
**PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS
IN CONJUNCTION WITH A SOUTHSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION CANDIDATE FORUM
HELD AT THE EAGLES LODGE
274 DERBY STREET
PEKIN, IL 61554
ON TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2007 AT 6:45 O'CLOCK P.M.**

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS JONES, MADDOX, AND BLANCHARD

ABSENT: MAYOR MACKAMAN AND COUNCIL MEMBER DAGIT

Council received proper notice of a meeting on March 21, 2007 because more than one member of the City Council had indicated an interest in attending the SBA Candidate Forum. The City was required to post the meeting, in addition, as a Special Council meeting under the provisions of the Open Meetings Act.

As provided by Resolution No. 237, establishing the procedure for appointing a mayor pro tem, Council Member Jones was selected by alphabetical rotation to preside at the meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jones called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. after a SBA dinner meeting was conducted.

Roll was called. Council Members, Blanchard, Maddox, and Jones were present for Roll Call. Mayor Mackaman and Council Member Dagit were not in attendance. Candidates Willaim A.R. Maddox and James E. Jones were present members of the Council attending the Forum for re-election.

Members of the City Council observed the proceedings of the Forum where each candidate running for the Municipal General Election to fill 5 vacancies, 4 for Council and 1 for Mayor introduced themselves and answered questions presented to them. The following mayoral and council candidates addressed questions asked on election issues:

Mayor
R. David Tebben
William Toel

Council Member
John Abel
James E. Jim" Jones
Barbara A. Strand
Willaim A.R. Maddox
Jason Juchems
Rusty Dunn

Candidates Harvey F. Richmond and Chad E. Schmidgall were present in the audience.

Candidates responded to questions regarding positions on approving a citywide indoor smoking ban in public places, views on potential TIF district Derby Street, and Pekin's needs in jobs and growth.

The Council took no action.

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AT 8:45 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk