
**PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
PEKIN, ILLINOIS 61554**

ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016 AT 5:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

JOHN MCCABE, MAYOR PRESIDING

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, GOLDEN, DUNN, ORRICK, RITCHASON, ABEL, LUFT AND MCCABE

ABSENT: NONE

Members of the Council set a special meeting after the meeting of January 28, 2016 and Notice posted on January 29, 2016 for the purpose of moving to closed session **5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 1**. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

Roll was called and all Council Members were physically present. A quorum was declared.

AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Dunn that the agenda be approved as presented. Council Member Golden asked that the public's concerns for not being permitted to address the Council a second time on any matters at the end of the meeting be clarified to address Special Meeting agenda preparation. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

PUBLIC INPUT

Jim Mangan requested the Council to deliberate in open session on the possible action on a City Manager position. He stated the public had the right to full and complete information in advance of action to be taken listed on agendas. It was his opinion that the public may have information relevant to the names submitted for the naming of an interim city manager.

Bob Bramham addressed his lack of openness concerns to the Council and agreed with Mr. Mangan that there were lots of secrets by the 7 members. He expressed his disappointment that the public was not permitted to talk about the performance of the manager or dismissal terms.

Ann Witzig encouraged the Council to seek a qualified manager.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Ritchason that the Council move to Executive Session at 5:15 p.m. to discuss **5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 1**. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye. The Council reconvened in open session at 6:40 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Dunn to appoint and hire Sarah Newcomb as Interim City Manager effective February 2, 2016, on terms to be agreed upon based on prior City Manager compensation; and Corporation Counsel directed to prepare contract with terms and conditions based on prior Interim City Manager contract dated December 13, 2010. On roll call vote; Ayes, Orrick, Dunn, Abel, Ritchason, McCabe; Nays, Luft and Golden. Prior to his vote Council Member Golden expressed disappointment in the Council decision. Motion carried.

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

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:45 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk