

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF
THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023**

ROLL CALL

Mayor Freeman called the meeting to order and directed City Clerk Wanda Roberts-Bontz to call the roll. The following Alderpersons were present: Kenneth Porter, Gary Almlade, Nancy Mulcahey, Rhea Oakes, Maria Tapia and Jose Rico. Absent: Jayne O'Brien **7:01 p.m.**

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None.

15TH AVENUE WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT (6th St - 9th St) (Tim Kammler – Director of Engineering)

Prior to construction of streetscaping improvements forthcoming to the 15th Avenue corridor, the remaining portion of a deteriorated watermain pipe needs replaced to avoid main breaks under brand new streetscape. Three blocks of this existing watermain from 9th St - 12th St were replaced in an emergency repair effort in 2020; the remainder of the pipe replacement from 6th St to 9th St is now a priority. At the direction of the City Council, plans and specifications have been prepared by Shive-Hattery, Inc. for bidding and construction of this project. Proposed improvements would include replacement of water main piping, cross-connections, valves and hydrants. The street will be cut and patched as required for construction. New pipe would be C900 PVC as opposed to ductile iron. Additionally, per new IEPA mandate, lead service pipes encountered will be replaced from main to the building structure.

An exhibit showing the location of the proposed construction is attached. Complete plans, specifications and bidding documents are available for review at the East Moline Engineering & Maintenance Building. A tentative bid letting date has been scheduled for January 31. Pending COW approval, the bid letting will proceed and staff will provide a bid tabulation and recommendation for award of contract to the City Council, pending reasonable bid prices.

FINANCIAL:

This is a budgeted item.

Line Item# 200-4023-24-452.0

Title: Water Capital Improvement – Construction

Amount Budgeted: \$925,000.00

Actual Cost: T.B.D.

Funding Sources: Water Capital Improvement – Construction

Departments: Engineering

This is a CIP.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve 15th Avenue Watermain Replacement (6th St - 9th St) for bid letting.

A motion was made by Alderperson Almlade, seconded by Alderperson Porter to concur with the recommendation as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Porter, Almlade and Mulcahey. Motion carried.

LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM - FINANCIAL (Mr. Doug Maxeiner, City Administrator)

A Lead Service Line (LSL) Replacement Plan is being prepared to comply with PA 102-0613. The Final LSL inventory and Initial Replacement Plan need to be filed with the IEPA by April 15, 2024. The Act also requires the replacement of all lead service lines in the City by 2044 for water utilities with LSL accounts numbering between 1,201 and 4,999. Part of that plan is identifying how the cost of the replacement will be funded or financed. There are low interest loans available from the State of Illinois to address the initial capital outlay. However, the plan will need to identify how these loans will be repaid, i.e., will the entire system be charged with generating funds to pay the principal and interest or will the work be assessed to the account benefitting from the removal of the lead from a service line.

With the majority of lead service lines located within low to moderate income tracts in the City, it is likely that many affected users will be unable to pay the estimated \$5,000 cost to replace a service line. In contrast, applying a LSL compliance fee (e.g., \$5.00 per month) to every water account makes repayment more feasible. See the attached information for more information about options.

Staff is looking for direction from the City Council on funding and financing preferences for the LSL Replacement Plan.

FINANCIAL:

This is not a budgeted item.

This is not a CIP.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends consideration of a LSL Compliance Fee on Water Utility customers in East Moline.

For Discussion Purposes Only

SCHOOL SPEED ZONE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT (Mr. Jeff Ramsey, Police Chief)

In recent months staff was approached by East Moline School District 37 administration regarding implementing a school speed zone on 4th Avenue for the East Moline School District 37 Early Learning Center (3100 4th Avenue). In looking into adding this school speed zone, it was discovered our current ordinance, 9-2-23: Special Speed Limit; Schools, needed updated to include locations of the school speed zones. It was also determined to examine the school areas and add appropriate new school zones that we felt were needed. Attached you will see the current ordinance and the recommended changes/additions to this ordinance. This is all in accordance with Illinois State Law

Statute 625 ILCS 5/11-605 (also attached).

These changes will add the new school speed zone for the EMSD 37 Early Learning Center, 22nd Avenue in front of Hillcrest Elementary School (451 22nd Avenue), and United Township High School (1275 Ave. of the Cities). This will get our ordinance up to date with our current school speed zones and allow proper enforcement in these areas as stated in the ordinance and state law.

FINANCIAL:

This is not a budgeted item.

Amount Budgeted: \$0

Actual Cost: Cost of signage

This is not a CIP.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the amendments to current ordinance 9-2-23: Special Speed Limit; Schools, along with adding the new proposed school speed zones.

A motion was made by Alderperson Rico, seconded by Alderperson Porter to concur with the recommendation as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Porter, Almlade and Mulcahey. Motion carried.

ADJOURMENT:

A motion was made by Alderperson Almlade, seconded by Alderperson Porter to adjourn the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Porter, Almlade and Mulcahey. Motion carried. **7:24 p.m.**

Minutes taken and submitted by,

Wanda Roberts-Bontz, City Clerk