



PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
111 S. CAPITOL ST
ON MONDAY MAY 15, 2023 AT 4:00 O'CLOCK P.M.
MAYOR MARY BURRESS PRESIDING

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Abel.

CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Rick Hilst	City of Pekin	Councilman	Present	3:42 PM
Karen Hohimer	City of Pekin	Councilwoman	Present	3:42 PM
Dave Nutter	City of Pekin	Councilman	Present	3:42 PM
Becky Cloyd	City of Pekin	Mayor Pro tem	Present	3:43 PM
Mary Burress	City of Pekin	Mayor	Present	3:42 PM
Lloyd Orrick	City of Pekin	Council Member	Present	3:43 PM
John P Abel	City of Pekin	Councilman	Present	3:42 PM

APPROVE AGENDA

3.1. Motion to: Move item 6.1 as a Public Discussion Item without Executive Session

Mayor Pro Tem Cloyd made a motion to move Executive Session to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body to New Business and to discuss the matter openly of the public to hear. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hilst.

Mayor Pro Tem Cloyd stated that she would personally file a complaint with the Attorney General's Office if the matter was not discussed openly to the public.

City Attorney, Ms. Kate Swise, questioned Mayor Pro Tem Cloyd on what basis she would file her complaint.

Mayor Pro Tem explained that it is a guarantee that the City would not violate any policies of PAC.

Ms. Swise stated she had no concerns about discussing the executive session item in closed session and that any action could only be taken in open session.

RESULT:	DEFEATED [3 TO 4]
MOVER:	Becky Cloyd, Mayor Pro tem
SECONDER:	Rick Hilst, Councilman
AYES:	Rick Hilst, Becky Cloyd, Lloyd Orrick
NAYS:	Karen Hohimer, Dave Nutter, Mary Burress, John P Abel

3.2. Motion to: Approve Agenda

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 3]
MOVER:	Dave Nutter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
AYES:	Karen Hohimer, Dave Nutter, Mary Burress, John P Abel
NAYS:	Rick Hilst, Becky Cloyd, Lloyd Orrick

PUBLIC INPUT

Elaine Ritchey spoke regarding electric aggregation and discussed the rate she locked in through Vista Energy.

John McNish stated that the temporary Financial Auditor and Interim City Manager were going to be let go and wanted to know what effect that would have on the audit.

Ann Witzig stated that there was a rumor that the Mayor was being coached by the previous Mayor and that the previous City Manager would be rehired. Ms. Witzig also spoke regarding tall grass, Council code of conduct and the decline of the community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (1) THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC BODY OR LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE PUBLIC BODY.

A motion was made by Councilmember Nutter seconded by Councilmember Hohimer to move into Executive Session to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body at 4:21 PM. On roll call vote all present voted Aye except for Mayor Pro Tem Cloyd, Councilmember Orrick and Councilmember Hilst. Motion carried.

Council moved to open session at 7:01 PM. Mayor Burress called the meeting back to order.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 3]
MOVER:	Dave Nutter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
AYES:	Karen Hohimer, Dave Nutter, Mary Burress, John P Abel
NAYS:	Rick Hilst, Becky Cloyd, Lloyd Orrick

NEW BUSINESS

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 3]
AYES:	Karen Hohimer, Dave Nutter, Mary Burress, John P Abel
NAYS:	Rick Hilst, Becky Cloyd, Lloyd Orrick

6.1. Resolution No. 5-23/24 Discipline and/or dismissal of an administrative employee as appropriate based on results of internal investigation

6.2. Motion to: Amend Resolution 5-23/24 to Remove Bruce Marston as Interim City Manager with Pending Development and Implentation of a Performance Improvement Plan

Councilmember Cloyd expressed how ashamed and disappointed she was with the decision and felt that Mr. Marston was not given the opportunity to make things right or told of his infractions or accusations. It was injustice and unacceptable.

ADJOURN

There being no further business of the Council a motion was made by Councilmember Hohimer seconded by Councilmember Abel to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM. Motion carried viva voice vote.