
**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 TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 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 February 27, 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 McMillan.

Communications, Petitions, Reports

Mayor Mackaman opened the meeting by clarifying the purpose of conceptual planning process. The intension was for Council to define goals and set the general direction of the City. Staff would then implement strategies in operational planning and synchronize the operation budget, the capital budget, the personnel plan with those principles articulated by Council.

Council was then given three examples each for a mission, vision, and values statements. Council discussed preferences and suggested modifications. Mayor agreed to adapt recommended ideas and to present revisions in order to come to consensus on the City's mission, vision, value statements at the next planning meeting. The Mayor anticipated the statements would be working statements to manage the forces of change.

No formal action was taken. Mayor Mackaman explained once a reasonable draft of the plan was in place, there would be discussion on normal public meeting with the opportunity to talk by Council, staff and the public.

Mayor Mackaman distributed a list of projects, programs, and future possibilities for City involvement compiled from a variety of sources including input from City department heads. The programs were broken down into five categories:

- Prosperous community
- Safe community
- Strong foundation
- High quality of life
- Effective government

Council was requested to review the list and add to it any high priority programs, those essential for the City to complete in the next five years, or programs that could be discontinued. Suggestions to be returned to the City Manager by March 15, 2006.

No further business to come before the Council, Mayor Mackaman announced the next meeting would be scheduled for Monday, March 20, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. and adjourned the meeting.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:00 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk