409/411 COURT STREET be approved in the amount of $13,300.00 upon satisfactory completion at stated address.** Leigh Ann Matthews, Economic Development, presented the recommendation of Pekin Main Street Design Committee to pay the owner Teresa Lohman the eligible amount under the terms of the TIF Façade guidelines to demo, secure and rebuild the rear property, move the 200 amp electrical service, repair rood supports and replace roof. Council was informed the owner purchased the property in February 2011 to renovate and open a retail business. The funds would be used toward the total expenses of $25,625.00 plus $800 for structural assessment report. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL
Council Members complimented the community and the Pekin Community High School students for the respect shown to fallen soldier Marine Lance Cpl. Jordan S. Bastean during the funeral procession. The Mayor along with the public were also thanked for their participation in the Veterans Day ceremonies at the Court House. Council extended congratulations to the Pekin Community High School football team for advancing to playoffs and a tremendous season. Mayor Barra noted all Fall sports teams were to be recognized for outstanding achievements this year in swimming, cross county, and golf this year.

Council expressed best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving to staff and the community.

James Gerber, Lake Shore Condominium Association, addressed the Council with questions regarding the proposal for the City compost site on the north end of the City concerning the following:

- Noise level from equipment
- Traffic count and speed increase on Brenkman Drive
- Lake Kennedy, Whitehurst and Edgewater Lakes
- Air quality from ongoing decomposing organic material
- Removal of compost not given to residents or sold to commercial users.

Scott Robinson, 2342 Lake Shore Drive, questioned if the compost operation was being looked at as a business case with revenue stream to pay for equipment and if the administration of selling the compost had been considered.

Dale Kuntz, 5 Fox Point, read prepared Christmas poetry encouraging the cleanup of grass and weeds in cracks along Court Street as a holiday present to the community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Schmidgall, that the Council move to Executive Session at 6:35 P.M. to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1). Personnel and ILCS 120/2 (c) (6) Sale of Municipally Owned Real Estate. *clerk note – Personnel was not needed. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, Mayor Barra adjourned the meeting in open session.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:15 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk