

**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 17, 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 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 October 3, 2016.
- B. Approval of Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes of October 3, 2016.
- C. Approval of Salaries for October 7, 2016 in the amount of \$432,051.73.
- D. Approval of Bills in the amount of 986,546.95.

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

REPORT BY MAYOR

Mayor Thodos updated the City Council on the upcoming events to be held in the Downtown.

- Friday, October 28, 2016 we will be having Annual Halloween Parade, beginning at 4:30p.m. The parade will proceed down 15th Avenue to 9th Street.
- The Quad City area will host the 2018 Regional Conference of the Mississippi River and Towns Consortium. Mayor Thodos stated that Joe Taylor and the Quad Cities Visitors and Convention Bureau were instrumental in securing the convention here in 2018. Hopefully the City will have a hotel by then, which can house the people coming from all over the 10 state regions.
- Mayor Thodos attended the National Geographic event on behalf of the City of East Moline. National Geographic is now part of our National Geographic Mississippi River Tourism Initiative. The Visitors Bureau has a website which is in concert with National Geographic to support tourism and people who have specific sites and experiences as it relates to tourism, just are general region are able to sign up and give feedback to the website and this turns into a tool for tourism.

- Mayor Thodos informed the City Council that today he and the City Staff had their annual meeting with John Deere Harvester. They are the City's number one employer. It has been a long time coming to try and get synchronized with John Deere Harvester, part of the concerns that have been mentioned by Chief DeFrance, and others have also over a number of years is how we would like to coordinate for first responders status. Our staff is now synced up with John Deere Harvester, so in the event that there is any issue regarding city services, whether it be first responders, whether it be water and sewer, or whether it be future planning. Mayor Thodos stated that staff was given a tour of the plant.
- The City of East Moline has finally gotten pass it's impasse as it relates to the garbage issue. The City and AFSCME met three different times, and they have agreed that it is in the best interest of Union and the City to move forward with the privatizing our garbage services with Republic Services. Mayor Thodos stated that no one loses their job, and the city projects they would save about \$130,000 in revenue by letting Republic Services do garbage pick-up. Republic will work with residents to determine the size of garbage containers they would prefer, and Republic will be purchasing the City's garbage trucks. Mayor Thodos said he expects finalization and implementation to begin by early 2017.

CITY ATTORNEY CLAYTON LEE PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLUTION 16-60: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ROCK ISLAND COUNTY ILLINOIS, IDENTIFYING CERTAIN ACQUISTON CONTRACTS TO THE INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACT, DATED AS OF OCTOBER 14, 2016, BETWEEN THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE AND THE CITY TREASURER RELATING TO ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING AND EQUIPPING A PORTION OF THE FLOOD PROTECTION INFRASTRUCTURE COMPRISING THE EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS LOCAL FLOOD PROTECTION SYSTEM WITH THE PROCEEDS OF THE GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT CRETIFICATE, SERIES 2016A.

A motion was made by Alderman DeJaynes, seconded by Alderman Heiland, to approve **Resolution 16-60**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Cheffer, Westbrook, Heiland, Almblade, Mulcahey, DeJaynes, and Aguilar. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 16-61: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE ROCK ISLAND COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTION LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE.

A motion was made by Alderman DeJaynes, seconded by Alderman Mulcahey, to approve **Resolution 16-61**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Cheffer, Westbrook, Heiland, Almblade, Mulcahey, DeJaynes, and Aguilar. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 16-62: A RESOLUTION OF A GOVERNMENTAL BODY ACCEPTING MEMBERSHIP AS A MEMBER OF THE QUAD CITIES HEALTH INSURANCE POOL ("Q-CHIP") SUB-POOL WHICH IS A MEMBER OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PERSONNEL BENEFIT COOPERATIVE.

A motion was made by Alderman Cheffer, seconded by Alderman DeJaynes, to approve **Resolution 16-62**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Cheffer, Westbrook, Heiland, Almblade, Mulcahey, DeJaynes, and Aguilar. 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:

Thomas Reagan, Captain EMPD – Captain Reagan informed the City Council and all those in attendance that the Halloween Trick or Treat hours will be from 5:00p.m. Until 8:00p.m on Monday, October 31, 2016. The EMPD will be handing out family size snickers bars.

Mr. Girdler City Administrator – Mr. Girdler informed the City Council that we are in the midst of the new Enterprise Zone application process. There may be a few items that will come before the City Council, but we will try to get them to the Committee-of-the-Whole before we come to the Council, but a few things may need to come more quickly than that. The Enterprise Zone re-application process is underway and the Bi-State Regional Commission is handling this for the City. Our deadline date is the end of December, 2016. Mr. Girdler also noted that there will be a Public Hearing here at City Hall in the near future, and he will make sure that everyone is notified when that is scheduled.

Mayor Thodos - stated that in their meeting this morning with John Deere Harvester it was requested by Bi-State that we get support letters from businesses that actually use the Enterprise Zone. Obviously, John Deere is a big supporter and user of our Enterprise Zone, both here and in the City of Moline, so they will be adding support letters as a reminder that Enterprise Zones gives them the benefit of not having to pay sales tax on building materials. This is something that we have been using as an economic tool for the city.

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

1. **7th Street Retaining Wall Project** – this project is moving along. At the October 3, 2016 meeting the City Council awarded the contract to General Constructors Inc. Staff has had a pre-construction meeting with them and at this point they are waiting on pre casters to get those walls in, and add the nice decorative block patterns in. Mr. Kammler noted that there is an outside chance that they will be able to finish this project this year, dependent upon the weather.
2. **Utility Accommodation Permit Ordinance** – this ordinance was passed by the City Council about 5 or 6 years ago, so far the City has had 14 of these permits issued this year at \$560.00 each equaling revenue in the amount of \$7,840.00. The city is getting a lot of companies putting in fiber optic cables. The only problem is when our staff working with the watermains and sewers, working around these cables can be a challenge.
3. **Archer Drive Watermain Breaks** – there were several severe watermain breaks up on Archer Drive, that forced a temporary shutdown of some restaurants on the north and south frontage roads of Avenues of the Cities.
4. **Pavement Patching Program** – is completed for the year, and the good news is it came in just under budget.
5. **Mid-American Energy** – will be doing tree trimming in Cottage Grove and along 12th Avenue.
6. **John Deere Harvester Works** – as part of their changing operations, they are trying to improve safety and flow around their property they will now be routing 70 to 80 trucks per day around there entrance on the Beacon Harbor Parkway side, as opposed to straight out 13th Street.

Mayor Thodos gave additional background information with regards the building of Beacon Harbor Road, and how it was built to truck standards at that time.

Rob DeFrance, Fire Chief - Chief DeFrance introduced to the Mayor, City Council and those in attendance, his new Firefighter, Josh Wilkerson. Firefighter Wilkerson graduated from the University of Illinois Firefighters Academy on Friday, October 14, 2015. Mayor Thodos and the entire City Council welcomed him to the City of East Moline.

Mr. Drake, WWW Facilities Director, Mr. Drake updated the City Council on the Boiler Project at the WWP. This project should be completed within the next 2 weeks.

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. **6:50p.m.**

Minutes taken and submitted by,

Arletta D. Holmes, City Clerk