

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE,  
COUNTY OF ROCK ISLAND, STATE OF ILLINOIS**

**MONDAY, JUNE 6, 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: Gary Almblade, Nancy Mulcahey, Ed DeJaynes, Humberto Aguilar, Robert Cheffer, Gary Westbrook, and Mayor Thodos. **Absent:** Helen Heiland.

**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 May 16, 2016.
- B. Approval of Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes of May 16, 2016.
- C. Approval of Salaries for May 20, 2016 in the amount of \$393,611.97
- D. Approval of Salaries for June 3, 2016 in the amount of \$393,166.37.
- E. Approval of Bills in the amount of \$365,296.29
- F. Approval of a Proclamation, celebrating the "60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Butterworth Center & Deere – Wiman House".

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

**REPORT BY MAYOR**

***Appointments:***

Mayor Thodos appointed Mr. Michael Spencer, to fill the vacancy on the Park Board. Mr. Spencer was in attendance, and thanked Mayor Thodos and the Council for the opportunity to serve.

A motion was made by Alderman Westbrook, seconded by Alderman DeJaynes, to approve the Mayoral appointment of Michael Spencer, to the East Moline Park Board. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, DeJaynes, Aguilar, Cheffer, Westbrook, and Almblade. Motion carried.

Mayor Thodos appointed Ms. Aretha Atwater, to fill the vacancy on the Planning & Zoning Board. Ms. Atwater was unable to attend tonight.

A motion was made by Alderman Westbrook, seconded by Alderman DeJaynes, to approve the Mayoral appointment of Aretha Atwater, to the East Moline Planning & Zoning Board. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, DeJaynes, Aguilar, Cheffer, Westbrook, and Almlade. Motion carried.

Mayor Thodos reminded everyone that we are getting closer to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, Fireworks, and the Firecracker Run. Alderman DeJaynes is going to secure the Trolley, and Kathy DeJaynes will be driving the trolley. Mayor Thodos asked that we contact Amy or Theresa to confirm that we will be participating in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities. The City is providing the candy.

***Acting City Attorney John Remus presented the following Ordinances and Resolutions:***

**ORDINANCE 16-02:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, FOR THE ELECTRIC EASEMENT DEDICATION AT THE CITY'S CLOSED LANDFILL, EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS.

A motion was made by Alderman DeJaynes, seconded by Alderman Westbrook, to waive the reading of **Ordinance 16-02**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, DeJaynes, Aguilar, Cheffer, Westbrook, and Almlade. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman DeJaynes, seconded by Alderman Westbrook, to adopt **Ordinance 16-02**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, DeJaynes, Aguilar, Cheffer, Westbrook, and Almlade. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 16-03:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, ASCERTAINING THE PREVAILING RATE OF WAGES FOR LABORERS, MECHANICS AND OTHER WORKERS IN THE CIT OF EAST MOLINE EMPLOYED IN CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR SAID CITY.

A motion was made by Alderman Westbrook, seconded by Alderman Mulcahey, to waive the reading of **Ordinance 16-03**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, DeJaynes, Aguilar, Cheffer, Westbrook, and Almlade. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Westbrook, seconded by Alderman DeJaynes, to adopt **Ordinance 16-03**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, DeJaynes, Aguilar, Cheffer, Westbrook, and Almlade. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 16-29:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH MCCLURE ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR THE RAVINE SERWER ACCESS-WAYS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,500 TO BE PROVIDED TO THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE.

A motion was made by Alderman Cheffer, seconded by Alderman DeJaynes, to approve **Resolution 16-29**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, DeJaynes, Aguilar, Cheffer, Westbrook, and Almlade. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 16-30:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH OBTAINING NEEDED PERMITS AND ARRANGING FOR DEMOLITION TO OCCUR THIS FALL FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3011 4<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE FOR THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE.

A motion was made by Alderman Cheffer, seconded by Alderman Westbrook, to approve **Resolution 16-30**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, DeJaynes, Aguilar, Cheffer, Westbrook, and Almlade. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 16-31:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING THE BID FROM MILLER TRUCKING & EXCAVATING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$654,875.00, FOR THE STORM PUMPS AND GATEWELL REHABILITATION PROJECT FOR THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS.

A motion was made by Alderman Mulcahey, seconded by Alderman Aguilar, to approve **Resolution 16-31**.

Alderman Almblade stated that he is all for this project, but he has questions regarding the timing of this project, reason being we are approving a million dollars worth of work to a property, we have no guarantees, where nothing is going to be built on it. He goes down to the project site, he sees no survey flags down there, and he has noticed that they have taken out their construction trailer. The only reason the City got into this project a long time ago, was because they wanted us to take over control of the pumps. Would we have done that 2 years ago, I doubt it!

