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City of Pekin Launches Interactive Financial Transparency Platform  
OpenGov platform engages residents with instant access to financial data.

Pekin announces the launch of a financial analysis platform powered by OpenGov.com that provides residents, elected officials and staff unprecedented access to the City's finances. The powerful web-based platform transforms volumes of raw financial data into an interactive, digital format. The intuitive interface makes it easier to explore how taxpayer money is collected and spent. The platform may be accessed at our website <http://www.ci.pekin.il.us/administration/finance/transparency/>

The OpenGov platform displays four years of government spending and revenue detail in a user-friendly portal. Users can view historical revenue and expenditure trends over time and explore multiple views of financial data, including by fund, department, expense or revenue type. The current year report provides insight into spending and revenues year to date. For example, visitors to the platform may answer frequently asked questions such as "What did the city spend on street maintenance over the past 4 years?" or "How much did the City collect on parking tickets?" and then share that information directly from the platform via email or on social media. "The budget and city finances are now an interactive experience, rather than just thousands of numbers on pages of documents," commented Sarah Newcomb, Human Resources Director. "We hope this will allow citizens and Council and staff members to interact with the information in whichever format makes the most sense to them, rather than seeing it in a static or canned report format."

With the OpenGov Checkbook report visitors can quickly view and search thousands of expenditure transactions dating back to Fiscal Year 2013. The data can be instantly searched and filtered according to specific detail such as vendor name, date, description and even dollar amount. "By making its financial data easily accessible in an intuitive digital format, the City is demonstrating its commitment to efficient, data-driven and transparent government," commented Zac Bookman, CEO and co-founder of OpenGov.

Beyond sharing information with the public, Pekin can also use OpenGov internally to create custom reports, manage operational budgets, and keep administrators informed. With today's launch, Pekin joins a growing list of nearly 300 leading cities, counties, state agencies, school systems and special districts across 38 states, including Minneapolis, New Haven and Orange County, that leverage OpenGov technology. <http://opengov.com/case-studies/pekin/>

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