
**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, NOVEMBER 18, 2002, AT 3:30 P.M.
R. DAVID TEBBEN * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

**PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS BARRA AND ORRICK
COMMISSIONER MASSAGLIA ENTERED THE MEETING AT 3:40 P.M. AND
COMMISSIONER RICHMOND ENTERED THE MEETING AT 3:50 P.M.**

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 15, 2002.

Mayor Tebben called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

The purpose of the meeting was for Council and staff to examine and address questions or concerns from the work papers presented by Finance Director Bob Reis. The printouts contained line items by department with two year history of expenses and proposed FY: 2003 budget.

With no objections from Council the Chair set 5:30 p.m. for adjournment. The Mayor stated the discussion would center on the pressure that the General Fund is under with cutbacks from the State apparent. He requested each department give an overall summary of what cuts were made to reduce the deficit down to \$274,000. A general discussion took place if now is the time to use reserves, effects the cutbacks in State funding would cause in future years, cuts without harming services and personnel.

Police Department:

- Reduced training line item \$10,000
- Postpone purchase of new vehicle
- Discussed contract service of police as additional revenue source
- Will discontinue programs because of grant cuts

Fire Department

- Purchase of new engine delayed -\$300,000
- Reduced salary cost but increase training to cover potential retirees

Street Department

- 7 yr maintenance program completed in 4 only retain \$400,000 of line item for brick streets
- eliminate seal coating program
- vactoring and multiple snow dustings were explanation for increased overtime years without snow
- reappropriated tree removal from Road and Bridge Fund to Streets

Public Works Director Dennis Kief spoke in opposition to changing the program for street maintenance.

Mayor Tebben stated there was no program for curb replacement, which presented yet more challenges.

Line item for construction of Veterans Drive and time frame for completion tentatively 2004 was discussed.

Wastewater Department

- cut \$5 million by postponing treatment plant expansion for 1 year
- Denny justified large differences in other contractual service line item and JMM contractual was the result of lumping numbers in contractual work.

Planning and Development

- Reduced marketing campaigns
- Printing expenses
- \$600,000 in capital budget for land acquisition eliminated

Zoning / Code Enforcement

- postpone vehicle purchase

Airport

- budgeted runway construction complete
- working to reduce
- airport to be run on breakeven bases

Public Properties

- eliminated purchase of bus
- suggestion made to cut all 3 replacement but school bussing requires average 7 year age of fleet

City Clerk

- reduced training, supplies, telephone
- eliminated maintenance agreements as a result of shared office equipment in new building

Sue suggested Council review licensing fee increase kept within reasonable fee restriction as alternative revenue source.

City Manager Dick Hierstein stated a list of items to explore in determining projected revenues and expenses:

- billing additional medical expenses
- increased fees
- elimination of housing rehab program
- modify Home Rule sales tax rebate
- reduce number of flower beds
- general hiring freeze which he did not recommend
- charge for garbage pickup
- implement utility tax
- increase in sales tax by ½ cent
- overall hiring freeze

Mr. Hierstein was instructed to come back at the next work session with dollar projections for revenue sources. Council requested Finance Director Bob Reis to prepare of summary to inform them of the critical number that expenses could be at.

No action was taken by the Council.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:05 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk