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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 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2004, AT 4:45 P.M.
LYNDELL N. HOWARD * MAYOR * PRESIDING

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS MASSAGLIA, RICHMOND, JONES, MADDOX

ABSENT: NONE

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Notice of a special work session of the City Council to discuss with Staff the Fiscal Year May 1, 2005 Through April 30, 2006 Budget was set by Council and posted on November 29, 2004. The purpose of the meeting was to continue work sessions for the preparation of the fiscal year budget and to discuss other matters in closed session.

Mayor Howard called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. **Roll** was called and all commissioners were present.

Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Maddox that Council move to **Executive Session** at 4:48 p.m. to discuss Purchase of Real Estate and Compensation of Specific Employee of the Public Body ILCS 120/2 (c) 7. and 1. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye. Council motioned to move to open session at 5:20 p.m.

Mayor Howard led the **Pledge of Allegiance.**

Roll was called and all Commissioners were present for open session.

Communications, Petitions, Reports

City Manager Dennis Kief began the discussion for the second **BUDGET WORK SESSION**. He reported to Council on the following 3 issues that were asked to be considered to reduce the deficit budget at the last work session:

- Had not consolidated the suggested positions of Finance Director and Economic Development
- Did not have specific projects to recommendation to move work in-house. The option is always evaluated for saving money i.e. street department and wastewater treatment plant contracts
- Had not completed analysis of early retirement packages

He stated several of the State funding sources were still down significantly from 2001 levels. In a PowerPoint presentation he reviewed revenues and expenditure charts and their sources. He made Council aware that reserves were falling below the recommended levels. He documented the proposed FY 2006 General Fund Budget was at a deficit of $990,482.00. He stated that this was a good year with respect to Capital Projects; expenditures anticipated to increase dramatically over the next four years. He felt the revenue estimates provided by finance department were very conservative.

Com'r Richmond suggested the possibility of conducting a special census for increase revenues.

The matter of 3 firefighter positions being part of the $630,000.00 "bubble" contingency fund was presented as discussion. Council questioned the priority of increasing manpower when there is a shortage of funds. Other projects on the bubble were explained

- Riverway Business Park expansion and street, fire, inspections department vehicles

Com'r. Massaglia felt the hiring had been postponed for over three years.

Staff was given direction to prioritize the bubble projects with the proposed new personnel list.

Com'r. Jones requested that Council and staff continue the work session process. A meeting would be scheduled the first of the year.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:30 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk