COUNCIL ASKED QUESTIONS

For the meeting of 05/09/2016

Agenda Items Comments/Questions/Concerns

- Mr Branham and Mrs Witzig had several questions regarding the airport. They were answered by Clayton during his presentation.
- City vehicles are taken to car washes periodically. Staff time is better spent on job related duties.

Citizen Comments/Questions/Concern's

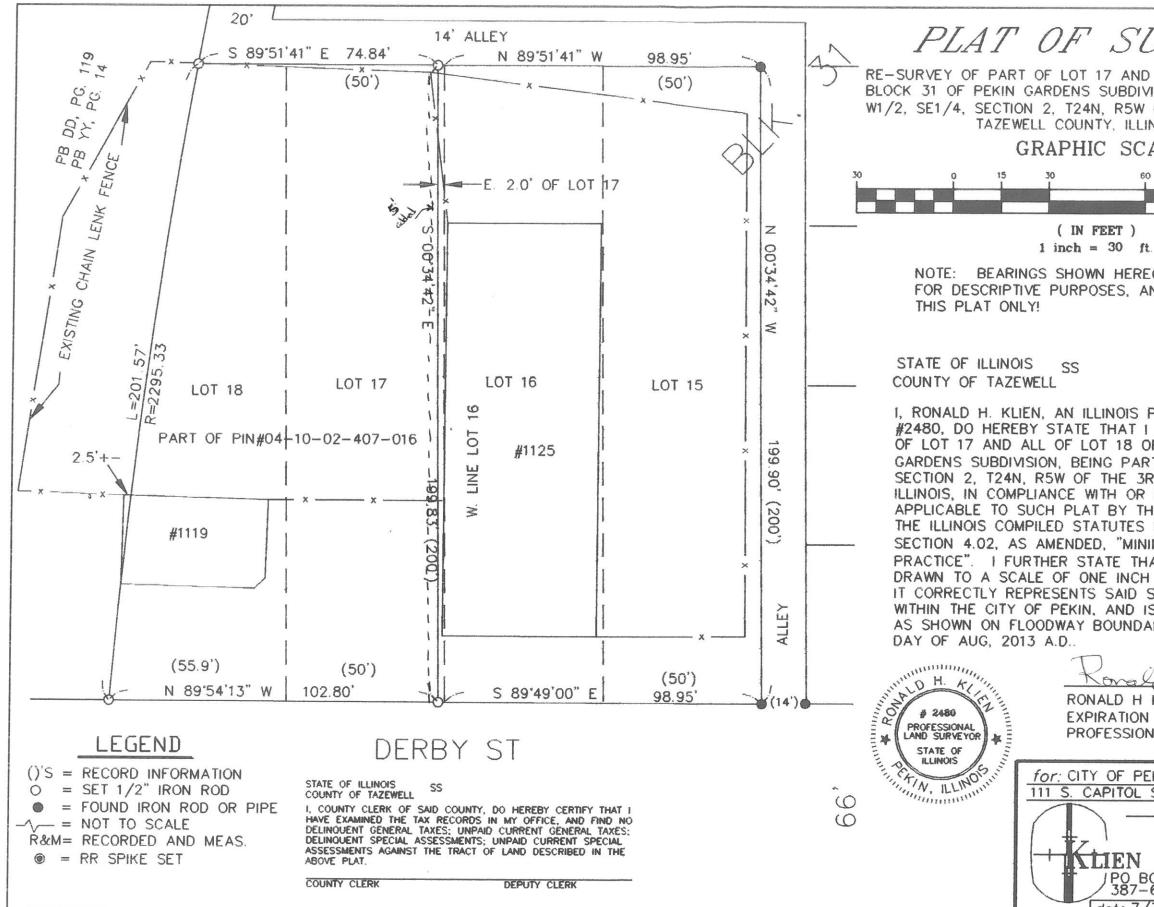
- Mr Branham suggested that the City of East Peoria's expenditures were posted on the web a week after they were processed. East Peoria is not a City Manager form of government. The Council approves the expenditures as they are processed. That list is posted on the website. The City of Pekin provides that information monthly through the transparency portal.
- Mr Mangan asked why the survey, mentioned by Councilmember Orrick was not on the agenda. It takes a formal request by a Councilmember and a second by another Councilmember to put an item on the agenda and Mr. Orrick only requested that it be discussed. However, we are looking at doing a survey, hopefully prior to the next budget.
- Mr Wolfer, again brought up Galesburg's waste water rates. Galesburg's waste water is run by a separate sanitary district, similar to Peoria. Therefore the sanitary district is a taxing body separate from the city and has the ability to impose their own levy, receive replacement taxes and other revenue in addition to user fees which helps offset the cost of the user fee. Since the City of Pekin is a municipal owned utility, set up as an enterprise fund, the user fees account for all of the revenue for the wastewater treatment plant. Mr Wolfer also brought up the fact that waste water costs more than water. The EPA has set unfunded mandates in place over the years that require municipalities to clean and treat the water. The repercussions of non-compliance would be substantially more costly. In addition this is comparing two separate treatment processes that can't be compared. In Pekin, the water company pumps mostly clean water out of the ground with minimal treatment to provide to water to the residents, where the City waste water treatment plant has to remove all the additions to that water plus some storm water, to make it mostly clean water to return to the environment.

Council Member and Staff Comments/Questions/Concerns

- ❖ Several questions were asked regarding the airport. Clayton stated that he would get back to the Council with answers. In order to get rid of the airport, the City would be required to repay millions of dollars received in past years from the Federal Government, or not use any grant money for the next 20 years and let the airport fall into complete disrepair. We would lose what revenue we do receive via hangar rentals and fuel. It is a public benefit and could be a positive aspect for Economic Development. There are things, such as the library, fire and police that only benefit a few, however every tax payer supports financially and there things that most citizens benefit from, such as solid waste that nobody supports and the City loses over \$15 million dollars.
- ❖ In answer to Councilmember Orrick, since May 2, 2016, the City has received \$11,000 in impound fees.

- The video gaming money cannot be earmarked for anything at this point without repercussions to the General Fund. The budget was passed with that being part of the revenue in the General Fund to cover budgeted expenses, such as the operational deficit in the Solid Waste Fund.
- ❖ When the land on Derby was purchased, council was given extensive information regarding the area the City would own and voted in the affirmative 6-1 to purchase the property. As part of that agreement, a plat of survey was done prior to the sale where five feet of the property to the East st was deeded to the adjacent property prior to the sale and the fence portion to the west was not on the property that was being purchased. The fence that a City employee was instructed to put a lock on does not belong to the City, which is the reason the lock was cut off as the property owner wanted access to his property.
- ❖ Capital items purchased so far include: Two dump trucks \$166,193.00, Fire engine \$420,287, Police vehicles \$135,065, Demolitions \$50,000, Garbage truck \$176,544, building repairs \$99,000, Tornado siren \$32,995 for a total of \$1,080,084. The plan is to spend \$645,000 in this fiscal year. Weather, equipment break downs, and other delays kept the last three projects from being done last fiscal year, which is why we carried them over on the FY17 budget.

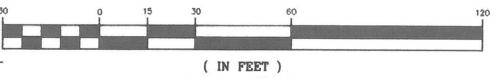
Respectfully submitted, Angie Evans, Asst Finance Director



PLAT OF SURVEY

RE-SURVEY OF PART OF LOT 17 AND ALL OF LOT 18 OF BLOCK 31 OF PEKIN GARDENS SUBDIVISION, BEING PART OF THE W1/2, SE1/4, SECTION 2, T24N, R5W OF THE 3RD P.M. TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

GRAPHIC SCALE



NOTE: BEARINGS SHOWN HEREON ARE ASSUMED FOR DESCRIPTIVE PURPOSES, AND PERTAIN TO

1, RONALD H. KLIEN, AN ILLINOIS PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR #2480, DO HEREBY STATE THAT I HAVE RE-SURVEYED PART OF LOT 17 AND ALL OF LOT 18 OF BLOCK 31 OF PEKIN GARDENS SUBDIVISION, BEING PART OF THE W1/2, SE1/4. SECTION 2, T24N, R5W OF THE 3RD P.M., TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN COMPLIANCE WITH OR EXCEEDS THE REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO SUCH PLAT BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF THE ILLINOIS COMPILED STATUTES FOR BOUNDARY SURVEYS, SECTION 4.02, AS AMENDED, "MINIMUM STANDARDS OF PRACTICE". I FURTHER STATE THAT THE PLAT HEREON IS DRAWN TO A SCALE OF ONE INCH EQUALS 30 FEET AND THAT IT CORRECTLY REPRESENTS SAID SURVEY, AND THAT IT IS WITHIN THE CITY OF PEKIN, AND IS NOT WITHIN A FLOOD PLANE AS SHOWN ON FLOODWAY BOUNDARY MAP. DATED THIS 30TH

> RONALD H KLIEN I.P.L.S. #035-002480 EXPIRATION DATE 11/30/14 PROFESSIONAL DESIGN FIRM #184-002748



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October 1, 2014

Burt Dancey Elliff, Dancey & Bosich, PC 109 S. 4th Street Pekin, Illinois 61554

RE: 1119 Derby Street (Layne Property)

Dear Burt,

Enclosed please find the real estate sale contract Mr. Layne has executed as seller. Please have the mayor and the city clerk execute the agreement and return this original document to me. Our office will be handling the title work and the closing.

In revising the agreement, I worked from the first proposed agreement extended by the City that I had in my file. I want to direct your attention to the major changes to that contract. First, I redrafted the legal description so that it would exclude a 5' strip along the East side of Lot 18. Mr. Layne conveyed this strip to his son, the adjoining landowner, on August 15, 2013. Second, per your instruction, I redrafted paragraph 7. Finally, I set the closing on November 3, 2014. Mr. Layne is amenable to extending the closing date if necessary, but considering there is no bank involved, that should be a sufficient amount of time.

Sincerely yours,

MOEHLE, SWEARINGEN & UMHOLTZ, LTD.

