



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 THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025 AT 10:00 AM
MAYOR MARY J. BURRESS PRESIDING**

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Burress.

Call to Order

City Clerk, Ms. Sue McMillan, confirmed all Council Members were physically present. Council Member Nutter left the meeting at 11:45 AM and returned at 12:57 PM. Council Member Abel left the meeting at 1:42 PM.

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Rick Hilst	City of Pekin	Council Member	Present	10:00 AM
Karen Hohimer	City of Pekin	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	10:00 AM
Dave Nutter	City of Pekin	Council Member	Present	10:00 AM
Mary Burress	City of Pekin	Mayor	Present	10:00 AM
Lloyd Orrick	City of Pekin	Council Member	Absent	-:--
John P Abel	City of Pekin	Council Member	Present	10:00 AM
Chris Onken	City of Pekin	Council Member	Absent	-:--

Approve Agenda

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

Public Input

No public input was received.

Communications, Petitions, Reports

5.1. Presentation and Discussion of FY26 Annual Budget

City Manager John Dossey led the discussion of the FY26 Annual Budget.

Police Chief Seth Ranney began the presentation regarding the Police Department discussing revenues, expenditures, internal police departments and requests. Council asked questions regarding code enforcement, vehicles, demolitions, police pension fund and board ups.

Fire Chief Trent Reeise and Deputy Fire Chief Tony Rendleman presented the FY26 Fire Department budget. Fire Chief Reeise discussed fire personnel, refurbishment of Ladder 1, projected revenues, and expenses including machinery and equipment reductions.

Finance Director Eric Dubrowski presented the Bus Department Budget with a summary regarding bus contracts, salary increases, expenses, fleet management. Bus Department Supervisor was available for questions and discussed driver training.

Council Member Nutter and Council Member Hilst left the meeting at 11:40 AM. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hohimer seconded by Council Member Abel to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 AM due to lack of a quorum. Mayor Burress adjourned the meeting at 11:45 AM. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Budget presentations and discussions continued with Jeff Brookes from the Pekin Public Library. Mr. Brookes discussed the budget including building maintenance, personnel, salary increases, supplies and materials.

Economic Development Director presented the Public Works Department Budget. Mr. Wray touched on the several different divisions within Public Works that included topics such as personnel, contractual services, revenues, and increased expenses. Mr. Wray also discussed street staffing and MFT Funds along with vehicle cost breakdowns. Street Department Supervisor Brian Franciscovich discussed purchasing a truck and automatic side loaders.

Economic Development Director Josh Wray presented the Sewerage Fund and discussed increased revenues, CSO project, sewerage maintenance, building maintenance, future headquarter building, reduced personnel and removal of lock boxes. Mr. Grogan discussed the change in cash position compared to last year with the Sewerage fund beginning to pay back the loans as long as it is performing well. Mr. Wray added that an additional two mechanics were requested and equipment requests.

Economic Development Director Josh Wray presented the Airport Fund Budget discussing the fund becoming close to self sufficient, increase in fuel sales, increased lease revenue from farming, contracting services with Cruce Aviation. Mr. Wray summarized future projects that included the Fuel Tank

Project, snow removal equipment and security upgrades. The mowing expense was added as well. Mr. Wray noted that built in the budget was a transfer of \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Airport Fund.

Economic Development Director Josh Wray presented the Capitol Project Fund describing the fund and discussing a 10% increase, increased impound fees, overall revenue down, overall expenditures reduced, building repairs at Fire Stations, sidewalk improvement projects.

Economic Development Director Josh Wray presented the Motor Fuel Tax Fund discussing how most of the cash in the fund is allocated for projects that have yet to be paid but planning on strategic drawdown of \$1M with a planned deficit to continue progress on Court Street and relieve pressure of the General Fund.

Council Member Nutter returned at 12:57 PM. Mayor Burress reconvened the meeting with City Clerk Sue McMillan taking roll call. Mayor Burress declared a quorum.

Economic Development Director Josh Wray continued the presentation of the Motor Fuel Tax Fund discussing the large infrastructure projects.

Economic Development Director Josh Wray presented the CDBG Fund prepared by Tina Huak before she left the City. Mr. Wray discussed the salary portion for the social worker in the police department, rehab activity, demolition activity, public service activity, and economic development assistance.

Economic Development Director Josh Wray presented the TIF Funds discussing the Central Business District, new incentive dollars for a downtown redevelopment, Economic Development Marketing Plan, and reimbursements of school districts 108 and 303. Mr. Wray also discussed the Court Street TIF Fund and the Business Development District Fund.

Mayor Burress announced the absence of a quorum with the exit of Council member Abel.

Economic Development Director Josh Wray presented the Tourism Fund and the Economic Development Fund.

Finance Director Eric Dubrowski summarized the City Clerk Budget discussing liquor license fees and elimination of various licenses. Also mentioned budgeting for computer software.

Finance Director Eric Dubrowski continued the presentation with the legal fund and Finance fund. Mr. Dubrowski touched on the removal of a junior

accountant position, removal of the Treasurer's stipend, and reduction of finance consultant regarding the Finance Department.

Finance Director Eric Dubrowski presented the Human Resources Budget, discussing unemployment services and contractual services. Human Resources Director Shelly Costa was available for questions.

Mr. Dubrowski continued with the presentations of the Insurance Fund and IT Fund with increased contractual expenses and software licensing.

Mr. Dubrowski presented the Building Department Fund with increased revenue growth and an additional employee. Chief Building Official Mr. Maquet was available for questions.

Mr. Dubrowski ended the presentations with the General Fund discussion and Budget Rules.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hohimer seconded by Council Member Abel to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 PM due to lack of a quorum.

A quorum was declared at 12:58 PM with the return of Council Member Nutter.

Mayor Burress adjourned the meeting at 2:57 PM.