

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF
THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS
MONDAY, AUGUST 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, Ed DeJaynes, Humberto Aguilar, Robert Cheffer, Gary Westbrook, Helen Heiland, and Mayor John Thodos. **6:56p.m.**

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None

HIRE FOR OFFICER REPLACEMENT (Captain Reagan, EM Police Department)

On July 19, 2016, Probationary Officer Benjamin Light 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 Illinois State Police Training Academy starting on October 2, 2016. The anticipated hire date for the new officer is September 30, 2016. This position is budgeted for the current fiscal year.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the hire of a police officer.

FINANCIAL:

This is a budgeted item.

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

Funding Sources: General Fund **Departments:** Police Department

A motion was made by Alderman Westbrook, seconded by Alderman DeJaynes, to concur with the recommendation 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: Westbrook, Heiland, Almblade, Mulcahey, DeJaynes, Aguilar, and Cheffer. Motion carried.

YARD PARKING (Mr. Girdler, City Administrator)

The police department was directed to look into an ordinance prohibiting vehicles from parking in residential yards. We checked with Moline and Rock Island to see how their ordinances deal with this problem. Both Moline and Rock Island use Zoning ordinances restricting off-street parking to improved areas. East Moline does have a zoning ordinance similar to the other cities:

- **10-16-1: Off-STREET PARKING AREAS AND LOADING SPACES**

(E) Development Standards: off-street accessory parking areas shall be of useable shape, and shall be improved, in accordance with requirements of the City Engineer, with a durable and dustless

surface and so graded and drained as to dispose of all surface water accumulation within the area. Any lighting used to illuminate such parking areas shall be so arranged as to reflect the light away from adjoining premises in any R District.

The RI ordinance also states that all motor vehicles and trailers in residential districts must be parked on an improved surface in accordance with requirements of the city. Enforcement is handled through the zoning department in RI. In Moline, the Neighborhood Improvement Office handles these complaints.

Other cities and communities we researched specifically address yard parking. Here is one example:

In residential zones, vehicles cannot be parked on the grassy or unsurfaced area of your front or side-street yard. Generally, your front yard is the area between the front lot line and the front wall of the primary dwelling that is furthest from the front lot line, and your side-street yard is the area from the side-street lot line and the side wall of the primary dwelling that is the furthest from the side-street lot line. However, this one allows parking in the back yard. Some direction will need to be given as to the wording of an ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION:

Direction of the City Council.

After a lengthy discussion, comments and questions regarding various aspects of this issue, it was recommended that this issue be brought back to Council within 30 days.

A motion was made by Alderman Westbrook, seconded by Alderman Cheffer, to direct staff to draft an Ordinance and bring it back to City Council the first meeting in September. (Tuesday, September 6, 2016). Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Westbrook, Heiland, Almblade, Mulcahey, DeJaynes, Aguilar, and Cheffer. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Westbrook, seconded by Alderman DeJaynes, to adjourn the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Westbrook, Heiland, Almblade, Mulcahey, DeJaynes, Aguilar, and Cheffer. Motion carried **7:29p.m.**

Minutes taken and submitted

Arletta D. Holmes, City Clerk