

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearing City of West Peoria, Illinois Public notice is hereby given that the Corporate Authorities of the City of West Peoria, Illinois will hold a Public Hearing on adopting the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2020 and ending April 30, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday April 28, 2020 at the West Peoria, Illinois City Hall 2506 W. Rohmann Avenue West Peoria, IL . The proposed Annual Budget will be available for inspection from the date of this publication until April 28, 2020.

The Mayor is issuing the following rules for the April 28, 2020 City Council budget hearing in order to promote social distancing as required in Governor's Executive Order 2020-10 (COVID-19 Executive Order No. 8), and in accordance with Executive Order 2020-07 (COVID-19 Executive Order No. 5).

- A. A web form will be available on the City's website which will let members of the public comment on any aspect of the budget that they would like to comment upon and then space to type the comment. The form will ask for the person's name and city of residence.
- B. Information will be printed on the meeting agenda and prominently on the City's website about how to provide public comment, including a link to the web form. The information will be in substantially the following form:

**"NOTICE REGARDING MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT RULE
MODIFICATION DUE TO COVID-19"**

Pursuant to Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-07 (COVID-19 Executive Order No. 5) which suspends the requirement of the Illinois Open Meetings Act requiring in-person attendance by members of a public body during the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, the members of the City Council will not be physically present for the April 28, 2020 Regular City of West Peoria Council Meeting, but will instead be participating in the meeting through audio/video access using a virtual meeting platform.

- C. The instructions for addressing the City Council in this manner are provided as part of the agenda posting and attached to the City Council hearing agenda.

Comments received prior to 5:00 p.m. on April 28, 2020 will not be read aloud during the meeting, but will be treated as regular correspondence and published online as soon as practicable. Comments received between 5:00 p.m. and the adjournment of the City Council budget hearing on April 28, 2020 will be read aloud during the hearing. Comments will be read aloud in the order in which they were received. Comments will be limited to 2,700 characters each. Any comments unable to be read due to time limits will be published online as soon as practicable.

- D. When the agenda is published, the web form will be activated.
- E. A press release will be sent by the City Clerk to all local media, including those submitting an annual request, with information about how to submit public comments.
- F. The web form will remain on the City's website and open to accept submissions until the City Council hearing is adjourned.
- G. A report of all comments received prior to and up to the adjournment of the April 28, 2020 meeting will be collated, and the City Clerk will include such comments in the official meeting minutes.

Kinga Krider
City Administrator