



City of Pekin

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
111 S. CAPITOL ST
ON MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025 AT 4:30 PM
MAYOR MARY J. BURRESS PRESIDING**

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Hohimer.

Call to Order

Chief Deputy City Clerk, Ms. Nicole Stewart, confirmed all Council Members were physically present. Mayor Burress opened the meeting at 4:34 PM.

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Rick Hilst	City of Pekin	Council Member	Present	4:30 PM
Karen Hohimer	City of Pekin	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	4:30 PM
Dave Nutter	City of Pekin	Council Member	Present	4:30 PM
Mary Burress	City of Pekin	Mayor	Present	4:30 PM
Jimmie Fletcher, Jr.	City of Pekin	Council Member	Present	4:30 PM
John P Abel	City of Pekin	Council Member	Present	4:30 PM
Peg Phillips	City of Pekin	Council Member	Present	4:30 PM

Approve Agenda

RESULT:	PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Council Member Rick Hilst
SECONDER:	Council Member Jimmie Fletcher
AYES:	1st Alternate Mayor Pro Tem Abel, Mayor Burress, Council Member Nutter, Council Member Hilst, Mayor Pro Tem Hohimer, Council Member Phillips, Council Member Fletcher

Public Input

Matthew Johnson expressed concern regarding the process of executive sessions and questioned the approval of closed session minutes. Mayor Burress advised that the city attorney is looking into the release of any closed session minutes.

Executive Session 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 1. The appointment, employment,

compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, 2. Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, 6. The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body, 8. Security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property, and 11. Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent

A motion was made by Council Member Fletcher seconded by Council Member Abel to move into Executive Session to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 1. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, 2. Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, 6. The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body, 8. Security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property, and 11. Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent at 4:41 PM.

RESULT:	PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Council Member Jimmie Fletcher
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, Council Member Phillips, Council Member Fletcher

Mayor Burress announced that no action would be taken following Executive Session.

Council returned to open session at 5:39 PM.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come to the Council a motion was made by Council Member Phillips seconded by Council Member Hohimer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried viva voce vote. Mayor Burress adjourned the meeting at 5:39 PM.

RESULT:	PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Council Member Peg Phillips
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Karen Hohimer
AYES:	1st Alternate Mayor Pro Tem Abel, Mayor Burress, Council Member Nutter, Council Member Hilst, Mayor Pro Tem Hohimer, Council Member Phillips, Council Member Fletcher