

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

MONDAY, JULY 18, 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:

Don & Mary Kay Dupont – 3407 18th Street, East Moline - Mrs. Dupont stated that they are here tonight to lodge a complaint against their next door neighbor Bruce who lives at 3418 18th Street, East Moline. There are 1 to 3 trailers in his yard one trailer has 5 to 7 canoes on it. The other is a closed in trailer, a flatbed trailer and they are all parked in the yard. Bruce has at all times anywhere from 6 to 7 Jeeps, and 2 of them are parked right next to their property line in the yard which is backed up so close to their fence. Those Jeeps are parked in the front yard. In the back yard there is a lot of trash, trash bags, and tires parked on the side of the house in between these trailers, there is also tires stacked up and, trash that needs to go out in the trash is just stacked up on the back deck. Mr. DuPont said in order to mow his lawn he has to remove the wire away from his fence. Their property taxes keep going up and they take care of their property and this is only devaluing their property. Something really needs to be done, it is just an eyesore. Mrs. DuPont provided to the City Council pictures of how this property looks.

Lloyd & Linda DeWeese – 3412 17th Street Court, East Moline, Illinois - Mr. DeWeese stated that he lives directly behind his house and he is having some of the same issues that Don and Mary Kay are having with this person. He has not really come into any altercation with this guy, he really tries to reason with this guy, but there is absolutely no reasoning with him. Mr. DeWeese said he has gone to the City in the last year at least 5 times, that he knows of, to the Police Department with some of these issues that are going on. Those trailers, which the DuPont's were addressing, sit to the right side of his house, they are not licensed but yet he uses them – he pulls them. He has turned in a couple of these Jeeps to the Police Department, because they are not tagged or licensed. This guy makes comments “that he has friends in the police department, and he will do whatever he wants”.

Mayor Thodos said that is a very bold statement and Mr. DeWeese agrees with him.

This guy decided 3 years ago he was going to take the siding off the back of his house, and it is still off 3 years later and he has never made any attempt to put it back on. He does not know if this is volition of any City Code, but it really looks crappie. The trash and the weeds are about 4 feet tall. They have a yard full of vehicles and trailers. About 18 months ago Mr. DeWeese decided to put up a 6th foot privacy fence, across the back of his property, as not to have to look at it every day. He went to the City to complain, about the fence. Mr. DeWeese said they have tried to address this issue with him, but to no avail this is serious.

Chief Reynolds stated that he had an officer go out there last Tuesday, and the officer reported to him that everything was licensed. Mr. DeWeese stated that the trailers are not licensed, and have no plates or stickers.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Holmes requested that Item A (Approval of City Council Minutes of July 5, 2016) be removed from the agenda and brought back on Monday August 1, 2016 for approval.

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 July 5, 2016. **(Removed from Agenda)**
- B. Approval of Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes of July 5, 2016.
- C. Approval of Salaries for July 15, 2016 in the amount of \$433,079.41.
- D. Approval of Bills in the amount of \$394,782.47

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

REPORT BY MAYOR

Mayor Thodos informed the Council that for the first time in 50 years we have someone from East Moline, who is now Miss Illinois her name is **Jaryn Franklin**, she is a UTHS Graduate, and is employed as a Nurse at Trinity. The Miss Blackhawk Valley Organization has requested a Proclamation, and a sponsorship of \$250.00 from the City of East Moline.

Mayor Thodos noted that he and Alderman Cheffer have discussed the car situation. This item will be placed on the next Committee-of-the-Whole for discussion.

City Attorney Clayton Lee presented the following Resolutions:

RESOLUTION 16-43: 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, ARRANGING FOR DEMOLITION AND ASBESTOS ABATEMENT OF APPROXIMATELY \$7,200.00 TO OCCUR THIS FALL FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3011 4TH AVENUE FOR THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS.

Chief DeFrance gave additional background information on Resolution 16-43.

A motion was made by Alderman Westbrook, seconded by Alderman Almblade, to approve **Resolution 16-43**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Cheffer, Westbrook, Heiland, Almblade, Mulcahey, DeJaynes, and Aguilar. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 16-44: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, ACCEPTING THE BID AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 356 15TH AVENUE, EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,100.

A motion was made by Alderman Westbrook, seconded by Alderman Almblade, to approve **Resolution 16-44**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Cheffer, Westbrook, Heiland, Almblade, Mulcahey, DeJaynes, and Aguilar. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 16-45: A SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE.

A motion was made by Alderman Heiland, seconded by Alderman DeJaynes, to approve **Resolution 16-45**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Cheffer, Westbrook, Heiland, Almblade, Mulcahey, DeJaynes, and Aguilar. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (Alderman Westbrook)

Alderman Westbrook 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:

Mr. Banaszek, City Treasurer – Mr. Banaszek asked when they will start doing something at the Case IH Property.

Mayor Thodos, there has been some discussion as Alderman Mulcahey has talked with Tim Knanishu. It has not been for the fact of not having finance, because on several occasions they have had the financing. Mr. Murphy has not liked the terms, so to his current understanding they are getting a different bid on the money. John DeDoncker of Triumph was more than willing to lend him the money but, Mr. Murphy did not like the terms. As we continue to get additional information he will pass it on to the Council.

John Reynolds, EM Police Chief – Chief Reynolds thanked the public, citizens who have sent e-mails, called, stopped in, sent prayers, food in for the officers meals, coffee's. Thanking them for their service from staff and from others as well.

Mr. Girdler, City Administrator – Mr. Girdler updated the City Council on the 911 consolidation between East Moline, Moline, and Milan. They met primarily with AFSME last week, with the three City Administrators. They understand the process of how this is going to work. There are a lot of issues that needs to be worked out regarding the employees becoming employees of a new entity, and they are working on new bylaws. The intergovernmental agreement for that new entity will come before the City Council in the next several months. It is going to be a long process and everything, the plan was submitted on time and everything seems to be moving forward.

Mayor Thodos made the following comments for the record: “Last week it was mentioned that the plan had been turned into the state and there was some comments regarding, Silvis wishing they had more numbers or something of that nature. Just so the Council understands they have been fully involved in this, fully participating in this of course they wanted the location to be at their new facility, yet to be built. When the Mayor's found out this was coming down as an unfunded mandate, we agreed that the City Administrators and the Police Chiefs would determine the best location, and with the assistance of a consultant the choice was made in Milan. Now someone said you have excluded Silvis, to the contrary they have been fully included all along, and they have been told what's going on. If they wish to join us in the consolidation at different location they are fully welcomed. The only other option they would have is Rock Island, because Rock Island County still uses UHF a walkie talkie type of radio, it's not something they can do. Join Rock Island fine, if they wish to join us fine, but they have been part of the process all along.

Mr. Lambrecht, Maintenance Services Director - Mr. Lambrecht updated the City Council regarding the big wind storm that hit the city last Wednesday. The storm took out a lot of trees throughout the city. They have been spending the last couple of days removing trees from the roadways. Mr. Lambrecht

noted that they had 92 stops to pick up debris. If any of the Council members get calls, let them know they are working on it and they can call Maintenance Services to get put on the list. It is a slow process.

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: Cheffer, Westbrook, Heiland, Almblade, Mulcahey, DeJaynes, and Aguilar. Motion carried. **7:02p.m.**

Minutes taken and submitted by,

Arletta D. Holmes, City Clerk

