
**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 4, 2013 AT 5:00 O'CLOCK P.M.
LAURIE L. BARRA, MAYOR PRESIDING**

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

ABSENT: MASSAGLIA

Council set a 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 1, 2013.

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

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

AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Hendricks, 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 discuss jointly with staff the expenditures of the departments in order to arrive at a budget to present for Public Hearing at a later date. The Mayor advised Council the budget was a guide not a hard document. Some of the department numbers would be discussed at the meeting and the remainder would be presented at the second work session scheduled for Monday, March 18, 2013.

Council Member Blanchard felt reviewing capital expenses and major purchases rather than line by line would be advantageous. He preferred to look at a bigger picture and give guidance to staff what issues needed to be addressed. Discussion followed on the process to follow.

Assistant City Manager Darin Girdler had distributed the proposed \$70,834,803.42 budget which indicated a deficit of \$695,107.52. Council Members asked questions and made comments on the Administration, Legal, Clerk, Human Resources, IT, Treasurer, Fire, Police, School Bus, and VMF budgets.

Comments heard:

- Inconsistent method of reporting salaries, vacation, holiday pay
- Numbers needed to be monitored when over budget
- Remove deputy fire chief position \$121,000.000
- Cut assistant city manager position
- Reduce police administration
- Compare in-house legal positions
- Salary and expenses of new IT employee questioned
- Requested treasurer provide reports well in advance of Council packets
- Eliminate fire station to reduce personnel cost
- Budget for planned new fire truck by setting aside \$200,000.00 for \$400,000.00 purchase (partially covered by \$121,000.00 deputy taken out)
- Encouraged consideration of a reformatted impoundment ordinance

- Introduced proposal for un-sworn uniformed police employee as code enforcement officer/reduce inspections department

Council Member McCabe made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion did not receive a second and was withdrawn.

Council continued with Bus Department and Vehicle Maintenance Fund figures.

Council took no formal action.

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

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:15 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk