
**PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL WORK SESSION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2008 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
R. DAVID TEBBEN * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

**PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: ABEL, STRAND, BLANCHARD, DUNN, KORTKAMP,
AND JONES,**

ABSENT: NONE

Council set a third work session to continue discussion with staff of the FY 2010 Budget. Notice was properly posted and Council received notice of a special meeting on Friday, October 17, 2008.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor R. David Tebben.

Roll was called. All Council Members were present.

Mayor Tebben opened the meeting noting the purpose was to continue discussing changes to the preliminary figures for the FY 2010 Budget based on revenue and expenses projections. Question was posed as to time needed for the discussion of the night. By right of personal privilege Council Member Jones called for 6:30 p.m. and a motion was then made by Council Member Kortkamp and seconded by Council Member Strand to set a time certain of 6:30 p.m. All present voted Aye.

City Manager Dennis Kief distributed a memo as a follow-up to the comments received at the October 7th Budget Meeting. He indicated that what was heard at that work session neither the Library nor Fire Station Relocation had the support to remain in the FY 2010 Budget. By removing the projected bond payments for the projects and using fund specific reserves from TIF and MFT the deficit was presented at \$1,991,322.00 from an estimated 3 million dollars plus. Figures utilizing levy increased EAV, cuts of street vehicles, loan payoff, and insurance plan changes, left a differential of \$837,114.00 expenses over revenues.

Council then heard a garbage fee and stormwater utility fee would eliminate supplements by use of the general fund. Mr. Kief recommended Council consider a Food & Beverage Tax and a Package Liquor Tax at least from the suggested revenue sources. A reminder was given that history clearly showed that the City's revenues were not keeping up with expenses and the differential would likely broaden.

Discussion followed. It was suggested dollars from the sewer enterprise fund be used to reduce the deficit for FY2010 for the expansion of the treatment plant project. An observation was made that the savings for the estimated insurance benefit changes of \$350,000.00 was an unpredictable figure in using as a reduction to the FY2010 budget difference. Not replacing personnel when a vacancy was left was discussed. With little expectations of the Library capital project, a binding referendum was suggested.

It was agreed to seek public input on the revenue / expense history and the proposed FY2010 Budget at two Town Hall meetings, Monday, November 3 @ Pekin Park Pavillion and Monday, November 17, @ Moose Lodge. Additional Budget Work Session would follow.

Mayor Tebben called for the orders of the day and the meeting was adjourned.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:30 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk