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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 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2003, AT 5:00 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, 2004 Through April 30, 2005 Budget was posted and received by Council on November 13, 2003.

Mayor Howard called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. and led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

**Roll** was called and all commissioners were present. Also present were members of staff, Bob Reis, Kim Uhlig, Tim Gillespie, Denny Kief, Chuck Lauss, Joe Wuellner, Pat Pollock, Greg Ranney, Sue McMillan, Pamela Anderson, David Pagliaro, Patrick Oberle and Angie Evans; members of the Library Board of Directors, and Sharon Harris Reporter for the *Pekin Times*.

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 of combined revenues and expenses. For FY 2005 Budget.

Interim City Manager Dennis Kief began with a PowerPoint Presentation giving background information, Line Item Budget Review and Levy and Timetables. Property tax rates of comparable municipalities were reviewed. Pekin's property tax rates were examined for the preceding 10 years showing decline from \$3.4689 in 1989 to \$1.0659 in 2003. Proposed figures for the deficit, property tax increase and ¼% increase to sales tax were discussed. Mr. Kief emphasized the importance of statutes requirements for posting notice of hearing, levy adoption, and required filing deadlines.

Com'r. Massaglia questioned individual staff members if any departments had been force to cut things that were felt to be critical. Staff members explained expenditures that were cut to reduce the deficit. Items addressed included expansion of Riverway Business Park, police radios, copier moved to out years of 5 year capitol plan, delay in purchasing paint machines and vehicles. Com'r. Richmond questioned if fees were in line or could be increased. Com'r. Maddox asked if the line item for dues could be reduced significantly. Kim Uhlig explained the need and benefits of belonging to different organization. Com'r. Jones was assured that new employees would not be added to payroll unless contract services were brought in such as garbage collection. Mayor Howard noted the City's revenues had been reduced by a number of factors including the State's reduction of funding to local governments and the poor economy resulted in lower interest rates. Also state mandates are attributable to the deficit.

Council and staff further discussed alternatives for "balancing" the deficit including increased sales tax, increased property tax rate and/or enacting garbage fee. Dollar amounts needed to levy were explained. Dollar amounts were projected for Fire and Police Protection, Fire and Police Pension and Library. It was the consensus of Council to increase the rate to \$1.12 there by reducing the deficit in the General Fund from \$2.7 million to \$2.2 million.

Motion was made by Com'r. Massaglia and seconded by Com'r. Maddox that the estimate of taxes to be levied for the fiscal year May 1, 2004 through April 30, 2005 be \$3,985,425. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:15 P.M.**

Sue E. McMillan  
City Clerk