

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE,
COUNTY OF ROCK ISLAND, STATE OF ILLINOIS
MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016 6:30P.M.**

PLEDGE

Mayor Thodos led the City Council and all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Thodos called the meeting to order and directed City Clerk Arletta D. Holmes to call the roll. The following Aldermen were present: Helen Heiland, Gary Almblade, Nancy Mulcahey, Ed DeJaynes, Humberto Aguilar, Robert Cheffer, Gary Westbrook, and Mayor Thodos.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Holmes wished everyone a Happy New Year.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

City Clerk Arletta D. Holmes read the Consent Agenda that included the following:

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes of December 21, 2015.
- B. Approval of Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes of December 21, 2015.
- C. Approval of Salaries for January 15, 2016 in the amount of \$437,632.71
- D. Approval of Salaries for January 1, 2016 in the amount of \$417,623.69
- E. Approval of Bills for January, 2016 in the amount of \$269,742.84
- F. Approval of Bills for December, 2015 in the amount of \$2,328,893.86

A motion was made by Alderman DeJaynes, seconded by Alderman Westbrook, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Heiland, Almblade, Mulcahey, DeJaynes, Aguilar, Cheffer, and Westbrook.

REPORT BY MAYOR:

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Thodos read a Proclamation proclaiming the month of January as “*National Mentoring Month*” in the City of East Moline. Mr. Jeff Jacobs, a Representative of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Mississippi River, and Michael Luna, a 6th grader at Glenview Middle School accepted the proclamation.

Mr. Jacobs thanked the Mayor and City Council for the proclamation, and encouraged all citizens to get involved with Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

Mayor Thodos informed the City Council that he has received a letter from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, (IDNR) dated December 16, 2015, which the City did not receive this letter until January 13, 2016.

Mayor Thodos, reminded the Council that in 2010, there was a new Flood Plain Map, Triumph Foods and others were going out towards the I-80/I-88 corridor. In 2011 the IDNR decided to change the flood plain maps. They decided to make those 2,200 acres that the Council had annexed into the City, which were our growth path as well as Rock Island County. For the last 4 years Mayor Thodos, along with the Chamber, along with the other Mayor's, who have been effected, have been working with 2 Governors, and 2 heads of IDNR to resolve this issue. Mayor Thodos stated that the modeling that they used was not accurate. Two years ago we had the worst flooding out there and he documented a lot of the flood areas. The site that was purchased by Triumph Food, that they claimed was in the floodway would have been under water, and he has photo graphic documentation showing that was not the case. Mayor Thodos gave a brief summary of the letter, and told the Council that he would keep them apprised of the situation. He will be meeting with RiverStone this week. (See Attached Letter).

Acting City Attorney John Remus presented the following Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 16-01: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH MCCLURE ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR THE RAVINE SEWER ACCESS-WAY ENGINEERING CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$148,741.50 TO BE PROVIDED IN THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE.

A motion was made by Alderman Almlade seconded by Alderman Cheffer, to approve **Resolution 16-01**.

Discussion:

Alderman Cheffer asked that Mr. Kammler, explain for the public record, why these bids are not bid out competitively. Mr. Kammler replied that in the State of Illinois, they passed a law called the "Qualifications Based Selection for Professional Services". By State law you are not allowed to take bids or proposals for services such as; engineering, surveying, or legal services, it is based on their qualifications not the price and intent being the best professionals. This law has been in existence for decades in the State of Illinois.

Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Heiland, Almlade, Mulcahey, DeJaynes, Aguilar, Cheffer, and Westbrook. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (Alderman Heiland)

Alderman Heiland had no items for discussion. All other items have been covered under the Consent Agenda Ordinance or Resolution

CITY STAFF COMMUNICATION:

Each City Staff member present was given the opportunity to inform the City Council and those present of events in their departments:

John Reynolds, Chief of Police – Chief Reynolds informed the City Council that two (2) new officers were hired and sworn in on January 8, 2016. They are now at the Police Training Institute (PTI).

Mayor Thodos noted that the 2 new hires are second generations police officers, both of their fathers are in the Rock Island Police Department. Captain Reynolds stated that one is working, and one is retired.

Mr. Kammler, Director of Engineering Services – Mr. Kammler said that in his response to Alderman Cheffer he should have mentioned that the City of East Moline, or any City that have consultants, certainly, does not have to take just one proposal. Often times there is not an in town preferred consultant for a specific type of work, and you can certainly solicit qualifications or proposals from a number of firms. The City has done this on some larger projects that are more specialized. We have two

firms tonight Veenstra & Kimm, who does the lion's share of the work at the WWTP, and two very good firms with a long history of working with the City in those particular areas.

Mr. Kammler informed the City Council that they have received a submittal of their plans, plats, and reports for the development called the "BEND", formally Fountainhead, also River Eagle. There are reports on drainage flow, traffic, and with that the final plat. Mr. Kammler it's been submitted. There will be an in-house review, and sent to are third party consultants for review. Plan Commission will be meeting in March, 2016.

Mayor Thodos announced that there will be a Closed Session to discuss **City Administrator Search**.

RECESS SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman Westbrook, seconded by Alderman DeJaynes, to recess the City Council meeting and go into the Committee-of-the-Whole. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Heiland, Almblade, Mulcahey, DeJaynes, Aguilar, Cheffer, and Westbrook. Motion carried. **6:42p.m.**

RECONVENE SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman Westbrook, seconded by Alderman DeJaynes, to return to the City Council meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Heiland, Almblade, Mulcahey, DeJaynes, Aguilar, Cheffer, and Westbrook, Motion carried. **7:07p.m.**

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman Westbrook, seconded by Alderman DeJaynes, to go into Closed Session to discussion a **City Administrator Search**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Heiland, Almblade, Mulcahey, DeJaynes, Aguilar, Cheffer, and Westbrook. Motion carried. **7:08p.m.**

OPEN SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman Westbrook, seconded by Alderman DeJaynes, to go back into Open Session. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Heiland, Almblade, Mulcahey, DeJaynes, Aguilar, Cheffer, and Westbrook. Motion carried. **7:43p.m.**

Action Taken In Closed Session

A motion was made by Alderman Mulcahey, seconded by Alderman Almblade, to retain the services of Voorhees & Associates in the hiring of a City Administrator, not to exceed \$20,000. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Heiland, Almblade, Mulcahey, DeJaynes, Aguilar, and Cheffer. **Oppose:** Westbrook. Motion carried 6-1.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Alderman Westbrook, seconded by Alderman DeJaynes, to adjourn the City Council meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, DeJaynes, Aguilar, Cheffer, Westbrook, Heiland, and Almblade. Motion carried. **6:40p.m.**

Minutes taken and submitted by,

Arletta D. Holmes, City Clerk

