
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE CITY HALL
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2005 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
JAMES E. JONES* MAYOR PRO-TEM * PRESIDING**

**PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS, BLANCHARD, MADDOX, DAGIT, AND
MAYOR PRO-TEM JONES**

ABSENT: NONE

As provided by Resolution No. 237, establishing the procedure for appointing a mayor pro tem, Com'r. Jones was selected by alphabetical rotation to preside at the meeting.

A presentation in remembrance of Veterans Day was performed by the JROTC. Com'r. Dagit read the Proclamation "Pekin Community High School JROTC Veteran's Week" recognizing the programs and outstanding work of the Corps.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by JROTC.

Roll was called and all commissioners were present.

Agenda

Motion by Com'r. Maddox, seconded by Com'r. Blanchard, that the **agenda be approved as presented**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Maddox, seconded by Com'r. Dagit, that the **Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 24, 2005 be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Consent Agenda

City Clerk Sue McMillan presented the following items under consent Agenda.

Motion by Com'r. Maddox, seconded by Com'r. Dagit, that the Consent Agenda **be approved as presented**

1. Receive and File Reports and Minutes: Police, Tazewell County Animal Control, T/PCCC, Building, Liquor Commission October 13 and Electrical Commission November 3
2. Proclamation: 32nd Degree Masonic Family Life Week November 20-26, 2005
Pekin Community High School JROTC Veteran's Week November 11, 2005
3. Charitable Solicitation: Shade Memorial Youth Camp Tag Days April 28, 29 and 30, 2006
Boys & Girls Club of Pekin Tag Days November 26, 2005
Rob Cagle Benefit
4. Receive and File Insight Communications Regarding Additional ESPNU, and PBS KIDS Sprout Cable Channels
5. Receive and File Illinois Municipal League Check \$23,641.33 for 2% Fire Department Tax on Foreign Fire Insurance Companies
6. Receive and File Fire Department 2% Foreign Fire Insurance Fund Audit September 26, 2005
7. Receive and File Willock Warning & Co., Financial Statements April 30, 2005:
Sewerage Fund
Pekin Public Library Fund

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

The proclamation Family Life Week November 20-26, 2005 was read by Com'r. Dagit and presented to the 32nd Degree Masonic representative Jim Durran.

New Business

ORDINANCE NO. 2448

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS BY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2203

Motion by Com'r. Blanchard, seconded by Com'r. Maddox that Ordinance No. 2248 be adopted. Motion by Com'r. Maddox, seconded by Com'r. Blanchard that Ordinance No. 2448 be amended by deleting subsection d. Discussion followed regarding amending the suggested recommendations for establishing and clarifying additional benefits of Council members. Com'r. Blanchard felt Council members should not be reimbursed for membership in service clubs. On Roll call vote: Ayes, Maddox, Blanchard, Dagit; Nay, Jones. Motion Carried. Motion by Com'r. Blanchard, seconded by Com'r. Maddox that Ordinance No. 2448, Section 3 part a) be amended to say "with the approval of the City Manager." Com'r. Maddox expressed his opinion that he fully agreed in the City paying ½ the cost of participation in service clubs but agreed with Com'r. Blanchard that they did not support the expense for commissioners. Com'r. Dagit felt that cutting in small areas would help balance the budget. Com'r. Jones stated that previous administrations requested the presence of City representatives including commissioners among community function and reimbursed 1/2 the elected official expense as reward. Com'r. Dagit did not support reimbursement for commuting to City Hall since it was governed by IRS regulations. On roll call vote, all present vote Aye. The motion on the floor with amendments was call for the vote by the Chairman. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2449

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE IMLRMA MINIMUM/MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

Motion by Com'r. Blanchard seconded by Com'r. Maddox that Ordinance No. 2249 be adopted. As member of the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association the early payment option reduced minimum payment with 2% discount to \$454,877.78 for the association to provide coverage for General Liability, Workers' Compensation and Public Officials Liability. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2450

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6, CHAPTER 8 SECTION 6-8A-6-2 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995 REGARDING NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Motion by Com'r. Blanchard seconded by Com'r. Maddox that Ordinance No. 2249 be adopted. City Manager Dennis Kief presented and recommended an increase in staffing by 3 firefighters. Fire Chief Chuck Lauss, in a written memo to Council recommended an increase in staff by 3 firefighters and utilized the National Fire Protection Association for his basis. Previous staffing numbers, increased area coverage, adequate manpower to answer fire and incoming emergency calls were discussed. Council questioned if hiring additional personnel would reduce overtime. The Chief felt there would be some reduction but felt more that it would reduce injuries. The Council also questioned the City Manager on the bubble item and the restriction on those expenditures only if revenues supported the amounts. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Blanchard, seconded by Com'r. Maddox that the **PEKIN VISITORS BUREAU GRANT APPLICATION TO BRADLEY UNIVERSITY** be approved in the amount of \$4,600.00. In discussion support was given to the request for assistance from Bradley Athletics who would be hosting the Inaugural Bradley Dome Classic on February 24-26,2006. The benefits of the softball tournament to the community of "heads in beds", over 600 people eating in local restaurants, buying gas, shopping, and enjoying local entertainment. Money to fund the Tourism grants come from the Hotel/Motel Tax. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Dagit, seconded by Com'r. Maddox that the **CASH FARM LEASE WITH MICHAEL HOFFFT** be approved and the City Manager be authorized to execute the agreement. Public Property Director Greg Ranney recommended the additional one-year contract for the Lessee to farm approximately 154 acres of City owned property at the corner of 5th and Koch Street. The concern of Council that this was recently purchased for extension of the Business Park were addressed in that the Landlord/Tenant had the option of not extending after the one-year. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Dagit, seconded by Com'r. Blanchard that the **LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING WITH IDOT** (LU-406-001 FAP Route 693 (IL9) Contract 68532) be approved. Public Works Director Joe Wuellner explained to Council that the Illinois Department of Transportation were installing vehicle video detection systems in existing traffic signal cabinets on Court street. There cameras would replace the "loop" technology at the intersections of Allentown Road, Valle Vista, and Parkway/Sunset. Council supported the improvement at no cost to the City. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council agreed to meet on Monday, November 21, 2005 @ 5:30 p.m. as a Budget Work Session and to move to executive session to continue discussion of the appointment of a person to fill the vacancy.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jones welcomed Pekin Community High School government class and their teacher John McCabe to the meeting.

Denny Vaughn, 2102 Marigold suggested for staff to not only apply for firefighters through a SAFER grant but to attempt to fund additional police officers through Homeland Security grants.

Reporters from the *Peoria Journal Star* and *Pekin Daily Time* were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Motion by Com'r. Dagit, seconded by Com'r. Blanchard that Council move to **Executive Session** at 6:25 P.M. to discuss Selection, Appointment, Performance, Discipline or a Vacancy in a Public Office 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 3. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye. Executive Session began at

No further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Com'r. Dagit seconded by Com'r. Maddox that Council adjourn. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk