
**PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE CITY HALL
ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2002, AT 3:30 P.M.
R. DAVID TEBBEN * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS BARRA, MASSAGLIA, RICHMOND, AND ORRICK

ABSENT: NONE

Notice of a special work session of the City Council to discuss with Staff the Fiscal Year May 1, 2003 Through April 30, 2004 Budget was posted and received by Council on November 27, 2002. The purpose of the meeting was for Council and staff to examine and address questions or concerns regarding the proposed FY: 2003 budget and conduct new business.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Tebben.

Roll was called and all commissioners were present.

Agenda

Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Orrick, that the **agenda be approved as presented**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Barra, that the **Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of November 25, 2002 be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

New Business

Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Barra that the **MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH JULIE, INC.** be approved. Public Works Director Dennis Kief presented to Council the requirement of the State that all underground utility facility owners and operators, including municipalities, join the Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators system before January 1, 2003. He explained implementation and notification process for receiving e-mails, an estimated hard costs of \$1,800.00-\$3,000.00. Soft costs would include personnel time to mark locations, which was still being decided between plumbing inspector, street crew, and emergency help of T/PCCC. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Communications, Petitions, Reports

The Chair asked that City Manager Dick Hierstein give direction on where staff stood on analyzing expenses and adjustments made in reducing the original budget deficit from \$274,160.00 to \$204,160.00. Finance Director Bob Reis presented Council with details of the reductions in a memo outlining contractual changes to TIF 2 and JULIE costs. Also both Mr. Hierstein and Reis provided written revenue projections as directed at the previous work session.

Mr. Hierstein stated the draft levy was up 3% for City which can only levy police and fire protection while the Library increase was 38%. He recommended a 10% increase in the Library tax levy. The Library Board had requested a 14 percent increase to cover a onetime-12th year additional payroll, increase health insurance and Dirksen Center acquisition funds. It was suggested the Library use reserves. Board President Jim Ash and member Richard Wherry addressed Council and discussed remodeling, endowment interest, capital maintenance.

Council further discussed discrepancies in some departments that took greater reductions than others. Com'r. Massaglia expressed concern that seal coating was taken out of the budget. He noted that maintenance, dues and subscription line items were up in the finance department and that legal department expenditure increase was substantial. After discussing the 5-Year Street Program, seal coating and base repair, Mr. Kief was instructed to compile a lists of streets that would likely need seal coating/ base repair in 2003.

It was decided to meet at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 9, 2003 to further discuss finalizing the budget. No other action was taken by the Council.

No further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Orrick, that Council adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:50 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk