
**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 THURSDAY JANUARY 28, 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 Council Meeting of January 25, 2016 to meet 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 and **5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 11**. Litigation when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent.

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

AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Orrick that the agenda be approved as presented. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mayor McCabe advised speakers that casting of unfound criticism, negativity, and name calling were not necessary to take place during public comments. Discussion of personnel matters would not be tolerated.

Jim Mangan read from the Open Meetings Act that meeting in closed sessions could be authorized to discuss a subject covered by the exemptions but the Act did not require closed sessions. It was Mr. Mangan's opinion that the public needed to be informed of the possible action that would take place on the City Manager position listed under New Business.

Bob Bramham encouraged the Council to make a motion to discuss the City Manager's performance and position openly and not hide information from the taxpayers.

Ann Witzig stated that the ball was in the Council's court and asked that they nip it in the bud by dismissing Darin Girdler from his position.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member Luft, seconded by Council Member Orrick that the Council move to Executive Session at 5:10 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. Exemption 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 11. Litigation when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent was not necessary. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye. The Council reconvened in open session.

NEW BUSINESS

**ORDINANCE NO. 2737-15/16
AN ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO SEVERANCE AGREEMENT
WITH DARIN GIRDLER**

Motion by Council Member Orrick, seconded by Council Member Abel that Ordinance No. 2737-15/16 be adopted. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

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 in open session.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:35 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk