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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 9, 2015 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.**

**JOHN H. MCCABE \* MAYOR \* PRESIDING**

**PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, GOLDEN, DUNN, ORRICK, ABEL, RITCHASON, LUFT, AND  
MCCABE**

**ABSENT: NONE**

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

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

**AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

Motion by Council Member Orrick, seconded by Council Member Abel that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 26, 2015 be approved as written**. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

No one addressed the Council on agenda items.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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| <p><b>7.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes:</b> Draft Liquor Commission Minutes dated October 22, 2015.</p> |
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On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Orrick that the **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL for 2016 in the amount of \$45,046.00, be approved**. City Manager Darin Girdler advised the Council that Tazewell County had the necessary facilities and manpower to provide the service of responding to the City Code for stray domestic animals. The cost remained the same as the 2 previous years. Discussion followed on the payment for animal control in property taxes and the additional payment of costs required of the City, referred to as "double dipping. Additional discussion was heard from council and staff on revenues received by the City from a fee to reclaim an animal at the County facility; an ordinance violation charge through the court system for animals running at large; and fines imposed at hearings for actions of vicious and dangerous animals. Council Member Orrick questioned if a partnering or exchange of services could be discussed. The Council Member spoke of the advantage of having no liability, no maintenance of vehicles, and no responsibility in injury cases. Council Member Golden noted inconsistencies in the use of words in the contract and poorly worded sentences. He was not for the agreement in its current form. On roll call vote Ayes, Orrick, Dunn, Abel, Ritchason, and McCabe; Nays, Golden and Luft. Motion Carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2733-15/16**

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE IMLRA  
MINIMUM/MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT**

Motion by Council Member Ritchason, seconded by Council Member Luft that Ordinance No. 2733-15/16 be adopted. City Manager Darin Girdler recommended to the Council the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association agreement of premiums for work comp, liability, and property insurance. Council was advised the rates were based on claim history of a pool of municipalities rather than individual claims.

The option allowed the City to pay a lower premium as long as costs stayed below the minimum amount. Council was asked to approve the early pay 1% discount of total due 976,798.35. Council Member Golden challenged how the statement in the Request for Council Action "The City accepted bids from four other insurance companies four years ago to ensure that we are not overspending for insurance "prove the City was still saving money." Questions were also raised regarding work comp settlements and why the amounts were not public, how many municipalities make up the pool of insured. Council Member Orrick requested a report on the most recent school bus accident. Council Member Golden suggested waiting to take action until more information was received and that the correct option be checked on the agreement for clarity. Council was advised that the City would not receive the early pay 1% discount of \$9,866.65 if the contribution was not paid by November 20, 2015, prior to the next Council meeting. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL**

Steve Moore expressed appreciation for the good job in having brush trimmed on Parkway and that the cross walk on Broadway had been painted. He suggested a lighted sign be considered at the pedestrian crossing for safety.

Ann Witzig questioned when the public would be informed on the kind of reprimand given the person responsible for the illegal payment of \$5,000.00 for March Madness. Also questioned if the efficiency study was moving forward.

Notes from staff: Happy birthday to Council Member Ritchason; because of the Wednesday holiday those residents would receive trash pickup on Thursday; the tornado sirens went off the previous week in error due to a battery issue. There were severe storms predicted for Wednesday. Firefighters were placing and distributing free smoke alarms.

Council Member Golden:

Reported that the street light out he had previously reported was fixed but unfortunately not before Halloween for the trick or treaters. Requested the Police Chief have officers report any street light out during their nightly patrols.

Noted the broken up sidewalk on Highwood was unusable for walkers. He reminded City personnel if work is occurring, that sidewalks needed to be maintained for accessibility. Council Member Luft indicated that during the batch work performed by InfraSource for the Ameren improvement project in the Sunset Hills Subdivision, the location became a space for concrete truck cleanout but was unsure what was going on. He asked for the status of the erosion issue on Highwood and was advised that there would be a bid opening on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 for the Lisa Court storm sewer project.

Noted the temporary sign at the corner of Griffin and Veterans Drive advertising the construction of the new hospital medical office facility was on City right of way and was a vision obstruction.

Questioned the City Manager how an assistant for the City Engineer was hired without Council knowledge or listed as a position on the Organizational Chart. The Council was advised that the Engineer Technician was approved in the budget. He questioned how the new police chief's salary was more than the amount approved for the previous chief. The Council was advised that the process for hiring along with the salary range was discussed prior to advertising.

Next question raised was in regards to the City staff's purchase authority limits and who authorized the over spending of \$9,000 +/- . Council Member Golden brought to the Manager's attention the limit of the agreement with Cartegraph of \$90,117.00. He asked for written policy as to how exceeding limits of contracts without Council approval could occur and who could authorize.

He told the Council he had asked at the last meeting for information on the completion of a noise study prior to construction of Veterans Drive south. He requested the documents for highway noise abatement be sent to him. Council Member Ritchason thanked the staff for getting the Council packet to them on Wednesday.

Council Member Abel talked about the positive activities taking place in the downtown after meeting with Todd Thompson on his rehabilitation of structure projects and the open businesses at this time.

Council Member Orrick thanked the Veterans for their service to the country. He asked for the status and that a report be sent to him on the timeline for the efficiency study. He asked that triple net leases be examined as the standard for the airport hangar rentals.

Council Member Luft:

Thanked all Veterans for their service.

Congratulated the success of the Junior Football League and complimented the JFL organization on their recent banquet.

Questioned from the Crime Free Housing Ordinance, why landlords received invoice notices to pay \$10.00

renewal fee.

Questioned the necessity of staff attendance at wide range of committee meetings.

Stated the meeting he had with Todd Thompson regarding the downtown projects was outstanding.

Asked that the quality of prodcast of the Council Meetings and the inconsistent replays be addressed in regards to 13 year old equipment, iTV-3, Comcast.

Advised the Council upon reading a newspaper article that the Peoria County efficiency study revealed surprises.

Council Member Dunn asked the Mayor the status of Council meeting retreat, the facilitator, attendees, members' requested topic listings, agenda. He stated there was a need for a clear outcome of the retreat. Mayor McCabe confirmed Brad McMillan of Bradley University would facilitate the meeting on Saturday, November 21, 2015.

Mayor McCabe encouraged the public to attend the various activities planned in recognition of Veterans, breakfast, ceremony downtown, North Pekin lunch.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Council Member Luft, seconded by Council Member Ritchason, that the Council move to Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss 65 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11.) Pending Litigation and 65 ILCS 120/2 (c) The setting of a price for lease of municipally owned property. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye. \*Note – the Council no longer needed to discuss Litigation in closed session.

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

### **COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.**

Sue E. McMillan  
City Clerk