
**PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2012 AT 5:00 O'CLOCK P.M.
LAURIE L. BARRA, MAYOR PRESIDING**

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, SCHMIDGALL, HENDRICKS, BLANCHARD, MCCABE, MASSAGLIA, AND BARRA

ABSENT: NONE

Council set a special meeting to reconsider Ordinance No. 2575-12/13 An Ordinance Making, Levying and assessing Municipal Taxes in the City of Pekin. Notice was properly posted and Council received notice of the special meeting on Wednesday, December 12, 2012.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Laurie Barra.

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

AGENDA

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

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Barra advised that a motion was made at the December 10, 2012 meeting to amend the Levy Ordinance to 1.7% increase over the 2011 levy but a mistaken interpretation of Roberts Rules of Order as to a requirement of a super majority vote needed was upheld. The Levy Ordinance was then adopted but not filed with the County at the originally presented 4.9% increase. Mayor Barra questioned if there was interest to "rescind" Ordinance No. 2675 giving Council an opportunity to resolve the situation and confirm a vote on a new ordinance. (Clerk note: A "reconsidered" motion is in order only at the same meeting)

Motion by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Blanchard that Ordinance No. 2675-12/13 be rescinded.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2675-12/13
MAKING, LEVYING, AND ASSESSING MUNICIPAL TAXES FOR TH FISCAL YEAR
FROM MAY 1, 2012 TO APRIL 30, 2013
THE LEVY ORDINANCE**

On roll call vote, Ayes, Blanchard, Abel, Schmidgall, McCabe, Hendricks, Massaglia; Nay, Barra. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Blanchard that figures for

**ORDINANCE NO. 2677-12/13
MAKING, LEVYING, AND ASSESSING MUNICIPAL TAXES FOR TH FISCAL YEAR
FROM MAY 1, 2012 TO APRIL 30, 2013
THE LEVY ORDINANCE**

be 1.7% higher than the 2011 Levy. Discussion followed on the differential in revenues of 0%, 1.7%, 4.9% Option Figures that had been presented over the last two meetings. It was confirmed that the offered levied amount of \$5,994,484.00 would translate into approximately \$780,000 addition funds over last year to the General Fund. Council Member Schmidgall stated he would have preferred zero percent increase to taxpayers. Council Member Blanchard felt the smaller increase was a good compromise to the 4.9%. Mayor Barra supported the 4.9% increase stating reserves were being depleted and needed rebuilding. Assistant City Manager Darin Girdler advised Council that revenues are needed for stormwater and solid waste departments which are not self sufficient.

On roll call vote, Ayes, Blanchard, Schmidgall, McCabe, Hendricks, and Massaglia; Nays, Abel and Barra.
Motion Carried.

Council Member McCabe supported following Roberts Rules of Order as adopted by Council and its connection to his objections at the last meeting.

No further business to come before the Council, Mayor Barra adjourned the meeting. Unanimously approved by voice vote.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 5:15 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk