

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE,
COUNTY OF ROCK ISLAND, STATE OF ILLINOIS
*MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 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:

None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Holmes reported to the City Council that the next City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 due to the Labor Day Holiday.

The 2017 Election Packets will be available for pick-up on Tuesday, August 30, 2016 in the Office of the City Clerk, beginning at 8:00a.m until 5:00p.m. Offices up for Election: Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer, and Wards 1, 3, 5, and 7. The Primary Election will be on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, and the Consolidate General Election will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

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 August 1, 2016.
- B. Approval of Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes of August 1, 2016.
- C. Approval of Salaries for August 12, 2016 in the amount of \$402,442.03.
- D. Approval of Bills in the amount of \$665,589.12.

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

REPORT BY MAYOR

Mayor Thodos asked if there was anyone interested in participating in this year's Labor Day Parade, if so contact the Mayor's office.

Mayor Thodos had the opportunity along with Mayor Klipsch of Davenport, Iowa and Mayor Gallagher of Bettendorf, Iowa to be on the motorized vessel The Mississippi last week, it is a CORPS of Engineers vessel. They were specifically requested to be present to give testimony regarding the Mississippi River waterways, and its effects as well as their input on what they think is necessary for the CORPS as well as

a Commissioned Panel to know. The Panel was created as an act of Congress; it's called the Mississippi River Commission, and was established in June, of 1879. Every year they are suppose to take part of the water system interior of the United States, survey it and get input so they know what needs to be done.

Both he and Mayor Gallagher addressed the Commission. They had certain issues they did address, when asked what they as Mayors see as concerns. They both mentioned that the Levee System and its annual review, status and how they judge things are a concern, because the City of East Moline, has been putting in millions of dollars every couple of years. The other concern is funding allocated towards our Locke System. The current Locke system that we currently have has no redundancy, in the event that we were to have a gate break it would basically render us unless this is an on-going issue. Also included on the tour was Col. Craig Baumgartner, Rock Island Arsenal District Commander, as well as Major Michael Wehr, Commander, Mississippi Valley Division, U.S. Army CORPS of Engineers.

The City Council did approve to sponsor Miss Illinois Jaryn Franklin from East Moline; her send off event was Saturday night at Jumper's. Mayor Thodos was in attendance. The City did give her a Proclamation and a Key to the City. You can vote for Miss Illinois on line

CITY ATTORNEY CLAYTON LEE PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE 16-06: AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 16-01 RELATED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENTERPRISE ZONE IN THE COUNTY OF ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS, PURSUANT TO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITIES OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, MOLINE, ILLINOIS, SILVIS, ILLINOIS, AND ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND THE VILLAGE OF MILAN, ILLINOIS.

A motion was made by Alderman Westbrook, seconded by Alderman DeJaynes, to waive the reading of Ordinance **16-06**.

Mayor Thodos gave additional background information regarding **Ordinance 16-06**.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Westbrook, seconded by Alderman DeJaynes, to adopt **Ordinance 16-06**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Heiland, Almblade, Mulcahey, DeJaynes, Aguilar, Cheffer, and Westbrook. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 16-48: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE REPLACEMENT POLICE OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, POLICE DEPARTMENT.

A motion was made by Alderman Cheffer, seconded by Alderman DeJaynes, to approve **Resolution 16-48**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Heiland, Almblade, Mulcahey, DeJaynes, Aguilar, Cheffer, and Westbrook. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (Alderman Heiland)

Alderman Heiland 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. Lambrecht, Director of Maintenance Services – Mr. Lambrecht updated the City Council on the following regarding the lights at the Welcome Center. They have been working with Tri-City Electric and Van Meter. They could replace and upgrade those lights and retrofit them to LED's for actually no out of pocket expense to the City. They will come in and replace them all, and then from our energy savings we would pay them from what our annual savings would be approximately \$633.00 each month, and the City would be saving about \$700.00 that would be paid back over a 4 year period at no interest to the City.

Mayor Thodos commented that he knows from time to time these types of programs are available. The Rock Island Arsenal just converted from coal to natural gas some things cost nothing out of pocket, if the requirements are met. The need for all federal installations to reduce their carbon footprint, and secondly it is cheaper.

Additional discussion was held regarding would the LED lights produce the same lumens as the current lighting, concerns were expressed that the LED lighting does not generate any heat, that could possibility be helpful during the winter months.

John Reynolds, Police Chief – Chief Reynolds reported to the City Council, that last week the Police Department did active shooter training at Hillcrest School. They did 8 hours blocks with all of their officers with the Illinois State Police, and it was very successful.

Ms. Petersen, Director of Finance – Ms. Petersen updated the City Council on the East Moline Correctional Center. The City has received two more months of payments, so they are paid through December, 2015. The state still owes us \$405,000.

Mr. Girdler, City Administrator – Mr. Girdler thanked the City Council and asked them to keep their ideas and comments on the front yard parking information coming back that he sent out. He will resend additional research that he has done in the last week, back out to the City Council. Any thoughts, concerns, or ideas that other communities might have that we may want to consider incorporating into our ordinance we will try to pull it all together in one package that will address the front yard parking.

Mr. Kammler, Director of Engineering - Mr. Kammler updated the City Council on the various on-going projects in the City. The contractor that is doing our milling and resurfacing over by Van Hoe's and Smokey's, weather permitting, they will plan to start that project this week. The City's sealcoat project is underway. The Pump House and Gatewell Rehabilitation Project is underway down at the levies.

Rob DeFrance, Fire Chief - Chief DeFrance informed the City Council that they will be swearing in their new Firefighter Adam Ladgenski, at noon tomorrow at the Morton Drive Fire Station, everyone is invited to attend the swearing in ceremony. Chief DeFrance introduced Darrin Armstrong, who is the MDA Coordinator.

Darrin Armstrong addressed the City Council thanking the Mayor and Council for their continued support over the years. Firefighter Armstrong stated that the Fire Department will be collecting donations for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) "Fill Boot Campaign". Firefighters have been involved in a partnership with MDA for over 60 year. East Moline Firefighters will be at the intersection of 30th Avenue and Archer Drive, Morton Drive and 19th Street, and on 15th Avenue between 7th and 9th Streets for about 2-3 hours at each location on Fridays in September.

Mayor Thodos said the only negative comment he has heard is regarding, if personnel on or off the clock.

Firefighter Armstrong assured the Mayor when these events are taking place in the various locations the Fire Truck is within a block of the event, in case of an emergency.

Mayor Thodos – with the elections season coming, we are one of the few municipalities that still conduct partisan elections, and typically that is not a big deal. It is not a big deal unless you are a federal employee. There are people who are qualified to run for and serve our city, because of that, because of the partisan nature of it, and because of the Hatch Act of 1932, which means they cannot be involved in politics. Mayor Thodos asked if the Council is interested in exploring, to see what would be required and to possibly discuss this, and see if that it is something that maybe is archaic and we should dispose of that so others within our community who just happen to be federal employees can participate in Municipal Government. Mayor Thodos said that he could get legal to look into this and it could be discussed under the Committee of the Whole.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Alderman DeJaynes, seconded by Alderman Westbrook, to adjourn the City Council meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Heiland, Almblade, Mulcahey, DeJaynes, Aguilar, Cheffer, and Westbrook. Motion carried. **6:55p.m.**

Minutes taken and submitted by,

Arletta D. Holmes, City Clerk