

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE,  
COUNTY OF ROCK ISLAND, STATE OF ILLINOIS  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023, 6:30 P.M.**

**PLEDGE:**

Mayor Freeman led the City Council and all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**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 Almblade, Nancy Mulcahey, Rhea Oakes, Maria Tapia and Jose Rico. Absent: Jayne O'Brien

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

City Clerk Roberts had no items for discussion.

**ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

*City Clerk Wanda Roberts-Bontz read the Consent Agenda that included the following:*

- a. Approval of Salaries of December 23, 2022 in the amount of \$424,998.08.
- b. Approval of the Overtime of December 23, 2022 in the amount of \$11,150.97.
- c. Approval of Bills for January 2, 2023 in the amount of \$493,338.20.
- d. Approval of Salaries of January 6, 2023 in the amount of \$476,771.54.
- e. Approval of Overtime of January 6, 2023 in the amount of \$31,486.31.
- f. Approval of Bills for January 17, 2023 in the amount of \$494,116.18.

A motion was made by Alderperson Porter, seconded by Alderperson Almblade, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Porter, Almblade and Mulcahey. Motion carried.

**REPORT BY MAYOR**

*Police Department Promotions*

Mayor Freeman deferred the floor to Chief Ramsey to proceed with the presentation ceremony.

*EMPD PROMOTIONS CEREMONY (Chief Ramsey)*

Chief Ramsey read the following Ceremonial Promotional Proclamation:

***BE IT KNOWN,***

The East Moline Police Department has reposed special trust and confidence in the Patriotism, Valor, Fidelity and Professional Excellence of:

**GREG JONES**

In view of these qualities, as well as their demonstrated leadership and tactical competence, and their dedicated service to the citizens of The City of East Moline, they are therefore promoted to the ranks of

***SERGEANT, RESPECTIVELY.***

This given under my hand in The City of East Moline, County of Rock Island, State of Illinois, is effective on the **11<sup>th</sup> Day of December, Two – Thousand – Twenty – Two.**

**Jeffrey L. Ramsey, Chief of Police**

***PROCLAMATIONS:***

Mayor Freeman read a proclamation, proclaiming the month of January 2023 as National Mentoring Month in the City of East Moline, by supporting mentoring giving young people in our community the gift of time and friendship. Ms. Marissa Green-Francescon and her little Sister, Emma accepted the proclamation on behalf of Big Brothers Big Sisters Program.

Ms. Marissa Green-Francescon informed the City Council that working with Emma has been great and Ms. Green-Francescon has learned a lot from Ms. Emma, she is very caring young lady. I would encourage people to engage with Big Brothers Big Sisters and become mentors.

Mayor Freeman read and presented to Jenna B. with Family Resources, and Breaking Traffick advocate for Scott, Jackson, Louisa and Clinton Counties. Maggie Tisman with Legislative Chair Advisory Committee Against Human Trafficking was presented a Proclamation proclaiming the month of January as “2023 Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness Month.” Ms. Jena B. thanked the City Council for the support for referrals to help individuals that need support.

Ms. Maggie Tisman address the City Council and all those in attendance thanking the Mayor and City Council for this Proclamation. Ms. Tisman was a founder of Breaking Trafficking which now connected with Family Resources. Ms. Tisman realizes trafficking or slavery is occurring right here Quad Cities is hard to believe, but it is right here in River City. We need all our citizens to continue to learn about trafficking and slavery so we can become part of the solution of this heinous crime. Worldwide estimated 50,000,000 are currently victims of human trafficking that is 10,000,000 increase people since 2019. In Iowa sex trafficking victims increased from 558 in 2020 to 642 in 2021. The age of sex trafficking is usually 15 years old. Human Traffickers prey on their victims promising a life of hope and greater responsibilities while delivering only enslavement. Instead of delivering people to better lives traffickers’ profit from the labor and toil of their victims who they force through violence drug and intimidation to work in the sex trade in hotel motel and elicited massage businesses. This Proclamation you approved was formed with the purpose of working with abolishing all forms of human trafficking through education advocacy and collaborating we look forward to working with the City of East Moline, law enforcement, and many agencies and many concerned local citizens to end trafficking in our community. The most important that the Quad Cities be free of an element that destroys basic human rights. Like you we want our communities to be family friendly which we are extremely proud. Again, I sincerely thank you for making this issue a priority through your January Slavery and Human Trafficking Proclamation.

**ATTORNEY ROGER L. STRANDLUND - PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**ORDINANCES – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

**ORDINANCE 23-04:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING THE 2022 MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM MASTER AGREEMENT

**ORDINANCES – 2<sup>ND</sup> Reading**

Administrators Maxeiner requested the approval of Ordinances 23-01 and 23-02.

1. This will authorize putting together to issue the bid.
2. Allows the City to post the properties in the newspaper for three consecutive weeks.
3. Administrator Maxeiner will present back to the City Council the bids, which will be opened during the meeting.
4. Come back with a purchase agreement with the authorization of the City Council to sell those properties.

**ORDINANCE 23-01:** (INITIATED AS ORD 22-27 FOR FIRST READING) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF BIDS AND SALE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 120 15th AVENUE (PIN# 08-35-202-005)

A motion was made by Alderperson Almblade, seconded by Alderperson Oakes, to approve Ordinance 23-01 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Porter, Almblade, Mulcahey and Mayor Freeman. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 23-02:** (INITIATED AS ORD 22-18 FOR FIRST READING) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF BIDS AND SALE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 814/816 15TH AVENUE (PIN# 08-25-406-003)

A motion was made by Alderperson Porter, seconded by Alderperson Oakes, to approve Ordinance 23-02 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Porter, Almblade, Mulcahey and Mayor Freeman. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 23-03:** (INITIATED AS ORD 22-29 FOR FIRST READING) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, VILLAGE OF CARBON CLIFF AND CITY OF SILVIS FOR CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE FOR WATER INTERCONNECTION AND SALE OF WATER

A motion was made by Alderperson Almblade, seconded by Alderperson Mulcahey, to approve Ordinance 23-03 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Porter, Almblade and Mulcahey. Motion carried.

## RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTIONS 23-01:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS 101 BEACON HARBOR PARKWAY (THE VISITOR CENTER AT THE QUARTER)

A motion was made by Alderperson Porter, seconded by Alderperson Oakes, to approve Resolution 23-01 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Porter, Almblade and Mulcahey. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS 23-02:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, PROVIDING CONSENT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES

A motion was made by Alderperson Almblade, seconded by Alderperson Porter, to approve Resolution 23-02 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Porter, Almblade and Mulcahey. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS 23-03:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE BUDGETED AMOUNT FOR FY2023 (FY2024 AND FY2025, AS APPLICABLE) FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MOTOR POOL REPLACEMENT PLAN POLICY

A motion was made by Alderperson Almblade, seconded by Alderperson Porter, to approve Resolution 23-03 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Porter, Almblade and Mulcahey. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (Alderperson Oakes)**

Alderperson Oakes had no items for discussion, all items have been covered under the Consent Agenda, Ordinances and Resolutions.

### **CITY STAFF COMMUNICATION:**

*Each City Staff member present was given the opportunity to inform the City Council and those in attendance of events in their departments:*

**Tim Kammler – Engineering Director** – Mr. Kammler informed the City Council that the Engineering Department is interviewing consulting teams for the Raise Grant. Administrator Maxeiner, Ms. Whiting and Mr. Kammler was trying to draw final conclusions to bring the recommendations to the City Council.

A motion was made by Alderperson Almblade seconded by Alderperson Oakes, to adjourn the City Council meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Porter, Almblade and Mulcahey. Motion carried. **7:00 p.m.**

**Minutes taken and submitted by,**

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**Wanda Roberts-Bontz, City Clerk**