
**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 TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 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

Three members of the Council set a special meeting on January 16, 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 Ritchason, seconded by Council Member Abel that the agenda be approved as presented. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

PUBLIC INPUT

Jim Mangan cited text in the Open Meetings Act regarding exceptions authorizing closed session and not requirements as support for his request that Council discuss in open session the employment of the City Manager.

Robert Branham stated the public needed to know what was discussed behind closed doors.

Ann Witzig stated it was illegal to take action on administrative leave of the manager in closed session. She felt important information was being hidden from the taxpayers.

OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Bob Branham asked the Council what action would happen at the meeting. He voiced his displeasure with the manager's non response to questions. Attorney Dancey advised the Council that the speaker's personal attacks of an employee were in appropriate and should be stopped.

Jim Mangan questioned the authority or action taken on January 11, 2016 as to administrative leave of the manager. He referenced Section 1-7-1 of the City Code provisions for City Manager.

Ann Witzig expressed concern that Council took action in closed session and questioned how the City pays the attorney who does not go by the law.

Mayor McCabe addressed the public concerns that no action was taken in Executive Session, no decision was made. Council's direction was discussed in a personnel matter.

The Mayor advised the public that not action would be taken after the council convened to adjourn in opened session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member Ritchason, seconded by Council Member Luft that the Council move to Executive Session at 5:20 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 and **5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 11**. Litigation when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent. 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 Luft to adjourn. Motion carried viva voce. Mayor McCabe adjourned the meeting in open session.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk