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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, DECEMBER 12, 2011 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.  
LAURIE L. BARRA, MAYOR PRESIDING**

**PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, MCCABE, ABEL, BLANCHARD, SCHMIDGALL.  
HENDRICKS, MASSAGLIA, AND BARRA**

**ABSENT: NONE**

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

**Roll** was called and all Council Members were physically present. A quorum was present.

**AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

Motion by Council Member Massaglia, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of November 28, 2011, be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Dale Schaeffer representing Bridgeway Community Church was available for questions regarding the Special Use and Site Plan for a new church facility in the old Rex building on Veterans Drive. He encouraged the Council to vote yes on the Planning Commission recommendations.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

<b>7.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes:</b> Liquor Commission Minutes dated November 16, 2011 and Traffic Safety Committee Minutes dated December 2, 2011.
<b>7.2 Receive and File</b> Pekin Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes dated November 9, 2011
<b>7.3 Receive and File</b> Pekin Planning Commission Minutes dated November 9, 2011
<b>7.4 Pekin Planning Commission Hearings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Hearing #11-1840 - recommends approval of Rezoning of the property at 830 Brenkman Drive pending any sale of said property and only if the business requires an I-2 (Heavy Industrial District), otherwise the property will remain zoned B-3 (General Business District).</li> <li>b. Hearing #11-1841 - recommends approval of Rezoning of the property at 1128 Koch Street from AG (Agricultural District) to B-3 (General Business District).</li> <li>c. Hearing #11-1842 and 1843 - recommends approval of Site Plan and Special Use for Auto Repair only located at 1404 Broadway with stipulation that striping be done for parking with a maximum outside storage of (8) eight vehicles in front of the repair shop only for a limited period of 48 hours.</li> <li>d. Hearing #11-1844 and 1845 - recommends approval of Site Plan and Special Use for Bridgeway Community Church of the Nazarene located at 3216 Veterans Drive.</li> </ul>

On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2648-11/12  
MAKING, LEVYING, AND ASSESSING MUNICIPAL TAXES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR FROM MAY 1, 2011 TO APRIL 30, 2012**

Motion by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Abel that Ordinance No. 2648-11/12 be adopted. City Manager Joseph Wuellner presented his proposed 2011 Levy of \$6,018,650, 2.15% higher than the 2010 Levy (\$5,891,985). The Estimated Rate (based on estimated EAV) would be 1.38155 or 4.5% higher than the proposed 2010 Levy Rate. The \$250,000 increased funds would be placed in reserves for capital projects or major equipment purchases. Discussion followed on keeping the levy the same as last year's which still allowed for \$123,000 for reserves. Each Council Member spoke in support or opposition.

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Hendricks that Ordinance No. 2648-11/12 be amended to be same as 2010 Levy of \$5,891,985. On roll call vote, Ayes, Blanchard, Abel, Schmidgall, Hendricks, Massaglia; Nays, McCabe and Barra. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Hendricks that Ordinance No. 2648-11/12 be adopted as amended. On roll call vote, Ayes, Blanchard, Abel, Schmidgall, Hendricks, Massaglia; Nays, McCabe and Barra. Motion Carried

City Clerk Sue McMillan addressed the next three similar Resolutions. She explained to the Council Members that the repayments of loans prior to maturity were made to Herget and Morton Community Banks in September 2011. The City's remaining two outstanding Bond Issues, plus the new Bond Issue of 2010 for the Sewer Treatment Plant Improvements, have language making the assumption that the Levy would be necessary to provide the funding for the payment of principal and interest on said bonds. However, the City has sufficient sources of funds from other revenue sources to make said bond payments. Therefore the levy and collection of a direct annual tax for the payment of and interest on said bonds is not necessary and need to be abated.

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-11/12  
ABATEMENT OF TAXES ORDINANCE 2324  
\$1,040,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS,  
SERIES 2003 (REFUNDING OF 1991 CORPORATE PURPOSE)**

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Blanchard that Resolution No. 23-11/12 be adopted. This resolution authorized that taxes not be levied against taxable real property in the City of Pekin in the amount of \$122,190.00 provided in bond ordinance issued for Public Works Projects through Baird. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-11/12  
ABATEMENT OF TAXES ORDINANCE 2387  
SERIES 2004 \$1,410,000 (REFUNDING OF TIF 1992)**

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Abel that Resolution No. 24-11/12 be adopted. This resolution authorized that taxes not be levied against taxable real property in the City of Pekin in the amount of \$202,117.50 provided in bond ordinance issued for TIF Downtown Business District through Bernardi Securities, Inc. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-11/12  
ABATEMENT OF TAXES ORDINANCE 2625-10/11  
SERIES 201 \$7,110,000**

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Blanchard that Resolution No. 25-11/12 be adopted. This resolution authorized that taxes not be levied against taxable real property in the City of Pekin in the amount of \$601,167.50 provided in bond ordinance issued for Sewer Treatment Plant Improvements through Bernardi Securities, Inc. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1568-A186-11/12**

**PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY**

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Blanchard that Ordinance No. 1568-A186-11/12 be adopted. Code Enforcement Officer Ron Sieh addressed the Pekin Planning Commission's recommended approval of the request from Rick Evans to rezone .69 +/- acres of land recently annexed from AG zoning classification to B-3 to allow expansion of the storage units at 1128 Koch Street to south. On roll call vote Ayes, Blanchard, Abel, Schmidgall, Hendricks, McCabe, Barra; Present, Massaglia. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Blanchard that the **SPECIAL USE FOR AUTO REPAIR located at 1404 Broadway Road, be approved.** On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Blanchard that the **SITE PLAN FOR AUTO REPAIR only located at 1404 Broadway Road, be approved with the stipulation that striping be done for parking with a maximum outside storage of (8) eight vehicles in front of the repair shop only for a limited period of 48 hours.** On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Blanchard that the **SPECIAL USE FOR BRIDGEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH in a B-3 for a new proposed church at 3216 Veterans Drive be approved.** Council Member Hendricks noted he was a member of the Church of the Nazarene and would not be voting on the request for a special use. Council Member Massaglia questioned if any other business would be affected by the use in a B-3 zone. On roll call vote Ayes, Blanchard, Abel, Schmidgall, Massaglia, McCabe, Barra; Abstain, Hendricks. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Blanchard that the **SITE PLAN FOR BRIDGEWAY COMMUNITY CHURCH in a B-3 for a new proposed church at 3216 Veterans Drive be approved.** On roll call vote Ayes, Blanchard, Abel, Schmidgall, Massaglia, McCabe, Barra; Abstain, Hendricks. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Massaglia that the **DOWNTOWN TAX INCREMENT FINANCING COMMERCIAL RETAIL & UPPER STORY HOUSING LOAN INTERIOR PROGRAM expenditure for 409/411 Court Street in the amount of \$25,800.00, be approved.** Economic Development Director Pam Anderson explained to Council the Pekin Main Street Design Committee recommendation to approve the application of Teresa Lohman for the eligible expense under the guidelines for interior improvements of installation of plumbing system, electrical system, HVAC, wall framing, painting, drywall, and carpentry in the proposed new business. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

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

The Council Members agreed to cancel the second meeting of the month, December 26, 2011. Wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays were extended to the staff and community.

Assistant City Manager Darin Girdler advised the Council that a summary of the budget was being composed following the first round of discussions with department heads.

Dale Kuntz, 5 Fox Point suggested to Council that A & E (applied effort) to maintain Court Street right of ways could help first impressions of our city.

Mike Schemer, Chelsea Quisenberry, Aaron Cope, civics class Pekin Community High School, suggested the students could volunteer to clean up Court Street as credit toward their community service work.

Steven Moore, 2010 Westgate expressed appreciation for the park and downtown Christmas display of lights.

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Schmidgall that the meeting be adjourned. No further business to come before the Council, Mayor Barra adjourned the meeting by voice vote.

**COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:10 P.M.**

Sue E. McMillan  
City Clerk