Mayor Thodos said even if they were involved in owning the property, the CORPS of Engineering's has required the City to do certain improvements to the levee, among which are to get rid of gophers and all sorts of stuff, and we have already put money into the levee. The levee does not protect just that property, it starts from Moline and goes all the way down into Alderman Westbrook's area (7<sup>th</sup> Ward) those pumps and the drainage, all the water from the top of the hill ends up pooled in that location. Regardless of what happens from that piece of property, whether it is unimproved, improved, or otherwise the CORPS of Engineers has indicated that we will jeopardize our standard and we will not be certified. If we are not certified, anyone who the levee protects will be required to buy flood insurance. Additional discussion was held regarding the timeline, maintenance of the property, who has the responsibility of maintaining the levee. Discussion was held regarding how subjective is the CORPS of Engineers regarding the levee ratings that they provide.

Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, DeJaynes, Aguilar, Cheffer, and Westbrook.  
**Oppose:** Almblade. Motion carried **5-1**.

**RESOLUTION 16-32:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, SETTING FORTH AND EXPRESSING AN OFFICIAL INTENT REGARDING CERTAIN EXPENDITURES TO PAY BUSINESS DISTRICT PROJECT COST IN CONNECTION WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT OF A PORTION OF A PROPOSED BUSINESS DISTRICT TO BE CREATED BY THE CITY, SUCH EXPENDITURES TO BE REIMBURSED WITH THE PROCEEDS OF INDEBITEDNESS OF THE CITY TO BE ISSUED IN THE FUTURE.

**Ms. Petersen, Finance Director,** gave additional background information on Resolution 16-32

A motion was made by Alderman Mulcahey, seconded by Alderman DeJaynes, to approve **Resolution 16-32**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, DeJaynes, Aguilar, Cheffer, Westbrook, and Almblade. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 16-33:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE BID AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE 2016 PCC PATCHING PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS.

A motion was made by Alderman Cheffer, seconded by Alderman Mulcahey, to approve **Resolution 16-33**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, DeJaynes, Aguilar, Cheffer, Westbrook, and Almblade. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 16-34:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE BID FROM RAGAN MECANICAL, INC., FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT BOILER REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE.

A motion was made by Alderman DeJaynes, seconded by Alderman Westbrook, to approve **Resolution 16-34**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, DeJaynes, Aguilar, Cheffer, Westbrook, and Almlade. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (Alderman Cheffer)**

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

**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, EM Police Chief** – Chief Reynolds reported that if the New Police hire is approved at the Committee-of-the-Whole tonight, their start date will be June 24, 2016. Invites will be sent for the new hire.

**Mr. Kammler, Director of Engineering Services** – Mr. Kammler informed the City Council that a late street closure notice has been sent out. 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue is going to be closed at 7<sup>th</sup> Street end, and 5<sup>th</sup> Street end they are doing both closures on the same day. They will be starting at the 7<sup>th</sup> Street end, doing some exploratory excavating, then move down to the 5<sup>th</sup> Street end doing a watermain connection. Mr. Kammler said this project is moving along very well, and he appreciates the help from Maintenance Services.

**Rob DeFrance, EM Fire Chief** – Chief DeFrance invited everyone to come out on July 4<sup>th</sup> to the Fireman's Annual Pancake Breakfast from 7:00a.m. until 11:00a.m. at the American Legion, Post 227 – 829 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, East Moline. Sponsored by the East Moline Fire Department benefiting MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association).

Chief DeFrance informed the Mayor and Council that last week he has received notice from Lt. Mark Loy that he will be retiring on July 6, 2016. Our Police Department is currently in the process of conducting the background investigations on their candidates. At the next Council meeting, he should be in front of the Council with a replacement.

**Mr. Drake, WWWT Facilities, Director** – Mr. Drake informed the City Council that the contractor on the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Water Tower is moving along really well on the project. Weather permitting, they should be done by the end of this month if not before.

Mayor Thodos announced that the Council will be going into Closed Session regarding the **City Administrator Position**.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

A motion was made by Alderman Westbrook, seconded by Alderman DeJaynes, to go into Closed Session to discuss the **City Administrator**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, DeJaynes, Aguilar, Cheffer, Westbrook, and Almlade. Motion carried. **7:00p.m.**

**RECONVENE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Alderman Westbrook, seconded by Alderman DeJaynes, to reconvene the regular City Council meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, DeJaynes, Aguilar, Cheffer, Westbrook, and Almlade. Motion carried. **7:18p.m.**

**“Action Taken in Closed Session”**

A motion was made by Alderman Cheffer, seconded by Alderman Westbrook, to concur with the Mayor's recommendation to enter into an employment agreement with Mr. Darin Girdler for the City Administrator's position. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, DeJaynes, Aguilar, Cheffer, Westbrook, and Almblade. Motion carried.

**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, and Almblade. Motion carried. **7:20p.m.**

**Minutes taken and submitted by,**

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**Arletta D. Holmes, City Clerk**

