

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE,
COUNTY OF ROCK ISLAND, STATE OF ILLINOIS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021 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 Arletta D. Holmes, to call the roll. The following Aldermen were present: Gary Almblade, Nancy Mulcahey, Jayne O'Brien, Frederic Kotoku, Maria Tapia, and Jose Rico. Larry Toppert arrived at 6:33 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Holmes had no items for discussion.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

City Clerk Arletta D. Holmes read the Consent Agenda that included the following:

- a. Approval of the City Council Minutes of January 19, 2021.
- b. Approval of the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes of January 19, 2021.
- c. Approval of Salaries of January 22, 2021 in the amount of \$390,058.30.
- d. Approval of Bills in the amount of \$597,390.93.

A motion was made by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Almblade, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almblade, Mulcahey, O'Brien, Kotoku, Tapia and Rico. Motion carried.

REPORT BY MAYOR

Mayor Freeman has no items for discussion.

ATTORNEY LINCOLN SCOTT, CITY ATTORNEY PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES – 1ST Reading

ORDINANCE 21-01: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE APPROVING THE AGREEMENTS WITH REPUBLIC SERVICES FOR REFUSE AND RECYCLING, LANDFILL HOST AND SEWER CONSTRUCTION REIMBURSEMENT.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTIONS 21-02: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO PEERLESS PUMP FOR HS #2 WORK PERFORMED.

A motion was made by Alderman Kotoku, seconded by Alderman Almblade, to approve **Resolution 21-02**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almblade, Mulcahey, O'Brien, Kotoku, Tapia and Rico. Motion carried.

Alderman Toppert arrived 6:33 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS 21-03: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE LOW RESPONSIVE BID FROM VALLEY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$857,135.00 FOR A CONTRACT AWARD OF THE LANDFILL SANITARY COLLECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Mulcahey, to approve **Resolution 21-03**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almblade, Mulcahey, O'Brien, Kotoku, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS 21-04: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE LOW RESPONSIVE BID FROM NORTHWEST MECHANICAL, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$611,000.00 FOR A CONTRACT AWARD OF THE SUGAR CREEK PUMP STATION REHABILITATION FOR THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS.

A motion was made by Alderman Mulcahey, seconded by Alderman Toppert, to approve **Resolution 21-04**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almblade, Mulcahey, O'Brien, Kotoku, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS 21-05: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH MIDAMERICAN ENERGY FOR THE TRANSMISSION LINE EASEMENT.

Mr. Rob Scardino – Mid-American Energy spoke to the City Council regarding Resolution 21-05. Mid-American Energy is looking to add another transmission line. If there would be an outage on one of other existing lines this would put other line on the system this would lead to a stressful situation, by adding another transmission line from the Riverdale, Iowa, over through East Moline, and the Silvis/Barstow area that would give us another feed across the river from Illinois to Iowa and improve reliability in this area.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Toppert, to approve **Resolution 21-05**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almblade, Mulcahey, O'Brien, Kotoku, Tapia, Rico. **Abstain:** Toppert. Motion carried. **6-1 Abstain**

COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (Alderman Almblade)

Alderman Almblade 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:

Mr. Stickler, Director of Maintenance Services – Mr. Stickler informed the City Council that they have received 500 tons of salt and have another order on the way. Mr. Stickler stated that they have been busy with the snow and with the possibility of more snow on Thursday, February 4, 2021.

Alderman Mulcahey informed Mr. Stickler she had received a lot of compliments on the snow removal from residents. Alderman Mulcahey thanked Mr. Stickler and his crew for there work.

Mr. Kammler, Director of Engineering – Mr. Kammler informed the City Council that his office is hosting an intern from Augustana College. The funding is being provided by Augustana College Environmental Studies Program. This individual will be working with Erica sampling and testing of storm water.

Chief Ramsey, EMPD – Chief Ramsey informed the City Council that this week the East Moline Police Department is doing its annual training program.

RECESS SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Tapia, to recess the City Council meeting and to go into the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almlade, Mulcahey, O'Brien, Kotoku, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried. **6:48 p.m.**

RECONVENE SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Toppert, to return to the City Council Meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almlade, Mulcahey, O'Brien, Kotoku, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried. **7:35 p.m.**

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Toppert, to go into Closed Session for: **5 ILCS 120 2 for the purpose of Collective Bargaining.**

Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almlade, Mulcahey, O'Brien, Kotoku, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried. **7:36 p.m.**

OPEN SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman Almlade, seconded by Alderman Toppert, to return to open session. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almlade, Mulcahey, O'Brien, Kotoku, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried. **8:04 p.m.**

Mayor Freeman reported that no action was taken in Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, to adjourn the City Council meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almblade, Mulcahey, O'Brien, Kotoku, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried. **8:09 p.m.**

Minutes taken and submitted by,

Arletta D. Holmes, City Clerk