

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF
THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016**

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 Humberto Aguilar, Robert Cheffer, Gary Westbrook and Mayor John Thodos. **Absent:** Ed DeJaynes. **7:09p.m.**

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None

WATER FILTRATION PLANT – FILTER MEDIA PURCHASE (Mr. Drake, Director of WWTP Facilities)

The water quality produced by filters is starting to diminish, in addition to the diminishing water quality; the filter will sometimes run lower, which requires more frequent backwash cycles. The last time the media was replaced in the filters was in 1989. Over time calcium carbonate binds with the filter media creating large clumps which do not filter the water efficiently. In order to improve the water quality produced by the filters, the media is in need of replacement. I have received prices for just the filter media to replace the media in two filters which are as follows:

Northern Filter Media, Inc.	\$26,659.10 + Freight
Red Flint Sand & Gravel	\$27,466.65 + Freight

FINANCIAL:

This is a budgeted item.

Line Item# 200-4522-743.0 **Title:** Capital Purchases

Amount Budgeted: \$40,000.00. **Actual Cost:** \$26,659.10.

Under / (Over): \$13,340.90

Funding Sources:	Departments:	CIP Project Number
Wastewater Revenues	Wastewater Plant	WTRT – 15-02
Funding Sources: Wastewater Revenues	Department: Wastewater Plant	
CIP Project Number: SWTR – 16-02		

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the purchase of filter media from Northern Filter Media Inc in the amount of \$26,659.10, plus freight.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Westbrook, to concur with the recommendation, to approve the purchase of filter media from Northern Filter Medis, Inc. in the amount of \$26,659.10 including fright, and instruct the City Attorney to prepare the appropriate

document and forward to City Council for consideration. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almblade, Mulcahey, Aguilar, Cheffer, Westbrook, and Heiland. Motion carried.

WATER FILTRATION PLANT- MOWER PURCHASE (Mr. Drake, Director of WWWT Facilities)

The tractor/mower at the water filtration plant is 11 years old, and at the end of its useful life. Bids for a replacement tractor with attachments, have been received and are as follows:

River Valley Turf	\$13,947.00 with trade
Pillar Equipment	\$13,496.82 with trade
Holland & Sons	\$14,575.00 with trade

All bids meet the minimum specifications requested.

FINANCIAL:

This is a budgeted item

Line Item# 200-4522-743.0 **Title:** Capital Purchases
Amount Budgeted: \$25,000 **Actual Cost:** \$13,496.82
Under / (Over): \$11,503.18

Funding Sources:	Department:	CIP Project Number:
Water Revenues	Water Plant	WTRT 15-03

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the purchase of tractor with attachments from Pillar Equipment in the amount of \$13,496.82 which include trade in of old equipment

A motion was made by Alderman Heiland, seconded by Alderman Aguilar, to concur with the recommendation to approve the purchase of the tractor with attachments from Pillar Equipment in the amount of \$13,496.82 which include trade in of old equipment, and instruct the City Attorney to prepare the appropriate documents and forward to City Council for consideration.

Alderman Almblade – Unfortunately, I opened my water bill before I came here tonight, this is a “sticker shock” for some people that he knows, and his vote is going to reflect the wait until fall type.

Alderman Westbrook – asked Mr. Drake why he budgeted \$25,000, and the bid came in at half of that. Mr. Drake replied at the time this item was budgeted, it was 4 year ago, and he did not know how prices were going to be.

Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, Aguilar, Cheffer, and Heiland. **Oppose:** Almblade, and Westbrook. Motion carried 4-2.

WWTP DUMP TRUCK REPLACEMENT (Mr. Drake, Director of WWTP Facilities)

The 1997 Ford F – 800 dump truck at the Wastewater Plant is at the end of its useful life and is in need of replacement. State bid pricing has been received to replace this truck from Rush Enterprises and is as follows:

New Truck - \$93,743.00
Trade-In - \$3,000.00
Total Cost - \$90,734.00

FINANCIAL:

This is a budgeted item.

Line Item# 250-4549-743.0 **Title:** Capital Purchases
Amount Budgeted: \$130,000 **Actual Cost:** \$90,743.00 **Under/ (Over)** \$39,266.00

Funding Sources: Wastewater Revenues **Department:** Wastewater Plant
CIP Project Number: SWTR – 16-02

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the purchase of the dump truck from Rush Enterprises in the amount of \$90,734.00.

Mayor Thodos – this is the truck that we had a lengthy discussion over. Several Aldermen went down and looked at the truck verifying that yes this truck is done.

DISCUSSION:

Alderman Almblade made the following comments: “This is going to be coming out of a fund that is going to be at four percent (4%) of the level, where it should be twenty-five percent (25%) of expenses, that ratio and my vote is going to reflect waiting until fall again, to purchase this, again the truck only has to travel 3,000 miles to reach fall. I think it can handle that”.

Alderman Westbrook - stated that he did not take the opportunity to go and look at the truck, but Alderman Almblade did, is that correct, Alderman Almblade replied yes. Alderman Westbrook stated that Alderman Mulcahey also looked at the truck, so he would really like to hear her opinion of the condition of the truck, given what Alderman Almblade just said.

Of the truck

Alderman Mulcahey – said she is not a mechanic, but what she saw the truck is very much in bad repair. The body is compromised, it is weakening you can see the patches on it. at some point we will have to replace it and that is why the bid came in so low. The truck is not in good shape, and she could not tell you that the truck will last another 3,000 miles, and therefore she is inclined to get a new truck.

Mayor Thodos stated that he does know that Alderman DeJaynes, who does have a trucking and mechanical background, concurred that the 1997 dump truck was in bad shape. We have had lengthy discussions regarding doing without the dump truck..

Alderman Westbrook - the real issue is with the box and not the transmission or the motor. Mr. Drake replied that the transmission and the motor seems to be in okay shape, also the under carriage as far as the frame itself. The break lines, and hydraulics are compromised, and there is no way they can get replacement parts. Mr. Drake stated that the truck will be ordered now, it will not be received until July or August of 2016. Additional discussion was held with regards to State Bids and there procedures.

A motion was made by Alderman Mulcahey, seconded by Alderman Aguilar, to approve the purchase of the dump truck from Rush Enterprise in the amount of \$90,734.00. Instruct the City Attorney to prepare the appropriate document and forward to City Council for consideration. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, Aguilar, Cheffer, Westbrook, and Heiland.

Oppose: Almblade. Motion carried 5-1.

Mayor Thodos stated that due to the situation in Flint Michigan, he has been getting inquires regarding East Moline's water. Mayor Thodos requested that Mr. Drake, or Mr. Lambrecht explain to the City Council how the City of East Moline, is different from Flint, Michigan.

Mr. Drake – speaking and not knowing everything that is going on up there, noted that the water coming out of the Flint Michigan River is coercive and it is eating away at the pipes, lead service lines and the plumbing. Our water is not coercive.

Mr. Lambrecht – there is no lead mains throughout the City. There are in some older houses lead surfaces, but anything prior to the early 1960's was probably going to be copper, anything older than that is going to be lead, and there was some galvanized pipes.

PUMPHOUSE REHABILITATION- CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING (Mr. Kammler, Director of Engineering Services))

Missman, Inc. is nearly complete with the design and permitting phase of the rehabilitation/replacement of components of the badly deteriorated pumphouses along the former Case/New-Holland property on the Mississippi River Levee. The pump equipment was bid and awarded by Council to in previous action to Flow-Technics, Inc. At a price of \$346,641.00. The remaining construction work to the pumphouses and gatewells has just received final permit approval from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and hasn't been scheduled for bid letting yet. However, significant submittals and reviews for the equipment package is necessary immediately. This project will be under USACE permit and requires construction inspection, testing, documentation and certification in accordance with the Corps requirements and PL-84-99. As such, a contract proposal has been obtained from Missman, Inc. to perform the gamut of construction engineering services required for this project to be completed; this contract is attached for review and consideration. As with design engineering, it is recommended that local drainage funds be used to pay for construction engineering expenses.

FINANCIAL:

This is a budgeted item

Line Item# 320-4500-743.5 **Title:** Drainage – Pumphouse Rehab.

Amount Budgeted: \$1,050,000 **Actual Cost:** \$71,380. (not including construction).

Funding Sources:
Drainage

Department:
Drainage

CIP Project Number:
15-14

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize Construction Engineering Agreement.

A motion was made by Alderman Cheffer, seconded by Alderman Westbrook, to concur with the recommendation to approve the construction Engineering Agreement, instruct the City Attorney to prepare the appropriate document and forward to City Council for consideration.

Mayor Thodos reminded the Council that he did ask our Congresswoman for assistance on this. We will not be receiving any. Additional discussion was held regarding various aspects of this project.

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

HIRE FOR POLICE REPLACEMENT (Chief Reynolds)

On January 28, 2016, Probationary Officer Peter Herman resigned from the police department creating a vacancy. The police department requests permission to hire a replacement off the current established East Moline Fire and Police Commission eligibility list. The new hire will attend the University of Illinois Police Training Institute starting April 4, 2016. The anticipated hire date for the new officer is April 1, 2016. This position is budgeted for the current fiscal year.

FINANCIAL:

This is a budgeted Item

Line Item# 007-4200-110.1 **Title:** Salaries (Police)

Funding Source: **Department:**
General Fund Police Protection

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the hire of the police officer.

Alderman Almblade – did you do an exist interview with the person? Chief Reynolds replied that he was in his 19th week of training, and it was not going to work out for him. We were going to go before the Fire/Police Commission and ask for a termination.

A motion was made by Alderman Westbrook, seconded by Alderman Cheffer, to concur with the recommendation to approve the hire of the police officer and instruct the City Attorney to prepare the appropriate document and forward to City Council for consideration. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almblade, Mulcahey, Aguiar, Cheffer, Westbrook, and Heiland. Motion carried.

ADJOURMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Westbrook, seconded by Alderman Aguilar, to adjourn the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almblade, Mulcahey, Aguilar, Cheffer, Westbrook, and Heiland. **7:35p.m.**

Minutes taken and submitted

Arletta D. Holmes, City Clerk