

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE,
COUNTY OF ROCK ISLAND, STATE OF ILLINOIS
6:30P.M MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2016.**

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, Gary Westbrook, and Mayor Thodos. Absent: Robert Cheffer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Holmes passed.

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 March 21, 2016.
- B. Approval of Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes of March 21, 2016.
- C. Approval of Salaries for March 25, 2016 in the amount of \$415,486.63.
- D. Approval of Bills in the amount of \$523,007.03

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: Westbrook, Heiland, Almblade, Mulcahey, DeJaynes, and Aguilar. Motion carried.

REPORT BY MAYOR

Proclamation:

Mayor Thodos read a Proclamation proclaiming April 10th through 16th, 2016 as National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week". Ms. Doris Moreno accepted the proclamation on behalf of all the professionals at 911 Centre Communications, and thanked the Mayor, City Council, and Citizens of the City of East Moline for honoring them for National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. It is greatly appreciated.

Recognition Award - Chief Reynolds

On February 19, 2016, Officer Crippen responded to 819 17th Avenue for a 3 month old infant choking. Officer Crippen took a limp and lifeless baby from her mother and placed her face down on his arm and gave light blows to her back. The baby spit up something and started breathing on her own. This was witnessed by the East Moline Fire Department.

On behalf of the City of East Moline Chief Reynolds presented to Officer Dan Crippen the Life Saving Citation Award for his life saving action taken of Elijah Bloomington. Officer Crippen thanked everyone for this award.

Mayor Thodos announced that he has 2 vacancies on the Park Board, and 1 vacancy on the Planning & Zoning Board, and he will be making those appointments in May, 2016. If anyone has any recommendations, contact his office.

City Attorney Clayton Lee presented the following Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 16-16: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH J & M DISPLAYS, TO PROVIDE FIREWORKS AT THE JULY 4, 2016, FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT THE QUARTER, TO BE HELD JULY 3, 2016 WITH A RAIN DATE OF JULY 5, 2016, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00.

A motion was made by Alderman Westbrook, seconded by Alderman Heiland, to approve **Resolution 16-16**.

Alderman DeJaynes- do we have all of the funding together yet? Mayor Thodos stated that we have about \$7,500. John DeDoncker from Triumph Bank has been raising funds, and is confident that he will raise the other \$2,500.

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

RESOLUTION 16-17: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, TO ENGAGE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CITY OF MOLINE, AND THE VILLAGE OF MILAN TOWARDS DEVELOPING A PLAN FOR CONSOLIDATION OF THE TWO EXISTING POLICE AND FIRE DISPATCH CENTERS INTO ONE PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT.

Mayor Thodos gave additional background information regarding Resolution 16-17. Additional discussion followed with regards to the various pros and cons of the two locations, The City of Silvis or the Village of Milan. The State has mandated that the City must be in compliances by June 30, 2016. After much discussion, comments, and question;

A motion was made by Alderman Westbrook, seconded by Alderman Aguilar, to approve **Resolution 16-17**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Westbrook, Mulcahey, DeJaynes, and Aguilar. Oppose: Heiland, and Almlade. Motion carried 4-2.

RESOLUTION 16-18: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE REPLACEMENT FIREFIGHTER DUE TO RESIGNATION OF A FIRE FIGHTER FOR THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

A motion was made by Alderman Westbrook, seconded by Alderman DeJaynes, to approve **Resolution 16-18**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Westbrook, Heiland, Almlade, Mulcahey, DeJaynes, and Aguilar. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (Alderman DeJaynes)

Alderman DeJaynes had no items for discussion. All other items have been covered under the Consent Agenda or Resolutions.

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, Police Chief – Chief Reynolds reported to the City Council that 2 probationary officers graduated on Thursday, March 31, 2016 from PTI and one is currently on 2nd shift and one is on 3rd shift. The EMPD also hired a probationary officer on Friday, April 1, 2016 and he is currently at the PTI Academy.

Mr. Kammler, Director of Engineering Services – Mr. Kammler updated the City Council on the following City Projects:
Bid letting for the Pump Station Rehabilitation Project – on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 we should have information on this important project sent to the City Council, to make a decision prior to the next Council meeting.

The “BEND” the Case New Holland Project – Those plans, specifications for the infrastructure are on the streets. The developers are soliciting bids, staff is getting lots of questions from contractors all over the place, and this project has received quite a bit of interest, in its more than a Six Million Dollar Project. Mr. Kammler said he is unsure of their deadline date, but it’s soon. Once that is determined and they have a price in, than they can obtain a Bond from their contractor, and set bond, this is what we are waiting for before the final plat of that sub-division is brought before the City Council for consideration.

Mr. Kammler announced that the East Moline Plan Commission will be meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 6:00p.m. just continuing evening workshops, towards our new zoning ordinances. Everyone is invited to attend.

Rob DeFrance, Fire Chief - Chief DeFrance informed the City Council that on Saturday, April 9, 2016 the East Moline Fire Department and the Red Cross will be having a Rally and Fire Safety Campaign at the UAW Hall beginning at 9:00a.m. The Red Cross is expected to have between 150-200 volunteers for the door to door smoke detectors installations. We are expecting to have a team in every Ward throughout the city. Any help would be appreciated. Chief invited everyone to come out and rally with them at the UAW Hall from 9:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.

Mayor Thodos asked Mr. Lambrecht if the flood gates were still down, Mr. Lambrecht replied that they are closed, but rain is coming at the end of this week.

Mr. Drake, WWWTP Facilities, Director – Mr. Drake updated the City Council on the Filter Media purchase. It has been purchased since Mid November, 2015. It is sitting on the outside of the plant, all staged and ready to put in. Staff will be starting that project within the next 2 weeks. We will remove the old Media and start installing the new.

Alderman Westbrook – Mr. Kammler, on the infrastructure for the BEND Project, is the developer handling all those bids for construction or do we? Mr. Kammler replied that the developer is handling that. The City is simply answering questions that come in as to the requirements, regarding the plans and specifications.

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: Westbrook, Heiland, Almblade, Mulcahey, DeJaynes, and Aguilar. Motion carried. **7:19p.m.**

Minutes taken and submitted by,

Arletta D. Holmes, City Clerk

