
**PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE CITY HALL
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
ON MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2006 AT 5:45 O'CLOCK P.M.
FRANK H. MACKAMAN * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS, MADDOX, DAGIT, BLANCHARD AND JONES

ABSENT: NONE

Council received agenda and proper notice was posted on March 14, 2006, of a special meeting to begin Conceptual Planning for the City.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Mackaman.

Roll was called and all commissioners were present. Also present were City Manager Dennis Kief, Attorney Burt Dancey, and City Clerk Sue E. McMillan.

Communications, Petitions, Reports

Mayor Mackaman stated the purposed of the second planning session

- Review of revisions made to Mission, Vision and Value Statements chosen
- Explanation of a rating system on projects, programs, ideas list
- Understanding of descriptions of the projects
- Seek advice on appointments of commissioners and assignments of Council liaisons to Committees

Mayor Mackaman had distributed revised Mission, Vision and Value Statements to Commissioners at the last Council meeting. It was his opinion if there were additional changes in the statements chosen, they could be addressed doing presentation to the public.

He then distributed the document containing all the City's program, projects, ideas as identified by the Council, the staff, and himself from a variety of sources. Council was instructed that an assigned number to one of three categories was to be given to each of the 73 listed projects.

1 = Highest priority crucial to the City's success

2 = Worthwhile to continue but didn't warrant substantial increase of staff or money

3 = City lacked the capacity to continue

Restrictions on the placement of amount of numbered items in particular categories was imposed.

Mayor Mackaman emphasized the project was just a device to prepare the conceptual plan and to get a sense pf relative importance. The end activity would be the function of operational planning of the manager. Council then review each of the items listed.

Mayor Mackaman next informed Council that he intended to eliminate all liaison assignments and amend provision of any Board or Committee comprised of a member of the Council as of May 1st. It was his opinion that his and other members of the Council' attendance at the meetings was handicapped by a council member being there. He questioned the degree of participation in the role of the Council and the separation of governing and advising. To facilitate the ability to attend, he proposed as a replacement a calendar for reserving any particular meeting that a member did want to attend but having restrictions as to how many of one committee could be reserve red.

The Council was directed to return the rating sheet by Friday, March 24 in order for compilation of numbers to be discussed at the next planning session on April 3, 2006.

No further business to come before the Council, Mayor Mackaman adjourned the meeting.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:15 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk