

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

Council Chambers, Peoria, Illinois, November 15, 2002, a Special Meeting of the City Council was held this date at 8:02 A.M., at City Hall, 419 Fulton Street, Mayor Pro Tem John Morris presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call showed the following Council Members present: Ardis, Gulley, Nichting, Spears (arrived at 8:07 A.M.), Teplitz, Turner, Mayor Pro Tem Morris – 7; Absent: Grayeb, Sandberg, Thetford, Mayor Ransburg – 4.

**PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS**

**(02-757) Communication from Director of Public Works Requesting Approval to PURCHASE 297.58 ACRES from DUANE AND JOY PATTON at a Cost of \$6,000.00/Acre for the PEORIA CITY/COUNTY LANDFILL #2.**

Council Member Nichting moved to approve the purchase of 297.58 acres from Duane and Joy Patton at a cost of \$6,000.00 per acre for the Peoria City/County Landfill #2; seconded by Council Member Ardis.

Director of Public Works Steve Van Winkle explained the purchase and he said the proposed land was located adjacent to the current City/County Landfill which would give the community a tremendous advantage economically for the future. He said there was approximately 18 years of life left in the current landfill and with the purchase of this property, the life of the Landfill would be extended cost effectively for an additional 25 to 30 years. He said he felt the property was valuable because it would allow the City and County to take advantage of the structure that was already in place. He reported that the County Board approved the purchase at their meeting held on November 14, 2002, and he urged the Council to approve the proposed purchase.

In discussion with Council Member Turner regarding a possible request by East Peoria for the Peoria Landfill to take their waste, Director Van Winkle said there had been some conversation with the Chairman of the Tazewell County Board for the past year because their Landfill was planning to close in the next two to three years. He said they may choose to use the Peoria City/County Landfill as an economic benefit, which would also allow the kind of flow needed within the Peoria market to run a landfill. He said he felt it would be a benefit to the Peoria City/County Landfill.

Director Van Winkle stated the funding for the proposed purchase of land was jointly owned by the City and the County and the money had been designated for such a purchase since 1975, and was to be used for Landfill purposes only. He said the City and County had never subsidized this fund and this was not money that could be used for a budget shortfall.

Motion to approve the purchase of 297.58 acres from Duane and Joy Patton at a cost of \$6,000.00 per acre for the Peoria City/County Landfill #2 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Ardis, Gulley, Nichting, Spears, Teplitz, Turner, Mayor Pro Tem Morris – 7;

Nays: None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:09 A.M.