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PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
ON MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2013 AT 5:00 O'CLOCK P.M.
LAURIE L. BARRA, MAYOR PRESIDING

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, BLANCHARD, SCHMIDGALL, MCCABE, AND BARRA

ABSENT: MASSAGLIA AND HENDRICKS

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Council set a second work session to discuss the FY 2014 Budget at the meeting of February 25, 2013. Notice was properly posted and Council received notice of the special meeting on Friday, March 15, 2013.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Barra.

Roll was called and all Council Members were physically present except Council Member Massaglia and Council Member Hendricks. A quorum was present.

AGENDA
Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Schmidgall, that **the agenda be approved as presented.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

FY2014 BUDGET
Mayor Barra stated the purpose of the work session was to continue the budget process following the discussion heard at the first work session on March 4, 2013.

City Manager Joseph Wuellner distributed a new cover sheet to the 94 page budget detail. The revised FY13 and FY14 Revenues and Expenses by General Fund departments and the Enterprise Funds by departments indicated a balanced budget. Mr. Wuellner advised the adjustments made after the last meeting projected a positive $143,740.65 revenues over expenses as opposed to a $2.8 million deficit. The suggested following budgeted items were removed:
Engineering Tech
2 Street Department trucks
Deputy Fire Chief
Airport hangar door improvement

Council next reviewed the budget line items of the remaining departments of the General Fund: Public Works, Street, Property, Inspections, Garbage, Storm, Capital, Misc., Airport, Economic Development. Also received were the Enterprise Funds: Tourism, Sewer, MFT, HUD, TIF, TAZCOM, Library, Fire and Police Pensions.

Questions were asked of the description of items, the expense, and/or the need.
General comments by individual council members heard:

- Personnel costs need to be reduced
- City owned property needed to be liquidated
- Cambridge storm sewer project needed to remain in the budget
- Revenue Plan needed to make airport self-sufficient
- Some listed potential revenue sources needed to be verified
- Funding of the Community Service Officer needed to be reflected by a reduction in the Inspections Department

A garbage fee was proposed to reduce the $1.9 million dollar deficit in the Solid Waste Department. Council Member Blanchard felt the proposals for solid waste collection were fixed numbers for 10yrs. as opposed to uncertain in-house personnel costs, fuel, and equipment expense. He spoke in favor of outsourcing the contract and requested Council receive additional information. Council Member Schmidgall suggested before enacting a garbage fee that staff review salaries paid. Assistant City Manager Darin Girdler suggested an aggressive approached to economic development to increase sales tax revenue. Discussion followed on the use of reserves to balance the budget and the policy of funding the reserves to 25%.

Staff was instructed to correct errors found in line items, make reductions, and represent the deficit figure to Council. The Budget would be presented at the regular Council on April 8, 2013.

Council took no formal action to approve the budget was taken.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL
Request came from the public to make the budget figures available on the City website.

No further business to come before the Council, motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Schmidgall to adjourn. Motion carried viva voce.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:35 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk