
**PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2006 AT 5:45 O'CLOCK P.M.
FRANK H. MACKAMAN * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS, MADDOX, DAGIT, JONES, AND BLANCHARD

ABSENT: NONE

Council received an agenda and proper notice was posted on Tuesday, November 14, 2006, of a special meeting, called by the Council at the special budget meeting on November 9, 2006, to participate in a second Council/Staff budget work session.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Mackaman.

Roll was called at 5:45 p.m. All commissioners were present.

Agenda

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

Communications, Petitions, Reports

City Manager Dennis Kief gave a brief overview of the latest information on the 2008 Budget. He noted a number of changes since the first work session on November 9 and expressed appreciation for all comments received from staff and Council. Significant changes occurred in a more realistic figure for Pension Revenues and a balancing of vehicle Maintenance Fund budget, reducing overall budget deficit to \$379,899.00. The Manager informed Council that those unrelated changes did not reduce the General Fund deficit still in excess of one million dollars.

Mayor Mackaman told Council the presented budget represented priorities of the Conceptual Plan. He explained a budget as an educated anticipation. Council was informed that inasmuch as they seemed to support the Bubble Concept, the purpose of this work session was to see if the Bubble Expenditure List was agreeable or did Council want to add or subtract items.

Commissioner Jones questioned where the \$2 million dollar difference from the October 23rd presented figures came from. It was reported that revenue projections were reported low.

Mayor Mackaman proceeded with a process of questioning if the Council had any item from the core budget that could be moved to the bubble, if any Council member wished to place a bubble item back to the core budget for funding, or if there were any items that needed to be added.

The following discussions and straw polls of Council's opinions or direction took place:

- Recognized need to plan for maintenance of streets. Overlay overtaking the gutters. Brick streets in disrepair.
- Request to remove 3 firefighters from the bubble personnel.
- Request to place Field Engineer to bubble from core budget. Joe Wuellner Public Works director gave justification for the position as a cost savings in lieu of contracting. Straw poll taken 4-1 to leave position in budget.
- Request to fund police vehicles from bubble to core.
- Request to budget for Pekin Municipal Band. All Councilmen in agreement to split cost with Pekin Park and for the Band to complete tourism grant application for funding.
- Council was not will to place purchase of garbage trucks in core budget

- Discussed prioritizing the bubble list. Council declined for the following reasons:
 new Council would be approving bubble items after May 1, 2007
 first revenue received may not be sufficient to fund first item on a prioritized list
 list could be miss interpreted
 All Councilmen agreed to not prioritize by straw poll.
- Discussed cutting allocation in core and management of overtime. Council agreed by poll to leave in budget but staff was to make note that Council was sensitive to paying large amounts of overtime
- Request to reduce budgets containing training. Unanimous agreement to leave in department budgets.
- Workers Comp rates based on pool of municipalities.
- Suggestion made to investigate allowing sale of alcohol in fuel stations for additional revenues

With no further discussion the Clerk was directed to publish the notice for public hearing for the FY 2008 Budget and that the Budget Resolution be available to the public and presented to Council for adoption at the Council meeting on Monday, December 11, 2006.

No further business to come before the Council, Mayor Mackaman adjourned the meeting.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
 City Clerk