

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE,
COUNTY OF ROCK ISLAND, STATE OF ILLINOIS
*MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 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, Humberto Aguilar, Robert Cheffer, Gary Westbrook, and Mayor Thodos. **Absent:** Ed DeJaynes.

Mayor Thodos stated that Alderman DeJaynes called him earlier in the day stating that he is having some issues regarding mobility and is not sure if he will be here tonight.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Douglas Riel, 21912 Barstow Road, Barstow, Illinois – Mr. Riel stated that under tonight’s Committee-of-the-Whole, Item #2 - Hazard Mitigation Plan, you are going to be asked to look at the Hazard Mitigation Plan and move that forward to the full Council at the next meeting (October 17, 2016). Mr. Riel stated that there are some additional items on the agenda that he would like to recommend that the Council consider adding. One of them is compensatory mitigation. Mr. Riel said that it does not cost the city anything or commit the city to anything, unless the city decides to do them.

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 September 19, 2016.
- B. Approval of Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes of September 19, 2016.
- C. Approval of Salaries for September 23, 2016 in the amount of \$443,597.76.
- D. Approval of Bills in the amount of 1,031,101.65.
- E. Approval of a proclamation designating September 19, 2016 as “Preventing Lost Potential Day” in the City of East Moline.

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

REPORT BY MAYOR

Mayor Thodos reported that last Friday, UTHS had their Homecoming Parade in downtown East Moline on 15th Avenue. It was a very nice parade, there were some floats involved. The City was requested to

get all of the Mayors or their representatives on a float. Carbon Cliff did not have a representative, but everyone else was represented. The parade was well received; the only problem was that UTHS did not win.

CITY ATTORNEY CLAYTON LEE PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.

ORDINANCE 16-07: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR (A) THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING AND EQUIPPING A PORTION OF THE FLOOD PROTECTION INFRASTRUCTURE COMPRISING THE EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS LOCAL FLOOD PROTECTION SYSTEM CONSISTING OF PUMPHOUSE/GATEWELL STRUCTURES “B, “C”, “D”, AND “E” INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING PUMPS, MOTORS AND CONTROLS, IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, TRANSFER SWITCHES AND GENERATOR PLUG-INS, A PERMANENT PUMP INSTALLATION AT GATEWELL “D” A RELIEF SEWER CONNECTION TO GATEWELL “E”, AND STRUCTURAL REPAIRS TO SEVERAL PUMPHOUSES, TOGETHER WITH ALL MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL AND OTHER FACILITIES AND SERVICES NECESSARY, USEFUL OR ADVISABLE TO THE PROJECT, AND SERVICES NECESSARY, USEFUL OR ADVISABLE TO THE PROJECT, AND (B) THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF A \$1,200,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT CERTIFICATE, SERIES 2016A, OF THE CITY EVIDENCING THE RIGHTS TO PAYMENT UNDER THE INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACT, PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND TERMS OF THE DEBT CERTIFICATE, PROVIDING FOR THE SECURITY FOR AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT OF THE INSTALLMENT CONTRACT AND THE DEBT CERTIFICATE, AND CONCERNING RELATED MATTERS.

A motion was made by Alderman Westbrook, seconded by Alderman Heiland, to waive the reading of **Ordinance 16-07**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Aguilar, Cheffer, Westbrook, Heiland, Almblade, and Mulcahey. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Westbrook, seconded by Alderman Heiland, to adopt **Ordinance 16-07**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Aguilar, Cheffer, Westbrook, Heiland, Almblade, and Mulcahey. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 16-57: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF REQUIRING NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR THE OFFICES OF THE ALDERMAN, MAYOR, CLERK, AND TREASURER AND PROHIBITING POLITICAL PART NOMINATIONS AND DESIGNATION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE AT THE FIRST GENERAL ELECTION.

A motion was made by Alderman Cheffer, seconded by Alderman Almblade, to approve **Resolution 16-57**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Cheffer, Almblade, and Mulcahey. **Oppose:** Aguilar, Westbrook, and Heiland. Motion tied. Mayor Thodos voted in favor. Motion carried 4/3.

RESOLUTION 16-58: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE SCHIFF HARDIN ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR STORM PUMPS AND GATEWELL REHABILITATION PROJECT FOR THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS.

A motion was made by Alderman Westbrook, seconded by Alderman Mulcahey, to approve **Resolution 16-58**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Aguilar, Cheffer, Westbrook, Heiland, Almblade, and Mulcahey. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 16-59: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE BID AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE 7TH STREET RETAINING WALL FACING FOR THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS

At Alderman Mulcahey request, Mr. Kammler explained the base bid and the cost for the base bid and the alternates to the base bid. Additional discussion followed regarding various aspect of this issue. After much discussion, comments, and questions;

A motion was made by Alderman Almlade, seconded by Alderman Mulcahey, to accept the lower bidder, General Constructors, Inc. with a form liner and tinting, not to exceed \$192,000. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Aguilar, Cheffer, Westbrook, Heiland, Almlade, and Mulcahey. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (Alderman Mulcahey)

Alderman Mulcahey had no items for discussion. All other items have been covered under the Consent Agenda, Resolution or Ordinance.

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 gave the City Council an update on the PSAP Consolidation.

- The Village of Milan, City of Moline, City of East Moline, and City of Silvis have been meeting monthly.
- Chief Reynolds stated that he thinks a decision is forthcoming from the City of Silvis, as to whether they are going to be with them or go somewhere else. Chief Reynolds stated that the City Administrators have also met informally with AFSCME so they are progressing on that, nothing finalized yet. We will come back before the Council when we have more details, we had the meeting and we are moving on it.
- There will be a conference the first part of November, 2016 that will be held in Springfield, and one of the topics that will be discussed at the conference is dispatching the Consolidation of PSAP. The other Counties and the State of Illinois, are dealing with the same issues that we are.

Alderman Westbrook stated that he has been hearing about a lot about active shooters training and asked Chief Reynolds, if they are anticipating getting our Police Department involved in any of this training. Chief Reynolds replied that about a month ago at Hillcrest School our police department participated in an active shooters drill, along with the Illinois State Police and District 7.

Mr. Girdler City Administrator – Mr. Girdler reminded the City Council and all those in attendance that the free leaf bag pick-up will begin on Monday, October 10th through Wednesday, November 30th. The leaf bags can be picked up at the City Annex, City Hall, and the Engineering & Maintenance Services Departments.

Mayor Thodos – asked Chief DeFrance what are the Burn Days, Chief DeFrance replied that burn days are on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 8:00a.m until 5:00p.m.

Mr. Kammler, Director of Engineering - Mr. Kammler updated the City Council on the various construction projects that are going on in the City.

They have completed patching Kennedy Drive and Oaklawn. Once they are finished cleaning Kennedy Drive, the plan is to stripe the center line and also to add edge lines, which is similar to 13th Street and Morton Drive.

Pump House Rehab Project is about 75 percent complete down on the levee, it is suppose to be complete by the end of this month, but could take a few additional days.

The patching is continuing on Morton Drive, east of 36th Street. Avoid that area if you can.

Mayor Thodos commented that he had noticed that the barricades were moved, and that the patching had continued. Mr. Kammler stated that after you made those comments to Mr. Henderson, he decided to continue the project.

Rob DeFrance, Fire Chief - Chief DeFrance updated the City Council and those in attendance, that The City of East Moline, partnered with United Way, and the American Red Cross for their "Annual United Day of Caring". They canvassed approximately 825 homes and installed 162 smoke detectors, that were at least 10 years old. Chief DeFrance encouraged everyone to check their smoke detectors once a year.

Mr. Drake, WWW Facilities Director, Updated the City Council on their Boiler Project.

Mayor Thodos announced that there will be a Closed Session to discuss the following:

Collective Bargaining

RECESS SESSION:

A motion was made Alderman Westbrook, seconded by Alderman Aguilar, to recess the City Council meeting and go into the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Aguilar, Cheffer, Westbrook, Heiland, Almblade, and Mulcahey. Motion carried. **7:04p.m.**

RECONVENE SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman Westbrook, seconded by Alderman Aguilar, to go back in to the City Council meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Aguilar, Cheffer, Westbrook, Heiland, Almblade, and Mulcahey. Motion carried. **7:31p.m.**

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman Westbrook, seconded by Alderman Aguilar, to go into Closed Session to discuss the following items; **Collective Bargaining**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Aguilar, Cheffer, Westbrook, Heiland, Almblade, and Mulcahey. Motion carried. **7:32p.m.**

REOPEN SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman Westbrook, seconded by Alderman DeJaynes, to go back into Open Session. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Aguilar, Cheffer, Westbrook, Heiland, Almblade, and Mulcahey. Motion carried. **7:57p.m.**

"No Action was taken in Closed Session"

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Alderman Westbrook, seconded by Alderman Aguilar, to adjourn the City Council meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Aguilar, Cheffer, Westbrook, Heiland, Almblade, and Mulcahey. Motion carried. **7:59p.m.**

Minutes taken and submitted by,

Arletta D. Holmes, City Clerk