
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2014 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.**

LAURIE L. BARRA * MAYOR * PRESIDING

**PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, MCCABE, GILLESPIE, GOLDEN, ORRICK,
HENDRICKS AND BARRA,**

ABSENT: NONE

Council set a meeting and received an agenda with proper notice posted on January 28, 2014 of a special meeting called by the Council to consider the approval of an agreement with the Pekin Police Benevolent Labor Committee.

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

Roll was called. All members were physically present. 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

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Gillespie that the **AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEKIN AND PEKIN POLICE BENEVOLENT LABOR COMMITTEE** be approved. City Manager Joseph Wuellner advised the Council that the City had a tentative agreement with the Police Benevolent Labor Committee to modify the wages and benefits of the 4th and 5th years re-opener of the May 1, 2009-April 30, 2013 police contract. He explained a mediator helped reach the agreed upon annual step wage of 3% each of the years. The agreement provided for employee increased participation in the health care cost similar to other contracts. Raises and contribution would be retroactive as established in the contract. All provisions of the 2009-2014 agreement not addressed/modified remained until an extended date of April 20, 2015.

Council Member Gillespie questioned if the extension was intended for the police to continue to seek their own insurance coverage. The Council Member noted the mediator had indicated that typically, study results of wages find that the arbitrator would rule in favor of a similar 3% increase. Council Member Golden was told that 3% had been budgeted for the increases for the 4th and 5th year of the contract for police. Mr. Wuellner advised that the budget being proposed would need to consider the 3% in the extended term to 2015. Council Member Golden cited cost of living being 1 ½% and an example of a local employer that had not given pay raises the last 2 out of 3 years. He also stated that federal workers did not receive a pay increase the past 3 out of 4 years and that only this year was a 1% increase given. He stated increased wages was not fair to ask the taxpayer to pay when others in Pekin do not receive such increases. Council Member Orrick felt the cumulative amount of 3% increases equaled 20% raises. He was not in favor of all employees generally receiving 3% raises.

Mr. Wuellner recommended in the best interest of the City to not delay the matter and to avoid the expense of arbitration and legal counsel. On roll call vote Ayes, Gillespie, McCabe, Abel, Orrick, Hendricks and Barra; Nay, Golden. Motion Carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Robert Bramham, 2108 Velde Drive, distributed to the Council information and photos to inform them that he did not want to sue the City of Pekin. His request was for the City to rescind the certificate of occupancy issued with what he indicated were code violations for his house. He also spoke in disapproval of the Library's intentions to remodel the structure. The following people also addressed the Council to reemphasized Mr. Bramham's complaint and voiced their non support of the Library improvements:

Sally Johnson 1503 13th Street
Jo Shoot 2507 Cherry Lane
Janet Nelms 1604 Memorial Drive
Chuck Johnson 53 Woodscape

No further business to come before the Council, motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Hendricks that Council adjourn. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:00 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk