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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, 2008 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
JAMES E. JONES * MAYOR PRO TEM * PRESIDING

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

ABSENT: MAYOR TEBBEN

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The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by JROTC Master Sgt. Joe Fabish. The Honor Guard presented POW MIA Ceremony. An announcement was made that a fundraiser was being held at LaGondols Spaghetti House to support the activities of the Pekin Community High School JROTC program. The Council extended appreciation. There was a short recess to clear the room.

Roll was called and all Council Members were present except for Mayor Tebben.

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

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 27, 2008 and Town Hall Meeting of November 3, 2008, be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Consent Agenda
Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Jones read and presented the following for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

1. **Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes:** Liquor Commission Minutes September 24, 2008 and Building Report October

2. **Proclamations:** Pekin Community High School JROTC Week - November 9, 2008
   Family Life "Family Matters" Week - November 23-29, 2008

3. **Solicitation:** Boys and Girls Club of Pekin tag day Saturday, November 15, 2008

4. **Receive and File Financial Statements prepared by Willock Warning & Co., P.C.**
   Sewerage Fund April 30, 2008

5. **Receive and File** Fiscal Responsibility Report Card from Office of State Comptroller

6. **Resolution No. 59-08/09** – Mayor's Reappointment of Donald Hild and Jerald Hall to the Riverway Business Park Review Committee for term to November 23, 2011

7. **Resolution No. 60-08/09** – Liquor Commissioner's appointment of Rick VonRohr as Deputy Liquor Commissioner

8. **Resolution No. 61-08/09** – Establishing Public Hearing Date & Place for Proposed 2008 Amendment to the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Redevelopment Plan and Project for the Central Business District Redevelopment Project Area

Council Member Blanchard asked for the Manager's comments on the summary of the information on the Fiscal Responsibility Report Card from the State of Illinois.

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS
City Manager Dennis Kief introduced Illinois American Water Company Superintendent of Field Operation Tony Hall and read his bio to the Council. Mr. Hall expressed his appreciation for the welcome and the transition replacing Randy West.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **CHANGE ORDER WITH PIPCO FOR THE PARKWAY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $48,811,61, be approved.** Public Works Director Joe Wuellner informed Council as the project for drainage improvement progressed it was discovered there were conflicts with existing utilities, which necessitated the change in location and grade of manholes and storm lines. He recommended the request be approved noting that the change had been reduced twice after review of the proposed materials. The total project was still below estimate. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that the **AGREEMENT WITH ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD FOR INSTALLING THE CROSSING, SIGNALS, AND ALL APPURTENANCES NECESSARY FOR EXTENDING HANNA DRIVE be approved and that the document be executed after review by staff and Corporation Counsel.** Council was advised that the cost estimate of $250,000 was from budgeted funds. Council was asked to approve without the agreement before them in order to meet the requirements of the EDA grant to have approval and Notice to Proceed by December 19, 2008 deadline met. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Strand, that the **AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH STS FOR SERVICES REQUIRED TO COMPLETE PHASE I STUDY VETERAN'S DRIVE NORTH IN THE AMOUNT OF $71,183.00 be approved.** Council Members were told that the design needed to be resubmitted with justification and environmental studies on a third route as required by IDOT and FHWA. Funding was from the local gas tax. Council Member Blanchard spoke in opposition to going north at this time and felt concentration should be given to completing the southern route. On roll call vote, Ayes, Strand, Kortkamp, Abel; Nays, Blanchard and Dunn. Motion carries.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **CONTRACT FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES WITH RANKIN GRADE SCHOOL IN THE AMOUNT OF $30,960.00 be approved.** Director of Transportation Greg Ranney recommended the terms for the 2nd year annual agreement. Council questioned Mr. Ranney on the delay in presenting the agreement when service had been provided for two months. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **CASH FARM LEASE WITH MARK WEYRICH FOR FARMING THE ACRES LOCATED IN THE RIVERWAY BUSINESS PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF $300.00 BE APPROVED.** Director of Public Property Greg Ranney recommended the approval of the agreement for the small amount because of the low productivity of the tillable 15 acres. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye

<u>ORDINANCE NO. 2571-08/09</u>
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE IMLRMA
MINIMUM / MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that Ordinance No.2571-08/09 be adopted. Mr. Kief presented the renewal of the Illinois Municipal League Risk Assessment min-max program for Calendar Year 12/31/08- 12/31/09. Council was informed that premiums were based on losses incurred by a pool of municipalities rather than individual claims since 2001. The amount of $587038.62, an increase of only 3.4% was budgeted in the Insurance Fund and was a reduced rate if paid by November 21, 2008. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2572-08/09

PROVIDING FOR THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE AND THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY BY THE CITY OF PEKIN AT 117 SABELLA

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Dunn, that Ordinance No.2572-08/09 be adopted. Economic Development Coordinator Steve Brown presented the purchase of 117 Sabella Street. He advised that the last property on that street not owned by the City of Pekin and 1 of t3 remaining at the riverfront site would better prepare the are for a development ready market site. The sale price of $35,000.00 plus closing costs was from TIF budgeted funds. On roll call vote, Ayes, Strand, Kortkamp, Dunn, Abel, and Jones; Nay, Blanchard. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Strand, that the **AGREEMENT WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVANTAGES FOR EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF $6,840.00 BE APPROVED .** Director of Personnel Patricia Pollock requested Council's approval of the renewal of a two-year agreement of Employee Assistance Program (EAP). The contract provides services, consultations, training, and assistance to employees experiencing personal problems such as marital; chemical, physical, or sexual abuse; and financial concerns. She advised Council that there was no increase in the rate over last year and that there had been a 7% normal usage by employees. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Mayor Pro Tem Jones announced the next Town Hall meeting to receive public input on the financial status of the City and the proposed 2010 Budget was to be held at the Miller Senior Citizens Center on Monday, November 17, 2008 @ 5:30 p.m. He also encouraged the public to attend a Veterans ceremony at the Court House on Tuesday @ 11:00 a.m.

Council Member Blanchard expressed appreciation for the POW / MIA Ceremony presented by the JROTC. He congratulated TAPS on their 50th anniversary and asked for the public's support of the animal no-kill shelter.

Council Member Dunn expressed best wishes to Mayor Tebben in his recovery in the hospital.

Sanitation Superintendent Greg Ranney advised the public due to the holiday on Tuesday there would be no collections of waste and regular pickups would be delayed a day.

Public Works Director Joe Wuellner briefed the Council on the status of the sewer project at Glendale and Valle Vista. Heavy equipment was brought in to dig a depth of over 20ft to reset the structure. Traffic would continue to be re-routed for days.

Bill Gilroy 1312 South 11th Street spoke in support of the southern route of extending Veterans Drive along VFW Road and the need to complete Hanna Drive for expansion of the Riverway Business Park. Joe Wuellner and Dennis Kief were asked to respond in 2 weeks to Mr. Gilroy's questions on the plowing of Court Street and the status of the State of Illinois' commitment to improving Court Street.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Strand, that **Council move to Executive Session** at 6: 20 P.M. to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 6. The setting of a price for sale or lease of Municipally Owned Property. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

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

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:35 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk