
PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR 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 APRIL 10, 2017 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
JOHN MCCABE *MAYOR * PRESIDING

Mayor McCabe began the night with two special recognitions. Susan McCabe was introduced along with the Saintly Dragons 4-H youth group. Mrs. McCabe spoke to the Council on efforts being made in the community to help save the declining monarch butterfly. The City would provide landscaping for the planting of milkweed, a key in attracting the monarch butterfly. Mayor McCabe read and took the "Mayors' Monarch Pledge" to advance monarch butterfly conservation in the City of Pekin.

The Mayor next read a proclamation recognizing the role Pekin Youth Hockey plays in the community with young people. He also proclaimed the week of April 10, 2017 to be "Youth Hockey Appreciation Week" in honor of the Pekin Mites winning the Illinois State Championship and the Pekin Flyers under 8 team repeating as a North American Hockey Tournament Champions.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

was led by the youth group Saintly Dragons.

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tim Golden	Council Member	Present	5:27 PM
Lloyd Orrick	Mayor Pro-Tem	Present	5:18 PM
John p Abel	Council Member	Present	5:19 PM
Michael Ritchason	Council Member	Present	5:12 PM
Mark Luft	Council Member	Present	5:17 PM
Rusty Dunn	Council Member	Absent	
John McCabe	Mayor	Present	5:16 PM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4.1. Motion to: **approve the agenda**

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
SECONDER:	Mark Luft, Council Member
AYES:	Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe
NAYS:	Tim Golden
ABSENT:	Rusty Dunn

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1. Motion to: **approve the Council Meeting Minutes dated March 27, 2017 and the Budget Work Session March 27, 2017**

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
SECONDER:	Mark Luft, Council Member
AYES:	Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe
ABSTAIN:	Tim Golden
ABSENT:	Rusty Dunn

PUBLIC INPUT

6.1. Notice of Public Hearing Adoption of Budget for Fiscal Year May 1, 2017 Through April 30, 2018

Mayor McCabe opened a public hearing at 5:44 p.m. for the purpose of considering and hearing testimony relative to the adoption of the budget for fiscal year May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018. A Notice was properly published in the Pekin Daily Times on March 29, 2017. The budget was available for public inspection at City Hall and on the City website.

Larry Wolfer commented on the proposed budget. He told Council it was his understanding that contrary to the outcry of the public that disagreed with a storm water fee, the fee was put in the property taxes. He felt it was a disservice to the public not knowing what they were paying or that there were residences whose storm water did not go to the treatment plant. He asked that Council vote no to that portion of the budget. He also spoke to the solid waste department purchase of trucks.

Tom Jenkey stated he came to address the charge for storm water tax for people that do not have storm water flow to the treatment plant. He opposed the fee in as much as taxpayers could not afford the cost. He suggested several ways the Council look into savings instead.

Jim Mangan distributed to the Council his figures in addressing the budget. He stated the numbers were confusing and messed up and asked the Council to not approve the Budget until each member found out the misleading solid waste figures. No other comments were received from the public. Mayor McCabe closed the hearing at 5:58 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following were presented for consideration of the approval of the consent agenda by Omnibus vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
AYES:	Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe
NAYS:	Tim Golden
ABSENT:	Rusty Dunn

7.1. Liquor Commission Minutes dated 12/15/16

7.2. Tazewell County Animal Control - March 2017

COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

8.1. Treasurer Third Quarter Financial Report

Treasurer James Wolf presented the Nine Months Ended January 31, 2017 financial reports. He continued with his format of distributing figures to the Council of Revenues Over Expenses; Major Revenue Sources; and Investment Earnings Reports. General comments to the Council:

Revenues/Expenses

General Fund results on target with budget.

Without a funding source, storm water department draws down on General Fund.

Solid Waste reflects impact of quarterly to monthly billing. Sewer operations show profit as higher rates implemented. Profit necessary to restore fund reserves due to ILEPA loan covenants, funding projected capital improvements, needed maintenance to combined sewer /storm lines.

Capital Projects Fund indicates large Veterans Drive expenditures for advance of \$3million to be reimbursed by state.

School Bus Fund loss shows result of \$1 million transfer to General Fund.

Airport operations reflects breakeven.

Vehicle Maintenance Fund showing profit due to revenue transfers from other departments in an approach to centralize maintenance.

Major Revenues

Mr. Wolf made a general overall comment that he had never seen tax revenues match the budgeted numbers as closely as the first nine months.

Food & beverage and package liquor taxes lagging first time since imposed 2011.

Video Gaming Tax continues steady climb

Garbage and sewer fees revue higher due to increased rates.

Investment Earnings

The report listed each of the previous 5 years of actual earning, all below the \$329,665 nine month. He advised 10-11 years ago the City was earning \$800,000 -\$900,00. The earnings would be losing a whole year of earning from the \$3,000,000 withdraw to pay the improvements for VFW Road.

NEW BUSINESS

9.1. ORDINANCE NO. 2764-16/17 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FY 2017-2018

City Manager Tony Carson addressed comments from the Public Hearing that were incorrect. He stated there was nothing in this budget that had a storm water fee included or hidden. At the budget work session it was explained that storm water was a loan. There was no revenue stream for storm water. It was misinformation that the City was putting a storm water fee in the property taxes. He explained the misconception that the purchase of solid waste trucks was in the budget but only ordered after Council voted to continue the collection. It was inaccurate that the garbage fee was raised for the police and fire pensions. Mr. Carson stood by the figures presented in January for solid waste. City Manager

Tony Carson next presented the Ordinance and recommended adoption of the FY 2017-2018 budget of \$52,940,736 Revenues and \$47,034,039 Expenses. He gave a short narrative of the contents. The Revenues were over Expenses in total and the General Operations, Economic Development, Sewer, HUD, TIF and School Bus funds all balanced. Motor Fuel Tax Fund and Tourism Funds had cash balance reserves. Airport and Storm Water were to be supplemented by the General Fund. There had been a line item for transfer to reserves of \$453,000.00 which included in the operational balancing of the General Operations and General Fund overall. Included in the FY 17-18 Budget were numerous road construction projects for \$1,856,733 and \$168,000 in sidewalk repairs as well as Storm Sewer construction projects and continued phase 3 work on combined sewer outflow (CSO). The FY 2017-2018 budget reflected organizational structure changes, increased finance and human resources department employees and capital improvement planning. Human Resources Director Sarah Newcomb presented the addendum D to the Budget, Police and Fire Pensions. Council Members were each given the opportunity to address the budget. Council Member Ritchason questioned to make clear and was told the storm water loan was a bandaid for this budget and would be discussed again in the future. It would not be prudent to continue to take revenue from the General Fund to pay for storm water projects. Council Member Golden could not support the budget from what he had seen on shirking of duties in getting bids on projects. Council Member Orrick questioned that pensions were not included in the budget expenses. He asked if the addendum was standard acceptable procedures by auditors. The Council Member indicated his understanding that the sales tax increase was to be split between economic development and the general fund. Council Member Orrick requested an income based budget. Council Member Luft asked what projects the loan would be used for. The Councilman thought the money indicated for the 14th Street improvements could have been used in better places. Council Member Abel spoke in support of the budget in that it included \$1.2 million for streets, something the public had been asking for. He also favored that it was a balanced budget and included getting reserves back up. Mayor extended appreciation for the work given to presenting a balanced budget.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 2]
MOVER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
SECONDER:	Mark Luft, Council Member
AYES:	John P Abel, Michael Ritchason, Mark Luft, John McCabe
NAYS:	Tim Golden, Lloyd Orrick
ABSENT:	Rusty Dunn

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Jim Mangan stated his concerns that tax levy goes into the general fund but if not ear marked could be used for other than pensions. He questioned where the money went for the budgeting of 2 fire trucks in last year's budget that were not purchased.

Randy Price presented documents to the Council concerning the completion of his building. He stated the construction continued to be delayed because of the Building

Department requirements for certified drawings. He asked the Council to change the requirement.

Tom Jenkey voiced concern for the waste of money having 3 police cars respond to a previous incident in his neighborhood.

Ann Witzig voiced her displeasure that budget work sessions were not easy to find posted on the website. She addressed her concerns regarding the City Manager. Attorney Dancey voiced an opinion to the Council that her comments were inappropriate during public comments.

Larry Wolfer voiced his opinion that the budget was a shell game. He stated storm water repairs had always come out of the Street Department.

Rick Hilst asked several questions and offered comments on items contained in the adopted budget.

John McNish noted he had advised the Council when approving the 1/2 cent tax increase that if it wasn't earmarked it would be used for general operations. He presented others comments on status of: North Pekin matter, changes to the code for Corporation Counsel, travel policy, investigation of Council Members emails.

Elaine Ritchy voiced her concern that the City was hiring non union coordinators to replace retiring employees.

Dustin Ward voiced his opinions on number of vehicles necessary for emergency response; number of police vehicles, complaints by a few individuals. He encouraged people to be positive to improve the community.

Council Member Golden left the meeting at 7:52 for a short absence.

City Manager Tony Carson advised the Council that in his discussion with Mr. Price on the requirements of the Building Department that he was incorrect that he was told to sue or leave the City.

Treasurer James Wolf advised the Council that he had arranged that the levy funds from the County be directly deposited to the pension funds.

Council Members suggested that staff and Council to what they could do to hear the concerns of Mr. Price in order to come to some resolution of the matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 11. PENDING / THREATENED LITIGATION

- 11.1. Motion to: Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 11. Pending / Threatened Litigation.**

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
SECONDER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Tim Golden, Lloyd Orrick, Michael Ritchason, Mark Luft
ABSENT:	Rusty Dunn
AWAY:	John P Abel, John McCabe

ADJOURN

No further business to come before the Council, in open session a motion was made by Council Member Orrick seconded by Council Member Ritchason that Council Adjourn. Motion carried viva voce. Mayor McCabe adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.