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RESOLUTION NO. 151

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ADVISORY REFERENDUM TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS ON THE QUESTION OF ACQUIRING THE LOCAL WATERWORKS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS, THAT:

WHEREAS, a recent prior referendum, initiated by Illinois American Water Company sought public input on the question of whether the City of Pekin should acquire the local water works; and

WHEREAS, the results of that referendum showed strong support for both sides of the question; and

WHEREAS, a new development has arisen, with the proposed sale of the local water company, as part of Illinois American Water, to a large, foreign corporation; and

WHEREAS, local control and American ownership are issues of impact and great interest to the citizens of Pekin; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes continued and full input and participation of the citizens in its decision making process; and

WHEREAS, under Article VII, Section 6, of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, the City of Pekin is a home rule municipality, and desires to exercise its rights and powers as a home rule municipality in this matter; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 10 ILCS, Section 5/28-5 provides for the certification of a public question to the voters, and pursuant to the home rule powers of the City of Pekin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

There be submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Pekin, Illinois, at the next regular election after the filing of this Resolution, in the manner provided by law, the following public question:

GIVEN THE PROPOSED SALE OF OUR LOCAL WATER COMPANY TO A LARGE, FOREIGN CORPORATION, SHOULD THE CITY COUNCIL TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS, INCLUDING EMINENT DOMAIN, TO OBTAIN THE WATER COMPANY, IN ORDER TO PRESERVE AMERICAN OWNERSHIP AND OBTAIN LOCAL CONTROL?

YES ()

NO ()

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to take such action as is necessary to place said resolution on the ballot for the next regular election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pekin, Tazewell County, Illinois, this _____ day of _____, 2001; and upon roll-call was as follows:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTENTIONS: _____

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2001.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk