

: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :**: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :**

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, September 10, 2002, a Regular Meeting of the City Council was held this date at 6:15 P.M., at City Hall, 419 Fulton Street, Mayor David P. Ransburg presiding.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following Council Members present: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg – 10; Absent: Sandberg - 1.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ransburg requested a moment of silent prayer and then he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.

PROCLAMATION: 13th AIRBORNE DIVISION REUNION DAYS – September 12-14, 2002

PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL CANCER SURVIVORS DAY – September 22, 2002

PRESENTATION: YAEPC “PASSION FOR PEOPLE” AWARD Presented to Mayor Ransburg, Council Member Morris and Council Member Turner

RECOGNITION: ALFRED GUNTHER – BIKED 10,800 MILES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES

ANNOUNCEMENT: TREE PLANTING IN FULTON PLAZA by GLEN OAK SCHOOL STUDENTS to Commemorate 9/11/01

ANNOUNCEMENT: INVITATION for Citizens to Attend HONORING OUR HEROES Remembering 9/11/01 to be Held at O’Brien Stadium

MINUTES

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on September 3, 2002, as printed; seconded by Council Member Grayeb.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg - 10;

Nays: None.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS

(02-620) **Communication from Director of Public Works Requesting Authorization to ACQUIRE Approximately 1.13 acres of Unimproved Land Near the Intersection of BIG HOLLOW ROAD and CHARTER OAK ROAD from Mr. David J. Russell in the Amount of \$23,500.00 for the CHARTER OAK ROAD EXTENSION PROJECT.**

(02-621) **BIDS for ADA ACCESS RAMPS for Area Bounded by MOSS, WESTERN, PARKSIDE, UNIVERSITY, COLUMBIA TERRACE and SHERIDAN, Recommending the Low Bid of P. J. HOERR, INC. in the Amount of \$113,061.07.**

- (02-622) **BIDS for ADA ACCESS RAMPS for Area Bounded by WISCONSIN, NEBRASKA, PROSPECT and FORREST HILL, Recommending the Low Bid of P. J. HOERR, INC. in the Amount of \$138,270.54.**
- (02-623) **APPLICATION for CLASS "H" TEMPORARY OUTDOOR LIQUOR LICENSE for PEORIA FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL #50 for SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2002.**
- (02-624) **APPLICATION for CLASS "H" TEMPORARY OUTDOOR LIQUOR LICENSE for ILLINOIS VALLEY STRIDERS for SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2002.**
- (02-625) **APPOINTMENTS and REAPPOINTMENTS by Mayor David P. Ransburg to the PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD of TRUSTEES:**

Appointments:

Aurthur Mae Perkins (Voting)	Term Expires 6/30/05
Andrea M. Stephens (Voting)	Term Expires 6/30/04

Reappointments:

David L. Gaca (Voting)	Term Expires 6/30/05
Russell T. Langford (Voting)	Term Expires 6/30/05

- (02-626) **Communication from Council Member Gary V. Sandberg. (For Information Only)**

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the Consent Agenda items as outlined in the communications; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Item Nos. 02-620 through 02-626 were approved by roll call vote under the Omnibus Vote Designation.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg - 10;

Nays: None.

- (02-627) **BIDS for KNOXVILLE-MT. HAWLEY CONNECTOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, Recommending the Low Bid of R. A. CULLINAN & SON, INC. in the Amount of \$745,947.30, with Supplemental MFT RESOLUTION in the amount of \$817,800.00.**

Council Member Nichting moved to accept the low bid of R.A. Cullinan & Son, Inc. in the amount of \$745,947.30, for the Knoxville-Mt. Hawley Connector Road Improvements and approve the MFT Resolution in the amount of \$817,800.00; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to accept the low bid of R. A. Cullinan & Son, Inc. in the amount of \$745,947.30, for the Knoxville-Mt. Hawley Connector Road Improvements and approve the MFT RESOLUTION NO. 02-627, in the amount of \$817,800.00, was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner, Mayor Ransburg - 10;

Nays: None.

- (02-628) Communication from Director of Public Works Requesting Approval of the IDOT LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT for FEDERAL PARTICIPATION for the IMPROVEMENT of WATER STREET (EATON to IRVING) for the RIVERPLEX PARKING LOT, and Authorization for the City Manager to Execute the Agreement.**

Council Member Gulley moved to approve the IDOT Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for the improvement of Water Street (Eaton to Irving) for the Riverplex Parking Lot, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner,
Mayor Ransburg – 10;

Nays: None.

- (02-629) Communication from Director of Workforce Development Requesting Authorization to Open ACCOUNTANT POSITION to OUTSIDE APPLICANTS.**

Council Member Gulley explained this position was a grant funded position and the position had been posted in-house first but no one had applied.

Council Member Gulley moved to open the Workforce Development Accountant Position to outside applicants; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner,
Mayor Ransburg – 10;

Nays: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (02-598) Communication from Director of Economic Development and Director of Public Works Regarding the BANNER and DISTRICT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAMS, with Request to Defer for Two Weeks. (New Communication)**

Council Member Ardis moved to defer this item for two weeks until the September 24, 2002, Regular City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Motion to defer this item until September 24, 2002, was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Grayeb, Gulley, Morris, Nichting, Spears, Teplitz, Thetford, Turner,
Mayor Ransburg – 10;

Nays: None.

- (02-596) NOTIFICATION that ORDINANCE Amending CHAPTER 4 of the Code of the City of Peoria Relating to ANIMALS AND FOWL Addressing Nuisance Complaints Regarding Animals Would Probably be Deferred Again at the September 17, 2002, City Council Meeting.**

Council Member Thetford referred to this item and she explained that the proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 4 of the Code relating to Animals was still in the process of being changed and work on the proposed Ordinance was continuing. She said this item had been deferred until the September 17, 2002, Regular City Council Meeting, but at this time she was anticipating the item would be deferred until a later date. She said that action would be taken at the September 17, 2002, Council Meeting. She requested that Council Members who received calls about this item in the coming week could relay that information to the public.

NEW BUSINESS**(02-630) REQUEST for the Mayor to File ANOTHER COMPLAINT to the ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION Regarding the ELECTRIC OUTAGE of SEPTEMBER 9, 2002.**

Council Member Grayeb expressed concern regarding CILCO electric outages on September 9, 2002, which seemed reminiscent to those on August 2, 2002, when an outage affected over 44,000 residents in Central Illinois. He said there were three similar incidents on September 9, 2002, affecting over 20,000 residents, commercial and industrial businesses. He said this was cause for concern. He stated, even though there was an active investigation on-going by the Illinois Commerce Commission, he suggested that the Illinois Commerce Commission should be requested to look into these most recent events to determine if there were any similarities. He said the big questions that needed to be answered related to whether or not AES was doing the proper maintenance on their equipment, what kind of budget was being applied to service the electric distribution system, or was the money just leaving the Peoria area to go to Arlington, Virginia, in an effort to do a band-aid financial fix on an ailing global conglomerate, were the citizens of Central Illinois being held hostage, once again, by AES, and most importantly, were there any rights of monetary restitution for the businesses and citizens who had lost revenues, if it was proven to be a loss due to lack of management and maintenance.

Council Member Grayeb said that AES needed to leave as soon as possible and allow the new owners an opportunity to correct the problems. He expressed concern that AES had reduced their workforce and sent money out-of-state, and failed to improve the service-ability and reliability of electric service. He said the new owners should be allowed to demonstrate their sincerity on delivering safe and reliable energy at reasonable costs.

Council Member Grayeb requested that the Mayor contact the Illinois Commerce Commission and express the City's concerns and file another complaint to request immediate action in the most recent events in Central Illinois.

Mayor Ransburg stated he would send another letter to the Illinois Commerce Commission relating the recent events.

CITIZEN REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**(02-631) REQUEST from CITIZENS to Address the CITY COUNCIL Regarding VARIOUS ISSUES.**

Hearing no objections, Mayor Ransburg granted Privilege of the Floor to those who wished to address the Council.

Mr. Clarence L. Johnson, Attorney, said he had a list of community projects that he would like to present to the City Council relating to requests from the citizens regarding Taft Homes and security, public assistance, and many other issues that needed attention.

Mr. Phillip Ross said he and Mr. Johnson felt there were issues that needed to be heard by the City Council so they could work together. He said meetings would be held on September 23 and 24, 2002, and he requested that members of the Council attend the meetings.

Mayor Ransburg suggested that Mr. Johnson and Mr. Ross work with the City Manager to decide what would be the most effective and appropriate manner in which to interface with the group represented by Mr. Johnson and Mr. Ross.

Council Member Nichting also pointed out that some of the issues raised needed to be addressed by the Peoria Housing Authority and HUD rather than the City Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was determined that no Executive Session was needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Nichting moved to adjourn the Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Morris.

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Mary L. Haynes, MMC
City Clerk of Peoria, Illinois

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