



City of Pekin

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
111 S. CAPITOL ST
ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025 AT 8:00 AM
MAYOR MARY J. BURRESS PRESIDING**

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Abel.

Call to Order

City Clerk, Ms. Sue McMillan, on roll call confirmed all Council Members were physically present except for Council Members Orrick, Onken and Hilst. Mayor Burress declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM.

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Rick Hilst	City of Pekin	Council Member	Absent	8:00 AM
Karen Hohimer	City of Pekin	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	8:00 AM
Dave Nutter	City of Pekin	Council Member	Present	8:00 AM
Mary Burress	City of Pekin	Mayor	Present	8:00 AM
Lloyd Orrick	City of Pekin	Council Member	Absent	8:00 AM
John P Abel	City of Pekin	Council Member	Present	8:00 AM
Chris Onken	City of Pekin	Council Member	Absent	8:00 AM

Approve Agenda

RESULT:	PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Council Member Dave Nutter
SECONDER:	1st Alternate Mayor Pro Tem John Abel
AYES:	1st Alternate Mayor Pro Tem Abel, Mayor Burress, Council Member Nutter, Mayor Pro Tem Hohimer
ABSENT:	Council Member Rick Hilst, Council Member Lloyd Orrick, Council Member Chris Onken

Public Input

No public input was received.

Communications, Petitions, Reports

5.1. Presentations by Departments for FY26 Budget

City Manager John Dossey provided an overview of the upcoming FY26 Budget presentations by department heads.

City Clerk Sue McMillan delivered a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the accomplishments of the City Clerk's Department over the past year, including fulfilling FOIA requests, collecting fees, and the planned implementation of Laserfiche.

Fire Chief Trent Reeise and Deputy Fire Chief Tony Rendleman presented the Fire Department's budget, addressing employee injuries, past achievements, training requirements, fire call statistics, and the need for a new ladder truck.

Interim Airport Manager Mike Cruce reviewed the past year's progress, including updates on the T-Hangar project, terminal roof replacement, and the Community Solar Project.

City Engineer Josie Esker presented the Engineering Department's budget, covering Public Works and Capital Projects. Key topics included short staffing, the Derby Street and Court Street rebuilds, the Stadium Drive Bike Path project, the completion of the ADA Transition Plan document, sidewalk updates, and the use of Motor Fuel Tax funds.

Wastewater Treatment Supervisor Chris Schaefer introduced the FY26 budget by addressing past phosphate level issues.

Economic Development Director Josh Wray collaborated with Mr. Schaefer to discuss capital needs, sludge removal, and lift station repairs.

Mr. Wray also presented the Street Department budget alongside Street Department Supervisor Brian Franciscovich.

Human Resources Director Shelly Costa provided an overview of the Human Resources Department, outlining progress over the past year and future goals.

CDBG Program Manager Tina Huak discussed CDBG funds, demolitions, homelessness, the upcoming Consolidated Plan, and a proposed modification to the owner-occupied rehab program.

Chief Building Official Nic Maquet presented the Building Department's budget, reviewing last year's statistics and future expenses.

Economic Development Director Josh Wray then presented the Economic Development and Tourism budget, touching on city entrance enhancements, riverfront improvements, the event center, and council feedback on fund utilization.

Bus Department Supervisor Saskia Collins provided an overview of the Bus Department's budget, including staffing and training.

Network Administrator David Hess presented the I.T. budget, addressing active programs, cybersecurity threats, and additional staffing needs.

Police Chief Seth Ranney reviewed the Police Department's budget, covering last year's statistics, expenditures, potential threats, and training.

Public Properties Ryan Krause and Josh Wray discussed Public Properties, including City Hall improvements, riverfront restrooms, fire stations, mowing, and the former Woolsey building.

Finance Director Eric Dubrowski concluded the presentations with an overview of the Finance Department's budget, discussing past metrics, current software, audits, training, utility billing, and general operations.

City Manager John Dossey outlined the next steps of presenting a draft budget to Council.

Adjourn

Seeing no further business, a motion was made by Council Member Abel seconded by Council Member Hohimer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried viva voce vote. Mayor Burrese adjourned the meeting at 1:45 PM.

RESULT:	PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	1st Alternate Mayor Pro Tem John Abel
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Karen Hohimer
AYES:	1st Alternate Mayor Pro Tem Abel, Mayor Pro Tem Hohimer, Council Member Nutter and Mayor Burrese
ABSENT:	Council Member Rick Hilst, Council Member Lloyd Orrick, Council Member Chris Onken