

**: OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS :**

**: OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS :**

A Special Meeting of the City Council of Peoria, Illinois, was held October 26, 2017, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall, Council Chambers (Room 400), 419 Fulton Street, with Mayor Jim Ardis presiding, and with proper notice having been posted.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call showed the following Council Members were physically present: Akeson (Arrived at 6:10 P.M.), Cyr, Jensen, Moore, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis – 10. Absent: Grayeb - 1.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Jim Ardis requested a moment of silent prayer or silent reflection, and then he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES & COMMUNICATIONS – CITY OF PEORIA**

**(17-326) Communication from the City Manager and Finance Director/Comptroller with a Request to CONTINUE DISCUSSION of the 2019 - 2019 BIENNIAL BUDGET.**

City Manager Urich distributed a copy of the presentation regarding the 2018-2019 Biennial Budget along with a handout entitled "Council Report Backs Part 7."

City Manager Urich reviewed the Report Backs that were requested by the City Council. He reviewed the timeline for the budget stating there would be another budget meeting held on October 31, 2017, wherein Staff would present Ordinances for Council on First Reading review of proposed revenues along with additional budget discussions. He said another meeting was scheduled for November 7, 2017, where Staff would present Appropriation and Levy Ordinances for budget adoption. He said there was a request to defer the discussion regarding the reduction of an engine company in the Fire Department and Staff would prepare a Report Back for the Council to review regarding said reduction. He said the current discussions focused on capital recommendations along with recommended revenues that were currently in the budget and revenues that were not in the budget.

City Manager Urich reviewed the Council Report Back Part 7 handout. He said the items presented could be discussed or deferred for further action until October 31, 2017.

Council Member Akeson arrived at 6:10 P.M.

**Budget Discussion – Capital Improvement Project Requests**

City Manager Urich presented three Capital Improvement Project (CIP) requests and asked for direction from the Council in the form of votes. He said these would be binding when prepared in the levy ordinance and presented to the Council on November 7, 2017. The following Capital Improvement Projects were reviewed and discussed:

- \$2 million Dries Lane Project - City Manager Urich said Staff could utilize the existing resources to remodel the space and he said this item was recommended for removal.
- Library HVAC System - City Manager Urich recommended holding off on the Lakeview Library system and reducing the HVAC project to \$1.76 million and reducing the bonding to \$1.5 million. He said there was a fund balance that could be utilized in the amount of \$260,000.00.
- Water Company Due Diligence – City Manager Urich requested direction from the Council regarding the cost of the due diligence for the Water Company Buyout.

#### \$2,000,000 Dries Lane Project

It was determined that Staff could utilize existing resources to remodel space, so Council Member Moore moved to remove the CIP request for \$2 million for the Dries Lane Project from the 2018-2019 Budget; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Jensen, Moore, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: Cyr - 1.

CLERK'S NOTE: Later in the meeting, Council member Cyr said he had voted incorrectly on this item and he changed his vote to yeas; therefore, the item passed 10 yeas; 0 nays.

#### Library HVAC System

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to approve using a portion of the Library's fund balance in the amount of \$260,000.00 and reduce the Library HVAC System project to \$1.76 million and reduce bonding to \$1.5 million; seconded by Council Member Moore.

Council Member Ruckriegel said this item was deferred from 2017 Amended Budget. He said it was a critical need, noting the Library served a large portion of the community and served as a warming and a cooling center. He said the Downtown Library was still using its original cooling system and parts to fix the system were no longer available. He remarked on the impact it would have should the HVAC system go down and he stressed on the importance of getting the HVAC for the Main Branch Library included in the budget.

Mayor Ardis identified the Library Board of Directors who were present and he thanked them for their service to the community.

Council Member Moore expressed an urgent need of replacing the heating and cooling system for the Main Library. She said when the Salvation Army had ended some of its programs, the Library became the second line of defense for people when it was hot outside. She said the Library was heavily used stating it was a main edifice for people who came to the City. She encouraged other Council Members to support this item, noting a critical need to replace the HVAC.

Motion to approve using a portion of the Library's fund balance in the amount of \$260,000.00 and reduce the Library HVAC System project to \$1.76 million and reduce bonding to \$1.5 million was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Jensen, Moore, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

#### Water Company Due Diligence

City Manager Urich said there was \$400,000.00 budgeted for the Water Company Due Diligence and he asked whether the Council wanted to keep it in the budget.

Council Member Jensen said some members of the CEO Council had offered to pay for the cost of the due diligence and she requested confirmation of that offer. She said if the due diligence was paid for by the CEO Council, then the \$400,000.00 could be reallocated. She remarked on the importance of getting an answer from the CEO Council prior to Council voting on this matter.

Mayor Ardis commented that there was no confirmation from the CEO Council of their willingness to pay for the due diligence and that the City was unable to fund \$400,000.00 for due diligence with an \$8 million deficit. He said the recommendation was to leave the cost of the due diligence in the budget or to remove it from the budget, and he said it was up to the City Council to vote on that item.

Council Member Moore recommended removing the \$400,000.00 for due diligence and to reserve \$30,000.00 of that money to apply towards the bathroom remodel at the Fire House in District 1. She remarked that, between the Water Company Due Diligence and the bathroom remodel at the Fire House in the First District, one was a necessity and one was not, stating that the due diligence cost was optional. She said she would welcome assistance from someone with the cost of the due diligence, but she said the City could not pay that amount of money at this time.

Council Member Moore moved to remove the \$400,000.00 for the Water Company Due Diligence from the 2018 – 2019 Biennial Budget; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Discussions were held on whether to keep the \$400,000.00 in the budget for due diligence, and Council Member Montelongo said it would be responsible to do the due diligence since it would bring new revenue to the City.

Council Member Jensen requested that this item remain in the budget. She said should the CEO Council make an offer to pay for the due diligence process, that money could be reallocated where needed.

City Manager Urich commented that the money allocated toward the due diligence could only stay within the CIP budget. He said, should the Council vote to take out the due diligence cost, CIP spending would be reduced by \$400,000.00, which would increase the fund balance by \$400,000.00 in the Capital Fund. He commented that the Capital Fund still owed the General Fund approximately \$6 million. He further stated that if the \$400,000.00 was not spent, that amount would go back into the General Fund and would not be available to be spent elsewhere in the budget. He said that amount could be spent on capital, but he said there was the deficit that needed to be repaid.

Motion to remove the \$400,000.00 for the Water Company Due Diligence from the 2018 – 2019 Budget was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Jensen, Moore, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 6;

Nays: Akesson, Cyr, Montelongo, Oyler - 4.

### Other CIP Requests

City Manager Urich asked whether there were other CIP requests the City Council wanted to discuss, and Council Member Moore inquired about the reduction of mowing private lots and she asked how many of those lots the City mowed.

Community Director Ross Black reported that, on a typical annual basis, the City issued approximately 3,500 to 4,000 work orders, which included mowing, garbage and litter. He said, without a budget for this project, the City would not be able to mow private lots with grass and weeds in excess of 17", and he provided a breakdown as to how it would impact each Council District differently.

Council Member Moore remarked on the importance of budgeting for mowing of private lots, noting the impact it would have on the First District if removed. She remarked on the efforts of the Community Development Department and the Code Enforcement Department and the positive impact they had in the First District. She said the budget needed to be reviewed in order to keep this effort in place.

Council Member Akesson remarked on the importance of the City being able to track various types of data within the City with the mowing of private lots as an example. She said the City could not manage what it could not measure. She remarked on the importance of taking seriously the City's ability to collect and act on data and she said more money from the budget should be dedicated toward data collection.

Discussions were held regarding One Solution and City Manager Urich said the replacement of One Solution was included in the budget. He reported that it would be a \$2.1 million replacement. He said the system would not help with data collection within the Police Department, noting that the Police Department ran on a separate platform.

Information Systems Director Sam Rivera provided an overview of the proposed ERP software package. He remarked on the issues One Solution had noting that the company had abandoned the community software and had incurred financial issues. He commented that the new ERP system would "talk" across all departments. He said this new software would get the City up to speed with information management. He remarked on the importance of installing a good base software for financials before managing other information. He commented on the performance of the new system noting it would manage various types of information, but he said Staff's efforts were to begin with stormwater management, and phase in other sectors such as financials, Human Resources and Community Development. He said adding the public safety software would add another \$6-7 million to the budget.

Council Member Moore recommended appropriating funds for the continuation of mowing private lots. She asked the Legal Department to research what the City could do to enforce the cutting of private lots or to recuperate the money spent on mowing those lots and the types of legal remedies the City had against the property owners. She requested additional information on the matter before the November 7, 2017, Special City Council Meeting on what the City

could do legally to those individuals who did not maintain their lots and whether they were on a rental registration list. She stressed the importance of taking action on problem landlords and property owners. She asked for an action plan to be included in the 2018 rental registration meetings, with it taking a high priority for discussion.

In response to Council Member Moore, City Manager Urich said Staff would prepare a Report Back regarding legal actions the City could take against property owners who did not mow their vacant properties.

Council Member Montelongo concurred with Council Member Moore in her efforts of making changes in the First District by remediating problem properties. He requested the balance owed to the City by problem property owners and what the additional costs in legal fees, if any, it would take to recuperate the money spent on these properties.

Mayor Ardis remarked that additional discussions regarding CIP could continue through next Tuesday, October 31, 2017. He encouraged the City Council to request additional information, if any, noting that the target date for adoption of the budget was November 7, 2017.

Council Member Cyr said he needed to make a correction on the Dries Lane Project noting that his intent on that vote was to vote in the affirmative.

Mayor Ardis noted that change would be made to reflect an affirmative vote for Council Member Cyr on the Dries Lane Project.

### **Revenues in Budget**

City Manager Urich reviewed the revenue recommendations in the budget noting four major recommendations:

- Stormwater Utility Fee
- Garbage Fee
- Special Event Fees
- Fire and Police Alarm Fees

He said Ordinances would be prepared for these revenues, if approved by the City Council, with First Readings to occur October 31, 2017. He said if it was the direction of Council to remove a budgeted revenue and the budget did not balance, then there would need to be discussions regarding other revenue options to make up the difference.

### **Stormwater Utility Fee**

Public Works Director Scott Reeise reviewed the Report Back provided by Staff, which included a breakdown of the Stormwater Utility Fee. He provided an explanation of the fee noting that the average bill for each household would be \$8 per month.

Council Member Riggenbach remarked on the need to address the stormwater issues in the City and the need to have a stormwater utility to address those issues. He said the One Water Committee held public meetings and provided recommendations to address a \$17 million backlog of projects. He said approving this fee would be a step in the right direction. He asked the Public Works Department to be transparent with the stormwater projects as they were with the road repair projects by posting the expenditures to the City's website. He said approving this item would continue the tradition of truth in budgeting, noting that the City was on the right track.

Council Member Riggerbach moved to approve a stormwater utility fee, in the total amount of \$4.67 million for 2018 and \$8.0 million for 2019; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Director Reese reviewed the stormwater project list stating that the City was being proactive on stormwater projects. In response to Council Member Jensen, he said Staff could provide a project list broken down by Council District. He said there were very few projects in the First and Second Districts, noting those areas were part of the combined system.

Motion to approve a stormwater utility fee in the amount of \$4.67 million for 2018 and \$8.0 million for 2019 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Jensen, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner,  
Mayor Ardis - 9;

Nays: Montelongo - 1.

### Garbage Fee

City Manager Urich reviewed the proposed garbage fee noting that the Garbage Fund owed the General Fund approximately \$4 million. He said increasing this fee would reduce the deficit and bring the garbage charge more in line with the service provided.

Council Member Oyler remarked on ensuring the funds were allocated appropriately to ensure the City was not running deficits in other areas, and he moved to approve a \$3.00 increase for 2018 totaling \$1.5 million with another \$1.00 increase for 2019 totaling \$500,000.00; seconded by Council Member Riggerbach.

Council Member Moore said she was in favor of increasing the garbage fee; however, she expressed a concern about charging property owners for vacant properties that did not generate any garbage.

In response to Council Member Moore, City Manager Urich said the City changed its billing process from a monthly billing to being included on the property tax bills, which was a separate line item on the bill. By adding that fee to the property tax bill, he said the City saw an increase in the collection rate.

Council Member Riggerbach said the City would be entering into a new contract with its solid waste disposal company and he remarked on the importance of the garbage fee reflecting its actual cost, which should be clear and concise. He said garbage disposal should not have to be subsidized from other sources.

In response to Council Member Jensen, City Manager Urich provided the anticipated expenses for 2018 and how the proposed increase in revenues would meet those expenses and fill the deficit in the Garbage Fund. He advised the Council should not wait until the bids came back in to vote on the proposed revenue due to the need to pass the budget; however, he said if the bid came back higher than anticipated, Staff would come back to Council regarding the same.

Motion to approve a \$3.00 increase for 2018 totaling \$1.5 million with another \$1.00 increase for 2019 totaling \$500,000 was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel,  
Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

Special Event Fees

City Manager Ulrich said the City spent approximately \$120,000.00 annually on special events. In further discussion, he stated these costs did not include the Fourth of July Celebration or IHSA Basketball Tournaments.

Council Member Moore said this fee was not an attempt to decrease activities that came to the City, noting that part of the cost would be offset by guests coming to town, and she moved to approve the Special Event Fees of \$200.00 per Officer or actual cost and \$100.00 per intersection generating \$120,000.00 annually to cover special events; seconded by Council Member Turner.

Council Member Moore requested a Report Back on the number of intersections the City closed during a special event along with the number of times special events affected intersections.

Council Member Cyr inquired whether the City was looking to close the gap for overtime expenditures when a special event occurred, and City Manager Ulrich said there was a certain amount of overtime associated with special events which impacted a Department with 14 vacancies. He said the fee would not cover 100% of the fees involved for special events for a year. He said the City would still be approximately \$137,000.00 short for the Police Department. Council Member Cyr asked whether the City could recuperate 100% of those costs, and if so, would it hurt the businesses. City Manager Ulrich said there could be some kind of impact to the business owners. He said the cost of providing Police protection could drive events to look at other communities. He remarked on the importance of encouraging small events such as 5ks to use the Riverfront. He said the City could work with the Park District to have them use those facilities as well so they were not blocking streets. He said the City would still incur costs for special events, and he said it was up to the Council to decide how much of those costs the Council was comfortable incurring. He recommended studying the trails in the City and to encourage events to utilize those trails.

Council Member Riggenbach said the City was taking a step in the right direction with this proposal; however, he said it would impact numerous fundraisers. He said Glen Oak Park or the Riverfront Trail may not be their first choice, but he said those locations could still be a way to hold an event without incurring extra fees. He commented that organizations may look for more corporate sponsorships. At the conclusion of his comments, Council Member Riggenbach said he would support this item.

For special events that occurred in 2018, Council Member Moore requested one clear intersection coming out of the Southside of Peoria at all times, and she asked for that same intersection to be clear for all events. She recommended using volunteers to man intersections for special events, which would reduce the City's costs.

Motion to approve the Special Event Fees of \$200.00 per Officer or actual cost and \$100.00 per intersection generating \$120,000.00 annually to cover special events was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akesson, Cyr, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

Fire and Police Alarm Fees

City Manager Urich reviewed the recommendation to add Fire and Police alarm fees for owners of alarm systems. He said the Fire and Police Departments spent a lot of time responding to false alarms. He said the recommended fee for alarm holders would be \$25.00 and an annual installation fee of \$500.00 for the companies. He said there would be an increase in false alarms as well, noting that the first three false alarms would be free.

Discussions were held on how the City would manage the permit fee and how the City would get notified of alarm installments and it was mentioned that the City would be notified upon installation of an alarm.

Council Member Ruckriegel expressed a concern that alarm holders would begin to disconnect or shut off their alarms systems, which would push them away from a sense of security.

Mayor Ardis commented that a number of residents installed their own alarms, and he questioned, upon passage of this item, how that gap would be closed.

In response to Council Member Cyr, City Manager Urich said Staff would be able to quantify numbers for Council on how much of the City's resources were used responding to false alarms.

In response to Council Member Ruckriegel, Attorney Chrissy Peterson said should someone FOIA information regarding residents with alarm system, the residential addresses would not be disclosed.

Discussions were held regarding the billing of alarm fees, how the City would handle the billing process, who would receive the bill for rental properties, and the concern for landlords not knowing when a tenant installs an alarm system.

City Manager Urich said Staff would compile information on the possible billing process and provide the City Council with a Report Back.

Council Member Cyr moved to approve the Fire and Police Alarm Fees by removing the \$25.00 suggested permit fee and adding a \$500.00 alarm company fee and increase fines for false alarms; seconded by Council Member Montelongo.

Council Member Akeson said she would not be able to support the motion as presented.

Council Member Cyr expressed a concern regarding the \$25.00 permit fee and possible confusion it would cause between tenants and landlords as well as small businesses that sold the alarm systems.

Council Member Riggenbach said he would like additional information on how the fees would work and suggested additional discussions at a later date. He asked how much of the proposed revenue was based upon the fee for the alarm company and how much from the permit fee.

Council Member Ruckriegel expressed a concern for including this item noting there were many unanswered questions and he said he would not be able to support this item; however, he said he looked forward to further discussions.



Council Member Oyler expressed a concern regarding the billing process where the homeowner would be billed and not the tenant.

Council Member Montelongo expressed a concern on how these fees would impact senior citizens.

Mayor Ardis said he appreciated this item coming before the City Council for review; however, he stated there were too many unanswered questions. He said until this item was vetted better, he would not be able to support it at this time.

Motion to approve the Fire and Police Alarm Fees by removing the suggested \$25.00 permit fee and adding a \$500.00 Alarm Company fee and increase fines for false alarms FAILED by roll call vote.

Yeas: Cyr, Jensen, Montelongo, Oyler - 4;

Nays: Akesson, Moore, Riggenbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 6.

### **Revenue Discussion – Not in Budget**

City Manager Urich briefly outlined the revenues for discussion that were not in the budget as follows:

- Plastic Bag Fee
- Vehicle Sticker
- Business Registration Fee
- Other Fire Revenues
- Amusement Tax

#### **Plastic Bag Fee**

City Manager Urich introduced the Plastic Bag Fee, which would be a \$0.10 fee, wherein the City would keep \$0.06, generating \$270,000 annually. Council Member Akesson commented that people who took their own bags would not be charged this fee.

Mayor Ardis recommended discussing this matter further at the October 31, 2017, City Council meeting.

#### **Vehicle Sticker**

City Manager Urich reviewed the proposed vehicle sticker fee noting it proposed a \$30.00 fee for vehicles, \$6.00 fee for senior citizens and \$15.00 fee for low-income individuals. He said this fee could generate approximately \$1.2 million net. He said there would be staff costs in the amount of \$300,000.00 and the City would have to hire Staff to oversee this process. He commented there would be additional costs in the amount of \$75,000.

Council Member Jensen said she had recommended this fee in order to generate revenue for road improvements rather than raise property taxes. She said she would support this item if the revenue generated was applied towards road improvements.

City Manager Urich reviewed what revenues streams were tied in with funding road projects. He said the City Council could add to the program and put additional money into roads or reduce property taxes.

Discussions were held on the impact implementing such a fee would have on the budget. City Manager Urich commented that the 2018-2019 budget anticipated \$1.5 million would go back into the General Fund for 2018 and \$500,000.00 back into the General Fund for 2019.

Council Member Moore expressed a concern for the vehicle sticker and whether it was the best way to raise additional revenue, noting that this type of fee would hit lower income individuals more heavily than others. At the conclusion of her comments, she said she would not be able to support this fee.

Council Member Ruckriegel concurred with Council Member Moore and stated he would not be able to support this item, noting it would be one of the most regressive taxes to place on citizens.

Mayor Ardis determined there was no motion to accept this suggested revenue at this time.

#### Business Registration Fee

City Manager Urich reviewed the proposed Business Registration Fee noting there were two suggested fees, one at \$25.00, which would generate approximately \$200,000.00, or \$100.00 fee, which would generate approximately \$800,000.00.

Council Member Montelongo moved to approve the Business Registration Fee; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

Council Member Montelongo said this item was a pro-business item for the community. He said the City did not know the number of businesses that were in the community nor who were the business owners. He said this would help the City to work with business owners in their growth and needs. He said this would facilitate communications and to notify business owners of meetings to invite them to discuss how to grow their business. He said he was supportive of being able to rally the City's businesses to do better in Peoria. He said this was a positive effort to help the City track and communicate with local businesses.

Mayor Ardis suggested changing the fee to \$50.00, which would be in between the proposed amounts.

Council Member Montelongo inquired whether the City received feedback from the Chamber of Commerce regarding an acceptable fee, and City Manager Urich said the Chamber was still soliciting information from its Board.

Council Member Ruckriegel said it would be beneficial to have a list of all the businesses in the City of Peoria, and he inquired as to how the City would define the term "business." He expressed a concern about assessing another fee on the business community, noting that the fees added up over time. He said these were good intentions, but he said discussions were lacking on where this money would be applied.

Council Member Oyler requested information in a Report Back on how landlords and realtors would be assessed the fee.

Council Member Turner remarked on the importance of tracking businesses and monitoring negative businesses.

Council Member Cyr agreed with Council Member Ruckriegel stating that \$100.00 may not be a lot of money for small businesses, but these businesses currently pay \$100.00 to the State of Illinois, noting this could be a 100% increase. He said if the City accessed the State of Illinois' database, then they could just go through the State of Illinois' website to determine the number of small businesses.

City Manager Ulrich said the City could coordinate with the State, but he said he was not sure if they would get all the information from the State.

Council Member Cyr said he would not support a 100% increase.

Council Member Akesson said the City could not manage what it could not measure. She said the City was missing out on opportunities because it had no way of communicating with businesses. She recommended not assessing a fee and just registering all businesses and their contact information so that the City could contact them at any time. With that modification, she said she was very supportive of this item.

Mayor Ardis suggested amending the motion to direct the revenues from this item to be used for economic development for businesses, which would justify the fee.

By agreement of the mover and seconder, the motion was amended to include, "with revenues dedicated toward economic development."

Council Member Riggerbach remarked on the need to get feedback from the Chamber of Commerce for next week. He recommended comparing how other communities worked with their landlords and whether they had to register similar to that of a business.

Council Member Moore said she appreciated the economic development opportunities, and she said a number of businesses were not part of the Chamber, which assessed a \$300.00 fee. She said perhaps a smaller business, not part of the Chamber, would be more acceptable of this item. She remarked on the importance of knowing what businesses were in the City. She said she would be in favor of the fee if there were economic opportunities for the businesses with the fee going towards economic opportunity; however, she remarked on the importance of letting business owners know how the fee would be used.

Council Member Jensen said she would support this item but she said she wanted information back from the Chamber on what was proper, fair and made sense; however, she expressed some concern about the fee.

Council Member Ruckriegel said the term "economic development" needed more definition and how those funds would be applied. He said if the City was to invest in the businesses, the City needed to see results from the businesses. He said should this item pass, he would like for it to show a return on investment.

Montelongo said he wanted to modify his motion to exempt businesses from paying the fee if they were already paying a fee to the City. He said they would still have to register but would not pay a fee.

Council Member Akesson, the seconder, agreed.

Motion to approve the business registration fee in the amount of \$50.00 with that revenue to be dedicated to economic development and exempt businesses, who were already paying a fee to the City, but they would still have to register was approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Jensen, Montelongo, Moore, Riggerbach, Mayor Ardis - 6;

Nays: Cyr, Ruckriegel, Turner - 3;

Abstain: Oyler - 1.

#### Other Fire Revenues

City Manager Urich reviewed potential increases for a number of different permits such as hazmat, fireworks, fire protection and fire protection for non-residents. He said the fees would generate between \$188,000.00 to \$305,000.00 of new revenue.

Council Member Montelongo moved to approve this new revenue.

Mayor Ardis determined there was no second to approve the motion to accept this revenue suggestion at this time.

#### Amusement Tax

City Manager Urich said this item was suggested by Council Member Grayeb and he reported it would generate \$491,000.00. He recommended deferring the matter until the October 31, 2017, Special City Council meeting where they would reviewed how a 1.0% increase would affect the budget.

Council Member Cyr moved to approve a 1% increase in the Amusement Tax to generate \$491,000.00; seconded by Council Member Akeson.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Montelongo, Moore, Oyler, Riggerbach, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 8;

Nays: Jensen, Ruckriegel - 2.

#### Conclusion

City Manager Urich summarized the potential revenues and he asked the City Council if they had any other recommendations. He said the Report Backs that were requested would be brought back to Council at the special meeting scheduled for October 31, 2017. He said there would be First Readings for the Ordinances relating to proposed revenues. He noted that the business registration would take time for Staff to prepare and would not go into effect until after the first of the year. He said at the meeting on October 31 the City Council would continue discussion on the budget and compile a package for adoption on November 7, 2017.

Mayor Ardis stressed the importance of Council Members notifying the City Manager if there were additions or suggestions to the budget discussion. He said the City Manager had direction to bring forward a balanced budget on November 7, and he commented that none of the proposed suggestions were yet final.

Council Member Akeson said she had received an email from citizens regarding the annexation of West Grange Road who wanted to speak when the annexation was approved. She said they asked that the matter be brought back to Council in November.

Discussions were held regarding the reconsideration of the annexation of West Grange Road, and it was determined that it needed to be scheduled for the next regular meeting for reconsideration prior to the actual consideration of the item.

Mayor Ardis said the City Council appreciated the work the City Manager and Staff put into the budget discussions. He said he received several positive comments regarding the budget discussions and the information provided, noting that the citizens were impressed with the volume of information provided and requests for additional information.

**PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING THE PROPOSED 2018/2019 BIENNIAL BUDGET**

It was determined that no one wished to speak at this time.

**CITIZEN'S OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL/TOWN BOARD**

It was determined that there were no citizens to address the City Council/Town Board.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was determined that an Executive Session was not needed at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Ruckriegel moved to adjourn the Special City Council Meeting; seconded by Council Member Oyler.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Akeson, Cyr, Jensen, Moore, Montelongo, Oyler, Riggerbach, Ruckriegel, Turner, Mayor Ardis - 10;

Nays: None.

The Special City Council Meeting adjourned at 9:09 P.M.



Beth Ball, MMC, City Clerk  
City of Peoria, Illinois

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