
PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR 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 DECEMBER 10, 2018 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
JOHN MCCABE * CHAIR * PRESIDING

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor John McCabe.

Roll was called and the Clerk confirmed all members were physically present. A quorum was declared.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
James A Schramm	Council Member	Present	5:33 PM
Michael Garrison	Councilman	Present	5:33 PM
Lloyd Orrick	Mayor Pro-Tem	Present	5:33 PM
John P Abel	Council Member	Present	5:33 PM
Michael Ritchason	Council Member	Present	5:34 PM
Mark Luft	Council Member	Present	5:33 PM
John McCabe	Mayor	Present	5:33 PM

APPROVE AGENDA

3.1. Motion to: **Approve agenda**

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James A Schramm, Council Member
SECONDER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. Motion to: **Approval of Minutes**

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James A Schramm, Council Member
SECONDER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

4.2. City Council - Special Meeting - Nov 19, 2018 5:00 PM

4.3. City Council - Special Meeting - Dec 3, 2018 5:00 PM

4.4. City Council - Regular Meeting - Nov 26, 2018 5:30 PM

PUBLIC INPUT

Rick Hilst addressed the Council on Business 7.4. He questioned the use of TIF funds for resurfacing the 400 block alley between Elizabeth and St. Mary Streets and voiced concern of the authority of the City Manager to enter into a contract or agreement with the County without presenting an expense of an estimated \$14,000.00 to the Council for approval. He recommended getting a legal opinion on the matter.

Dave Nutter commented on the 2018 Tax Levy to be considered by the Council as item 7.3. He asked that January and February in preparing a budget that the pension costs and debt be tackled. He reported to the Council the knowledge he learned when researching pension liabilities. Mr. Nutter felt the Library was over budget and questioned if the Library answered to anyone or there were checks and balances.

Jim Mangan asked the Council delay the vote on Business item 7.4 utilizing TIF funds for the resurface of an alley as the City's share of the project until questions such as who made the deal, when it was paved and if the money would go to the County or directly to the contractor.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor McCabe presented the Consent Agenda containing the following 4 items of business. The Consent Agenda was approved by Omnibus vote of the Council.

- 6.1. November 2018 Building Report**
- 6.2. Liquor Commission Minutes of September 27, 2018**
- 6.3. Liquor Commission Minutes of October 25, 2018**
- 6.4. Public Bodies Scheduled Meeting Dates**
- 6.5. Motion to: Approve Consent Agenda**

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
SECONDER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1. Resolution No. 128-18/19 Abatement of Taxes Ordinance No. 2667-12/13 Series 2012 \$2,100,000 Levy and Collection of Taxes Ordinance No. 2673-12/13**

City Manager Mark Rothert told the Council the next two resolutions authorized that taxes not be levied against taxable real property in the City of Pekin for repayment of the bond issued for Capital Improvements. Principal and Interest Payments of \$1,975,000.00 would be paid from other sources than a levied amount. The second abatement resolution authorized that taxes not be levied for repayment of the bond issued in the amount of \$581,670.00 for Sewer Treatment Plant Improvement from the sewerage fund.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
SECONDER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

- 7.2. Resolution No. 129-18/19 Abatement of Taxes Ordinance No. 2625-10/11 Taxable General Obligation Bonds Series 2010 \$7,110,000**

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

7.3. 2018 Property Tax Levy

The City Manager introduced the ordinance to levy and assessment of \$6,676,833.00. He advised the Council the proposal represented a 3% increase over the 2017 adopted levy requested for the following reasons:

Police Pension = \$1,853,893 (34%)

Fire Pension = \$3,289,148 (59%)

Library Bonds = \$400,500 (7%)

Subtotal \$5,543,541 (100%)

Library = \$1,133,291

TOTAL - \$6,676,833

Mr. Rother indicated he had just learned from the actuarial that fire pensions were increasing 10% over last year and police amounted to 5.25% increase. Also adversely impacting the city was an overall reduction in EAV from \$448,656,354 to an estimated \$444,685,172. A \$100,000 property value would experience an increase of approximately \$15.48 increase in taxes in the year of 2019.

Each Council Member was given the opportunity to speak.

Council Member Garrison felt the fire and police pensions should be cut in half.

Council Member Orrick asked that the levy be reduced to 2.8% and that the option to levying for expenses was to control spending.

Council Member Luft expressed a need to explore more option and to think outside the box in funding the pension liability.

Council Member Ritchason commented on his disappointment that more discussions and ideas had not been discussed before the meeting.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 2]
MOVER:	Mark Luft, Council Member
SECONDER:	Michael Garrison, Councilman
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Abel, Ritchason, McCabe
NAYS:	Lloyd Orrick, Mark Luft

7.4. Motion to: Motion to Amend 7.3 Tax Levy from 3% to 2.8%

RESULT:	DEFEATED [3 TO 4]
MOVER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	James A Schramm, Council Member
AYES:	James A Schramm, Lloyd Orrick, Mark Luft
NAYS:	Michael Garrison, John P Abel, Michael Ritchason, John McCabe

7.5. Resolution 130-18/19 for the Utilization of Tax Increment Financing for the Resurfacing of the 400 Block Alley Between Elizabeth Street and Saint Mary Street.

City Engineer Michael Guerra presented a resolution to pay the expenses in the amount of \$13,983.00 for the City's share of the improvement to the alley for work done in conjunction with the County's paving of their parking lot that included 100 ft of alley to ensure surfaces matched. The Council was advised by the engineer due to the condition of the remainder of the alley, the County approached the City to see if the City wanted to partner on the project. This allowed for improved infrastructure in need of repair at a reduced cost.

RESULT:	FAILED [2 TO 0]
MOVER:	Michael Garrison, Councilman
SECONDER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Michael Garrison, Lloyd Orrick
AWAY:	Schramm, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

7.6. Motion to: table until next Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting January 14, 2019

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mark Luft, Council Member
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

8.1. Scheduled 4th Monday of the Month Regular Council Meeting December 24, 2018

Tony Randleman informed the Council there were 51 active firefighters and 40 pensioners. He also discussed the 10% pension ramp.

Dave Nutter commented that the Council took positive steps in their consideration of business items without rubber stamping.

Jim Mangan suggested that the Council adopt an appropriation budget which he felt could have saved 9 million dollars.

Tom Vetch expressed to Council Member Garrison that his statement was unfair.

John McNish stated Council Members Orrick, McCabe, and Abel, members having the longest terms, had not done a thing while in office. Mr. McNish also expressed concern that he had been waiting 2 years for a Treasurer report required of the municipality.

Elaine Richie extended a Merry Christmas to the Council.

Mayor McCabe expressed the City's condolences to the family of Wendell Dixon, a retired firefighter.

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	John P Abel, Council Member
SECONDER:	Mark Luft, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe
NAYS:	Lloyd Orrick

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ADJOURN

No further action to come before Council, motion was made by Council Member Ritchason, seconded by Council Member Orrick that Council adjourn. Motion carried viva voce. Mayor McCabe adjourned the meeting at 7:10 P.M.