



**City Council Special Meeting Agenda**  
**West Peoria City Hall**  
**Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Additions to/or Deletions from the Agenda
4. Public Comment
5. Open House regarding the proposed new City Hall at 2421 W. Rohmann Ave.
  - a. Presentation
  - b. Discussion
6. Public Comment
7. Motion to Adjourn

**The next regular meeting of the City Council is Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

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City Council **Special Meeting Minutes**

West Peoria City Hall

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

1. Mayor Dillon called the Special Meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll Call: Members present were Mayor Dillon, Alderpersons Corbett, Dohm, Dillon, Abraham, Ruskusky, Menke, and Silver. Alderperson Mathewson was absent. Also present were City Administrator Krider, City Treasurer McGill, City Attorney Connor, residents Carol Borders, Marlene Carter, Jerry & Debbie Davison, Zak Edmonds, Bonnie Farrell, Denise Jackson, Dan Morse, April Silver, Mary Venzon, and Clerk Barnes. Residents Marge Maroon, Priscilla Peterson, Susan Schlupp and John Siewert II attended remotely.
3. There were no Additions to/or Deletions from the Agenda.
4. There was no Public Comment at this time.
5. Open House discussion regarding proposed new City Hall at 2421 W. Rohmann Ave.
  - a. A Presentation was done by Mayor Dillon and City Administrator Krider. The Mayor described the process of looking for, and some of the complications of finding a suitable spot for the new hall. Needing more space was a driving force for finding a new place, as well as safety factors for City Staff.

The City has been saving to pay for the new City Hall for many years. Money was set aside for this over 10 years ago. Between what the City has saved, investments that have been made, and grants that may be used, (Federal for solar and geothermal possibly) there will be no need to raise taxes to pay for the new building.

While taxes may go up this year due to the re-assessment of properties, none of that money will go toward paying for the new City Hall.

The new building will contain more than twice the square footage of the present space. The current building is about 2400 square feet, the new will have somewhere between 7500 – 7600 square feet.

Needs and wants of staff and Alderpersons have been considered and a tentative plan has been drawn up. Nothing is totally complete at this stage, but residents need a way to find out what is happening.

A bit of information about what is coming up next was shared. Demolition fencing will go up this coming weekend, then asbestos removal and the demolition itself will happen hopefully on November 20, 2023.

The choice of an architect was discussed. Bid letting has not been done as the plans are still tentative. Once the plans are complete, the architect will be the contact through which contractors will work.

The War Memorial wall will be relocated to the new City Hall and there will be some green space for community activities such as Night Out Against Crime, and Trunk 'n Treat. Currently there are plans for 32 parking spaces including three along Rohmann Avenue.
  - b. Discussion and comments: Several questions and remarks from those present were made. Will there be bike racks? Good idea, but the least of concerns at this time. Later we will consider things like that.

Concern about those who are older, maybe needing special help getting through heavy doors while using crutches or in a wheelchair. Electric door openers and handicap parking are all

concerns. The architect will be responsible to help keep the building ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant. Electric doors are another great idea, and the building will have wide hallways. Ramp grading will be needed because of flooding possibilities. A Message Board was requested, and already considered.

How much will we rely on solar? 80-95% is what is currently suggested. Charging stations will be considered although an individual is already looking into the prospect.

Inside rooms and areas will be sheltered from the weather by having vestibule-type openings at the outside doors.

A few comments could not be answered because of the fluidity of the plans at this time.

6. Public Comment: Several attendees agreed that it was almost unbelievable that taxes would not go up because of the new City Hall and how great that is.


Residents were invited to stay for the upcoming Council meeting following this one.

7. A Motion to Adjourn was made by Alderperson Silver at 6:56 p.m. and seconded by Alderperson Dohm.

**Motion carried by voice.**

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Respectfully submitted,

  
Mary M. Barnes, City Clerk

