
**PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL WORK SESSION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2007 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
R. DAVID TEBBEN * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

**PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: ABEL, BLANCHARD, DUNN, STRAND, KORTKAMP,
AND JONES,**

ABSENT: NONE

Council set a second work session to continue discussion of the FY 2009 Budget. Notice was properly posted and Council received notice of a special meeting

Roll was called. All Council Members were present except Council Member Strand. Council Member Strand entered the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

City Manager Dennis Kief informed the Council that as suggested by Council Member Blanchard, he reviewed the proposed revenue side of the FY 2009 Budget. As a result of updated projections and more historical data the General Fund revenues were revised by \$200,000. On closer evaluation \$100,000 of the Hanna Drive project for design engineering actually occurred in the FY 2008. A solution to the deficit proposed in the draft budget of the meeting on November 19, 2007 of using General Fund reserves was presented in the 8th draft before them.

Mr. Kief presented a ten-year history indicating revenues had grown less than expenditures. A significant part of the expenses increase was due to rising employee costs which had gone up 2 ½% - 3% per year. Some salary increases were dictated by union contracts and insurance coverage had increased dramatically.

Mr. Kief indicated that the proposed fee to cover the unfunded stormwater mandate was not supported by the Council. Public Works Director Joseph Wuellner advised that the requirements of the IEPA would be forthcoming and the City would be playing catch-up.

Council was informed that addition personnel were taken out of the Budget except 2 part-time to the Police Department to get an officer on the street. To further reduce the deficit in the proposed Budget fund specific reserves were utilized. Mr. Kief warned although the 2009 Budget somewhat balanced, the 2010 had red flags for serious concerns. Staff recommended a stormwater fee and garbage fee to cover expenses of those departments.

Council Members were each given the opportunity to question and comment on the information presented to them.

It was agreed to conduct a Public Hearing for the FY2009 Budget on Monday, January 14, 2008.

With no additional discussion to be heard before the Council, Mayor Tebben adjourned the session.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:35 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk