
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR RESCHEDULED MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2007 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
R. DAVID TEBBEN * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

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

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER STRAND

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

Roll was called and all Council Members were present except Council Member Strand.

Agenda

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

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting rescheduled to October 22, 2007 and the Special Council / Staff Strategic Planning Session of October 29, 2007, be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

Mayor Tebben read and presented the following for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

1. **Monthly Reports and Minutes:** October Police Department Report, October Fire Report, October Building Report, Airport Minutes dated October 17, 2007, and Traffic Safety Committee Minutes dated November 2, 2007
2. **Proclamation: Home Health Care Month November 2007**
3. **Charitable Solicitation: Benefit David Huskisson
Benefit Calvin Franklin
Boys & Girls Club of Pekin Tag Days November 16-17, 2007**
4. **Receive and File Sewerage Fund Financial Statements April 30, 2007 Prepared by Willock Warning & Co., P.C.**
5. **Resolution No. 18 - 07/08 – Support of the Tazewell County Commission for Commemoration of Abraham Lincoln's 200th Birthday**
6. **Receive and File Pekin Fire Department 2% Foreign Fire Insurance Fund Annual Audit**
7. **Receive and File Annexation Petitions: Veterans Drive Investments LLC, Sangalli, Uehling, Wedge**

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Communications, Petitions, Reports

TOURISM PRESENTATION

Economic Development Coordinator Steve Brown introduced the speaker. Brent Lonteen President and CEO of the Peoria Area Chamber and Visitors Bureau stated the purpose of his presentation was to educate the Council about the media partnership and the involvement with the Illinois River Country Campaign. He then explained in a Power Point presentation how the dollars are invested in a tourism insert, benefits of the advertisement, and the audience that is targeted. When questioned what the priority marketing tool would be

for Pekin, Mr. Lonteen spoke of the strength in sporting attractions found at the Pekin Dragon's Dome events.

Council was asked to consider a \$10,000.00 contribution to the Illinois River Country Campaign.

POLICE DEPARTMENT SURVEY

Deputy Police Chief James Brecher addressed Council with the results of a community survey that was sent by the Police Department Foundation Board to 1000 residents asking input on what was expected of their community's police department. He indicated that the department was transitioning from a professional force into a community based police department. Two hundred and ten surveys were return with positive results. In a Power Point presentation he reported on the distribution area, demographics, and results from most important, Drug Enforcement to the least important, Light Violations. After analysis he was able to report on the measures of association and the significance. Council Members commented on the findings.

PRESENTATION PARKING

Police Chief Timothy Gillespie presented an aerial view of each of the 20 locations that have been recommended by the Traffic Safety Committee for no parking. He indicated that this was just the first area that the Committee had reviewed with others to follow. It was suggested by the Council that there should be interaction with the neighborhoods in order to hear their input.

Old Business

Ordinance No. 2532-OA-07/08 and Ordinance No. 1462-A265– 07/08 remained tabled.

New Business

ORDINANCE NO. 2536-07/08 AMENDING TITLE 6, CHAPTER 8a, SECTION 6-1 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995 REGARDING FIRE DEPARTMENT LATERAL ASSIGNMENT

Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that Ordinance No. 2536-07/08 be adopted. Fire Chief Chuck Lauss explained to Council that the proposed amendment paralleled the Pekin Police Department Lateral Transfer. It would give the Pekin Fire Department the ability to hire experienced officers if the need would arise. By doing so there could also be a cost savings, as it would potentially be hiring Fire Fighters with prior training and education. This would be a separate list from the Eligibility List currently in affect. The Fire Fighters placed on this list would still have to pass all the appropriate testing to get on the list. Council questioned the responsibility of determining which list to hire from. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Dunn, that the **AMENDMENT TO 2005-2009 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND THE 2007 ACTION PLAN FOR REALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**, be approved.

Community Development Director Pamela Anderson requested Council's consideration to reallocate \$416,000 of CDBG dollars for ADA sidewalks project and installation of hearing impaired carbon monoxide detectors. She indicated \$100,000 of the 2007 Street Maintenance was not expended and that the City was not moving forward on allocated dollars for an Emergency Siren program. There was a public comment period from October 24, 2007 to November 13, 2007 where the plan was made available.

A public hearing was conducted on November 8, 2007 for any additional input. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Jones, that the **REQUEST FOR \$7,200.00 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ILLINOIS RIVER ROAD NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY PROGRAM**, be approved. It was recommended to Council for approval of the dollars from the Hotel/Motel Tax fund. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Jones that the **DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH FARNSWORTH GROUP, INC. FOR PHASE I WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$320,000.00; \$170,000.00 FOR DESIGN AND BIDDING SERVICE AND \$150,000.00 FOR**

CONSTRUCTION OBSERVATION, be approved. Council Member Blanchard felt more information was needed on the recommendation of one firm and questioned why the project was not bid out. Public Works Director Joseph Wuellner addressed the concern in that the agreement was for design of a project that the company recommended, had been working on for 7 plus years. Mr. Wuellner indicated that \$150,000 set aside would mostly be completed in-house for construction supervision. The scope of work was not a public works construction project requiring bids but appropriately a Request for Qualifications of engineers. Further questions were asked by Council Members on design costs, table of expenses per hour, and EPA requirements for step approval of each phase. City Manager Dennis Kief spoke in support of the request and approval of the Agreement with Farnsworth Group.

Council Member Kortkamp called the question. The Chair asked that the motion be restated and on roll call vote, the following was heard: Ayes, Jones, Kortkamp, Abel, Dunn, and Tebben; Nay, Blanchard. Motion carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council Member Jones asked the Police Chief to submit information on how long vehicles can be parked on the street without moving.

Council Member Blanchard announced the plans for a Military Service Medal Event on Sunday, November 18, 2007 and encouraged attendance.

Mayor Tebben spoke on the following:

- Printout for Budget review was available. He suggested talking in generalities about the revenues and expenses as part of the planned special meeting for Priority Planning on Monday, November 19, 2007
- Reminder given to Council that the proposed Levy figures were available and that Council needed to give staff direction on changes or support.
- Asked for Council's agreement in the proposed naming of Pekin Airport to John Kriegsman Field. Staff to move forward with the documentation necessary for presentation Memorial Day.

City Manager Dennis Kief reiterated the explanation how the City's "winter averaging" works with respect to wastewater bills. Water used in summer for yard, pool, etc. did not end up in sewer. Instead of billing wastewater for water usage in summer, October through April usage was averaged and charged. Because of the dry billed October month of 2007 the Manager asked Council's direction on options to the process to further compensate for high bills. Council Members supported staying the course of October – April averaging.

Director of Public Property Greg Ranney informed residents that garbage collection would be one day late due to the holiday.

Christal Dagit 1413 Charlotte addressed Council for a once a month update from the Tazewell County Museum. She reported that a photo of the old school that hung in Scnuck's entry was found in the store and now was in possession of the Museum. The Director also reported on the planning activities of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

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

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

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:25 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk