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Negotiations ongoing



Dale Deon and the rest of the Peoria Rivermen take the ice during player introductions on April 16, 2022 at Carver Arena. The league schedule is on hold this year until Peoria has a lease. MATT DAYHOFF/JOURNAL STAR

City Council, fans and an entire league wait and watch as Rivermen lease talks go on

Dave Eminian
Peoria Journal Star
USA TODAY NETWORK

PEORIA – The Peoria Civic Center and the Peoria Rivermen are working on a new multi-year lease that would keep the 41-year pro hockey team on the ice at Carver Arena.

How are the talks progressing?
“The only thing I know at this point, is an update we got today (Thursday)

from the Civic Center that they are in discussions with each other and both sides are working in good faith,” Peoria City Council member Zach Oyler said Thursday evening. “I guess at the moment, I’m relying on both sides to let us know if there are any issues.”

The Peoria City Council voted to send \$20.5 million to the Civic Center via a March 14 unanimous vote to fill a

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“A timeline? I would have liked it to already have been done. But we’re trying to be patient. We’ve all obviously known this was coming. Only a handful of issues exist, and I would expect those to be settled.”

Zach Oyler
Peoria City Council

“We are in negotiations with the Rivermen and they are ongoing. We are negotiating in good faith.”

Matt Bartolo
Civic Center Authority board

Suspended attorney also faces probation revocation

Documents: Consuming alcohol violated rules

Andy Kravetz
Peoria Journal Star
USA TODAY NETWORK

PEORIA – An attorney whose law license was recently suspended by the Illinois Supreme Court is facing a petition to revoke her felony probation in Woodford County.

A petition was filed in Woodford County Circuit Court on Feb. 15 to revoke Maureen Williams’ probation because about a week earlier she had consumed alcohol, which was against the rules, according to documents obtained at the Woodford County Circuit Clerk’s Office.

Williams, 60, is scheduled to appear in May in court, where a judge could opt to revoke her probation and, thus, enter a conviction on the felony charge. She had been sentenced to two years of “second chance” probation, which would have allowed her to avoid a conviction and have the case wiped from her record if she completed all the requirements.

Her appearance in court on March 17 came just days before the Illinois Supreme Court suspended her law license for three months for violating the state’s Rules of Professional Conduct by lying about completing public service hours mandated by a speeding ticket.

The court, in its March 21 order, said

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New agreement won’t mean changes to emergency services

Mike Kramer
Pekin Daily Times
USA TODAY NETWORK

While the new franchise agreement between the City of Pekin and Advanced Medical Transport (AMT) of Central Illinois included a higher franchise fee and provisions for updated

technology, the service to Pekin residents will change very little.

“The citizens won’t really see any change at all,” said AMT community resource manager Josh Bradshaw. “We’re going to keep doing the same thing we’ve been doing for 28 years: providing them with outstanding, high-performance pre-hospital health care.”

According to City of Pekin Fire Chief Trent Reiese, the previous franchise agreement between the city and AMT had been made 10 years ago. The new agreement, which the Pekin City Council approved last month, is for a three-year term with an option for an additional three years. Reiese believes language changes in the new agreement

will improve communication between the responding units and between AMT’s dispatch center and the Tazewell County Consolidated Communications.

“These changes have been made in an effort from both parties to make communication and information exchange

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