

**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 2, 2026, 6:30 P.M.**

PLEDGE:

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

ROLL CALL

Mayor Freeman called the meeting to order and directed Acting City Clerk Katelyn Roberts to call the roll. The following Alderpersons were present: Olivia Dorothy, Jeffrey Deppe, Larry Jones, Adam Guthrie, Rhea Oakes, Lynn Segura, and Jose Rico.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Todd Warren, 933 25th Avenue, East Moline, IL – Mr. Warren presented an Immigrant and Refugee Proclamation from the Immigration Coalition of the Quad Cities requesting the City Council to allow.

Mayor Freeman stated that the city will review the Resolution.

PRESENTATIONS and/or PROCLAMATIONS

On behalf of the Glenview Middle School Latinx Workshop, we respectfully present a student-led initiative to honor the life and legacy of Sergio Mendoza, an immigrant from East Moline whose story reflects the strength, resilience, and contributions of our immigrant community.

Project Overview

Students are proposing the creation of a **Memorial Interpretive Trail** through downtown East Moline. This trail will celebrate immigrant history, highlight community leadership, and provide educational opportunities focused on open space learning, environmental stewardship, and cultural reflection.

The project is being developed in partnership with:

- The Clean River Advisory Council (C-RAC)
- The Rock Island County Soil and Water Conservation District
- CMT (engineering and design support)

The Clean River Advisory Council has committed up to \$20,000 toward the project. CMT and the Rock Island County Soil and Water Conservation District will assist with engineering guidance and native plant soil and water conservation support.

Proposed Interpretive Trail Locations

The memorial trail will include four interpretive installations located at:

1. Hereford Park
2. Runner's Park
3. Intersection of 7th Street & 12th Avenue (bicycle waystation)
4. Near the levee bike path

Each installation will include interpretive displays highlighting:

- East Moline's immigrant history
- Sergio Mendoza's legacy
- Environmental stewardship and native plant restoration
- Student leadership and civic engagement

Proposed Timeline

- **May 2026:** Installation of the first trail node at Hereford Park
- **September 2026:** Installation of the second node at Runner's Park
- **May 2027:** Installation of the final two nodes at 7th Street & 12th Avenue and near the levee bike path

Community Impact

This project:

- Celebrates the leadership and diversity of our community
- Honors the contributions of immigrants in East Moline
- Creates educational outdoor learning spaces
- Enhances downtown public spaces and bike trail connections
- Empowers students through civic engagement and service learning

Request to the City

The Glenview Middle School Latinx Workshop respectfully requests:

- City support and partnership for installation approval
- Assistance with coordination for public space use

This initiative represents youth leadership, environmental stewardship, and a deep commitment to honoring the people who shaped East Moline.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Acting City Clerk Katelyn Roberts read the Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2026. (Pulled)
- b. Approval of the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2026. (Pulled)
- c. Approval of Salaries will be provided at the February 16, 2026, meeting.
- d. Approval of Overtime will be provided at the February 16, 2026, meeting.
- e. Approval of Bills as of February 2, 2026, in the amount of \$1,045,405.30.

A motion was made by Alderperson Rico, seconded by Alderperson Oakes, to approve the Consent Agenda. Upon the roll call, the following voted in favor: Dorothy, Deppe, Jones, Guthrie, Oakes, Segura, and Rico. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY ROGER L. STRANDLUND - ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES – 2nd Reading

N/A

ORDINANCES – 1st Reading

26-01 Code Amendment to update Tobacco Ordinance

26-02 Code Amendment to Combine Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals

26-03 Establishment of Interested Parties Registry for new TIF District
(Waiver of 2nd Reading Requested)

A motion was made by Alderperson Rico, seconded by Alderperson Guthrie, to waive second reading and approve Ordinance 26-03. Upon the roll call, the following voted in favor: Dorothy, Deppe, Jones, Guthrie, Oakes, Segura, and Rico. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

26-01 Fund Balance Policy

A motion was made by Alderperson Rico, seconded by Alderperson Oakes, to approve Resolution 26-01. Upon the roll call, the following voted in favor: Dorothy, Deppe, Jones, Guthrie, Oakes, Segura, and Rico. Motion carried.

26-02 Flooring Replacement - Police Department

Mayor Freeman stated that this item will be on hold until the city decides how they will be proceeding with the Cities future.

A motion was made by Alderperson Dorothy, seconded by Alderperson Deppe, to approve Resolution 26-02. Upon the roll call, the following voted in favor: Dorothy, Deppe, Jones, Guthrie, Oakes, Segura, and Rico. Motion carried.

26-03 Vacant Properties from the Quad Cities Land Bank Authority

A motion was made by Alderperson Rico, seconded by Alderperson Segura, to approve Resolution 26-03. Upon the roll call, the following voted in favor: Dorothy, Deppe, Jones, Guthrie, Oakes, Segura, and Rico. Motion carried.

26-04 Lead Service Line Replacement - Plans, Specs, Bidding

A motion was made by Alderperson Rico, seconded by Alderperson Dorothy, to approve Resolution 26-04. Upon the roll call, the following voted in favor: Dorothy, Deppe, Jones, Guthrie, Oakes, Segura, and Rico. Motion carried.

26-05 Bid Approval for Sugar Creek and Butterworth Lagoon Dredging

A motion was made by Alderperson Rico, seconded by Alderperson Guthrie, to approve Resolution 26-05. Upon the roll call, the following voted in favor: Dorothy, Deppe, Jones, Guthrie, Oakes, Segura, and Rico. Motion carried.

26-06 Re-Subdivision of Lots 1, 2, & 3 of The Quarter Subdivision No. 3

A motion was made by Alderperson Guthrie, seconded by Alderperson Rico, to approve Resolution 26-06. Upon the roll call, the following voted in favor: Dorothy, Deppe, Jones, Guthrie, Oakes, Segura, and Rico. Motion carried.

26-07 Prior Authorization to expend budget line item related to Water Meter purchase.

A motion was made by Alderperson Segura, seconded by Alderperson Rico, to approve Resolution 26-07. Upon the roll call, the following voted in favor: Dorothy, Deppe, Jones, Guthrie, Oakes, Segura, and Rico. Motion carried.

CITY STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

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

Engineering Director – Tim Kammler

Mr. Kammler informed Council that a detour has been set up on 12th Avenue from 1st Street to 7th Street. MidAmerican Energy is installing large transmission poles, requiring a crane in the middle of 12th Avenue, which necessitates the temporary closure.

Wastewater Treatment Plant – Brian Glasgow

Mr. Glasgow reported that on Saturday, February 7, 2026, a 4-inch water main break occurred at the plant. He thanked Maintenance Services for excavating and repairing the break, which was the main feed to the plant.

HDR is currently working on the final project design, which includes:

- Adding vinyl clarifiers
- Extensive concrete repairs to address air basin leaks
- Additional system upgrades

HDR is proposing converting the system to a Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR). Staff will meet with HDR to review the scope and potentially tour a demonstration plant in Rockford.

Water Filtration Plant – Brianna Huber

Ms. Huber reported that she has been in discussions with a policy advisor from the office of Eric Sorensen regarding potential WRDA-qualifying water and sewer plant projects and authorization possibilities. Seven projects have been submitted for authorization. While authorization does not guarantee funding, it allows the projects to be written into law.

Ms. Huber further explained that the Clearwell project would allocate funding if approved. She expressed optimism about the Clearwell replacement project, noting that the EPA provided a very supportive letter of endorsement.

The Water Filtration Plant intends to release specifications for the Clearwell replacement project this week.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Freeman stated that he received a letter from Chief DeFrance indicating his intention to retire on March 27, 2026, following 27 years of service.

Fire Department – Chief DeFrance

Chief DeFrance reported that the Fire Department has experienced a very busy period, primarily due to weather-related incidents. Recent calls have included smoke investigations, fire alarms, vehicle fires, mutual aid responses to Moline and Silvis, and structure fire calls in East Moline.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderperson Oakes, seconded by Alderperson Rico, to adjourn the City Council meeting. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried. **7:08 p.m.**

Minutes taken and submitted by,

Wanda Roberts-Bontz, City Clerk