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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 10, 2014 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
LAURIE L. BARRA * MAYOR * PRESIDING

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, GILLESPIE, GOLDEN, ORRICK, HENDRICKS, MCCABE AND BARRA
ABSENT: NONE

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

Roll was called. All members were physically present. A quorum was present.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Gillespie, seconded by Council Member Abel that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 27, 2014 be approved as written.**

PUBLIC INPUT

Larry Wolfer disputed the Pekin Times article regarding all outfalls violations occurring in May, when he had in his possession a reported violation date April 27, 2014 for the Sewer Treatment Plant. He read from the City of Pekin 2006-2011 Conceptual Plan Values – Fiscal Responsibility. Mr. Wolfer questioned where proper use of public resources was being followed when hidden in the Journal Star publication of the Account's Payable were contractor disbursements without the bidding process being used.
Ann Witzig voiced displeasure with the City for not responding to 6 complaints of what she felt was an illegally parked van.
Bob Bramham asked the Council who was the owner of a truck that was identified as "Ron's Seamless Cutters." Mayor Barra told Mr. Bramham that she would find out and answer his question the following day. In reference to Council Member Golden being asked to add his request for an agenda item regarding garbage fee at the end of the meeting not the beginning, Mr. Bramham questioned who's rules the Council meetings are run by, the Mayor's or Parliamentary Procedures. Mr. Bramham next stated he was not proud of the Council for sneaking money from one CDBG fund to another or that the garbage fee was created in response to a $1.2 million shortage in the budget.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Orrick, seconded by Council Member Gillespie that the **CONSENT AGENDA be approved as now presented.** The following was presented for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

7.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports: Building Department September Reports; Liquor Commission Minutes dated October 23, 2014.
7.2 Proclamation: "Small Business Saturday" November 29, 2014
7.3 Receive and File: Tazewell County Health Department Recycling Grant
7.4 Receive and File: Zoning Board of Appeal Minutes dated October 8, 2014
7.5 Receive and File: Pekin Planning Commission Minutes dated October 8, 2014

7.6 Receive and File: Pekin Planning Commission Recommendations and Hearings:

a.) Hearing # 08-1883 – Recommendation to approve the Site Plan with the stipulation that fence screening be in place, dumpster screening be installed; appropriate lighting provides shielding for the residents surrounding the lot; parking lot receives proper maintenance; and exterior of the building be aesthetic with brick décor at least covering half of the building for Used Car Sales located at 1215 Court Street.

b.) Hearing # 08-1884 – Recommendation to approve the Special Use with the stipulation that all detail work on vehicles for sale be done inside of the building and the property be used for used vehicle sales only for Used Car Sales located at 1215 Court Street.

On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Council Member Orrick, seconded by Council Member Hendricks that **AMENDMENT #1 TO THE 2010-2014 CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT be approved.** Community Development Director Pamela Anderson presented both amendments to the CDBG Plans. She advised the Council as per HUD’s 2013 Annual Community Assessment letter, the City was directed to amend the 5-year Consolidated Plan to incorporate program changes. She reviewed with the Council highlights of the revised plan goals: Code Enforcement program determined to be ineligible; end participation to the Housing Development Authority for housing rehabilitation SFOOR dollars; terminate public service dollars dispersed through United Way and allocate directly to not-for-profit agencies; discontinue seal coating program; carry over ADA Sidewalk program dollars; discontinuation of property inspections for compliance. Discussion of the Council Members followed regarding direct allocation of agencies. Since the BOCA Code is not used, it was suggested by Council Member Golden to strike the notation from the information provided in the Consolidated Plan description of goals for inspection of residential property compliance. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Gillespie that **AMENDMENT #2 TO THE 2014 ACTION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT be approved.** Ms. Anderson explained the second amendment to the current Action Plan. Any substantial change to the allocation of CDBG dollars required an amendment. Proposed changes included ADA Sidewalks, Rehabilitation, Rehab Program Delivery, Administration, and Human Rights Committee. Council Member Golden questioned the expended dollars related to the 1995 ADA Plan to bring all intersections on State Routes into compliance. In regards to Mr. Bramham’s earlier comment the Council was told that the amendment did not switch money to other City funds. The changes to different programs are all within allowable HUD requirements and with no total dollar changes. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Abel that the **SPECIAL USE FOR USED CAR SALES located at 1215 Court Street** with the stipulation that all detail work on vehicles for sale be done inside of the building and the property be used for vehicle sales only, be approved. Code Enforcement Officer Ron Sieh presented the Pekin Planning Commission’s recommendation to approve the special use for Advanced Auto. Council was advised a special use was required if autos are on a lot and not in a showroom. No occupancy permit would be granted if all the contingencies were not met. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Orrick that the **SITE PLAN FOR USED CAR SALES located at 1215 Court Street** with the stipulation that fence screening be in place; dumpster screening be installed; appropriate lighting provides shielding from residents surrounding the lot; parking lot receive proper maintenance; and exterior of building be aesthetic with brick décor at least covering half of the building, be approved. Mr. Sieh also presented the PPC recommendation for approval of the site plan with conditions once the existing building was replaced by Advanced Auto. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2710-14/15
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE IMLRMA MINIMUM/MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

Motion by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Orrick that Ordinance No. 2710-14/15 be adopted. City Manager Darin Girdler advised the Council of the annual agreement for work comp, liability and property insurance coverage. Rates were based on claim history of a pool of municipalities rather than individual claims. He said the option allowed the City to pay a lower premium as long as costs stayed below the minimum amount. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Deputy Chief Baxter announced that the police department would participate in a “no shave” cancer fund-raiser through the month of November.

Council Member McCabe indicated he would remove from his City email correspondence his signature that included “Mayoral Candidate 2015” if it gave an appearance of impropriety.

Council Members asked that the community take time to observe the real meaning of Veterans Day and that the not only recognize November 11th but thank Veterans everyday. Mayor Barra announced a downtown observance at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday. There would be no garbage pickup on the holiday.

Council Member Abel requested that the remaining railing missing over 14th Street be replaced as Veterans Drive is completed.

Council Member Orrick asked that the list of recyclable item be placed on Channel 22.

Council Member Gillespie questioned and was told that Court Street at Stadium Drive would be reduced to one lane for the Water Company to complete work for a new pump station at that location.

Council Member Golden questioned why the Treasurers Report was placed in the Journal Star newspaper and not the Pekin Times. City Clerk Sue McMillan reported that the statutes require the filing of the certified publication of the report be filed both in Peoria and Tazewell Counties no later that October 31 each year. Due to lateness of obtaining the final figures for the report and the minimum submission days in advance required by the Times, it was necessary to send the Journal Star over night. He requested the City Manager provide a weekly activity report.

Council Member Golden made a motion to amend the garbage fee not to include those not using the collection. The request would be placed on the next Council agenda for discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Hendricks, that the Council move to Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss 65 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6.) Sale of Municipally Owned Property. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, motion by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Hendricks that Council adjourn. Motion carried voice vote. Mayor Bara adjourned the meeting in open session.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:40 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk