
**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 8, 2010 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
RUSTY L. DUNN, MAYOR PRESIDING**

**PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, BARRA, KORTKAMP, SCHMIDGALL, STRAND,
BLANCHARD, AND DUNN**

ABSENT: NONE

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

Roll was called and all Council Members were present.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Strand, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 25, 2010 be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. The following were presented by Mayor Dunn for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

1. **Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes:** Unapproved Liquor Commission Minutes October 28, 2010, Fire Department October Report, and Tazewell County Animal Control Report for October.
2. **Charitable Solicitation:** Kenny Sapp Funeral Expense
Boys & Girls Club of Pekin Tag Days Saturday, November 13, 2010
Kelly Burroughs Medical Expenses
3. **Receive and File** from the Illinois State Office of Comptroller the Fiscal Responsibility Card.
4. **Receive and File** Bids 3-Bay Vehicle Service Building opened November 1, 2010 @10:00 a.m.
5. **Receive and File** Tax Increment Financing – Central Business District Fund Financial Statement April 30, 2010 TIF Prepared by Willock Warning & Co., P.C.

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS

City Manager Dennis Kief reported to Council on preliminary numbers for the 2010 Levy but reported the Fire Pension Fund actuarial had not been received. He indicated the tax rate had declined dramatically from the early 1990's and leaving the General Fund less which provides essential services. Fire and Police Pensions have received the larger increases.

He also gave a synopsis of the 6 months 2011 Budget and what was to come as staff worked on the FY 2012. It was very likely the City would have to utilize some General Funds reserves to make up for less than expected revenues.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Council Member Barra, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that the **TIF FAÇADE REVITALIZATION PROGRAM GRANT FOR 359 COURT STREET** in the amount of \$13,594.50 be approved. Economic Development Director Leigh Ann Matthews presented the recommendation of the

Pekin Main Street Design Committee for approval of \$13,594.50 grant to 353 LLC. Owner Todd Thompson submitted necessary documentation for replacing roof, glass, and tuck point work, and other improvements to the exterior structure at 359 Court Street to be leased to a Dance Studio. The façade program allows for ½ of the eligible expenses up to \$12,000 and higher amount with approval. Council Member Blanchard in response to his question was told that the signage listed in the façade application was an eligible expense. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that the **TIF COMMERCIAL RETAIL AND UPPER STORY HOUSING** loan for 359 Court Street in the amount of \$24,515.75 be approved. The ED Director then presented the recommendation for eligible expense for improvements to the same 359 Court Street structure for retail opportunity on the 1st floor. Ms. Matthews advised that the program offers a 5 year maximum \$25,000 forgivable loan. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Barra, that the amended bid for construction of a **VEHICLE SERVICE BUILDING** be postponed until November 22, 2010. Council was informed that all bids were above estimate. Lower bidder was asked to offer reduction based on item to be added later. Council felt they needed more time to consider proceeding with the project until expense was reviewed. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council Member Blanchard encouraged attendance at the Veterans Day Remembrance at the Court House on Thursday November 11, 2010. Council Member Kortkamp requested support of this year's Operation Santa for the service men and women in the military. Mayor Dunn announced the next Council meeting on November 22, 2010 and the Grand Re-Opening of the Holiday Inn on Wednesday.

Mayor Dunn in response to an article that was in the press regarding a lead for a significant new business prospect, read a typical response he had been giving to concerns received on opposition to a new plant locating in Pekin. He indicated the City was simply conducting its due diligence to see if the project was worth exploring based on the number of new jobs created and positive impact to the local economy. Only then would there be full disclosure if a development agreement were reached.

He then allowed those in attendance to speak to the matter. The following spoke in opposition generally sighting threats to the environment, issues of hiring practices, odors, truck traffic, property values, etc. from their research of a pork processing plant:

Kim Bowers, 2010 Highwood

Elbert Gentry, 1509 Summer

Joyce Blumenshine, Sierra Club, 2419 Reservoir Peoria

Tom Ivey, 1912 Highwood

Everett Shue, 1600 South 5th Street

Marg Melchers, 1821 Highwood

Joann Falkingham, 1833 Parkfield

Steve Heisel, 2111 Marianna Drive

Robert Falkingham, 1833 Parkfield

Dean Larimore, 504 Deerfield

Dee Bianchi, 1906 ElCamino Drive

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Strand, that the Council move to Executive Session at 6:35 P.M. to discuss: 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 1. Personnel. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

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

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:55P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk