

**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 21, 2022, 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 Aldermen were present: Larry Toppert, Gary Almblade, Nancy Mulcahey, Rhea Oakes, Maria Tapia and Jose Rico. Absent: Jayne O'Brien

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jodie Day, 3714 8th Ave, East Moline – Ms. Day addressed the City Council regarding the conditions of the roads on 40th Street and 8th Avenue. Mr. Kammler, Director of Engineering informed Ms. Day that the City had a Drainage Study done and looking into receiving funding to fix the Drainage issue. Ms. Day stated the 801 8th Avenue is a vacant home and there are rats living in the home. Ms. Day asked if anything could be done to get rid of the rats.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Wanda Roberts-Bontz 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 the City Council Minutes of February 7, 2022.
- b. Approval of the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes of February 7, 2022.
- c. Approval of Salaries of February 18, 2022, in the amount of \$409,428.19.
- d. Approval of Overtime of February 18, 2022, in the amount of \$17,701.17.
- e. Approval of Bills in the amount of \$385,619.23.

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

REPORT BY MAYOR

East Moline Main Street

Michelle "Elle" Peoples and Patricia Hansen – East Moline Main Street Board Member –Ms. Peoples requested that the City of East Moline donate to East Moline Main Street (EMMS) Summer Concert Series using funds from the Entertainment Tax.

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

ORDINANCES – 1st Reading:

22-01 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING A COMPREHENSIVE UPDATED VERSION OF CHAPTER 2 (FOOD SERVICE SANITATION) OF ARTICLE 7 (HEALTH AND SANITATION) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE FOR THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

ORDINANCES – 2nd Reading: (None)

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 22-10: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF STARTING BLOCKS AT THE EAST MOLINE POOL FACILITY.

A motion was made by Alderman Rico, seconded by Alderman Almblade, to approve Resolution 22-10 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almblade, Mulcahey, Oakes, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 22-11: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE HIRING OF A REPLACEMENT FIREFIGHTER.

A motion was made by Alderman Toppert, seconded by Alderman Oakes, to approve Resolution 22-11 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almblade, Mulcahey, Oakes, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 22-12: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH TRI-CITY ELECTRIC CO. FOR AUDIO-VISUAL UPGRADES TO EAST MOLINE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

A motion was made by Alderman Rico, seconded by Alderman Toppert, to approve Resolution 22-12 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almblade, Mulcahey, Oakes, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 22-13: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH OSTROM, INC. TO REFRESH PAVEMENT MARKINGS ON MAJOR STREETS AND INTERSECTIONS.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Toppert, to approve Resolution 22-13 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almblade, Mulcahey, Oakes, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 22-14: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A GEARBOX AND MOTOR UNIT FOR BELT DRIVE FOR WASTEWATER SYSTEM.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Toppert, to approve Resolution 22-14 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almblade, Mulcahey, Oakes, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 22-15: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, RELATING TO THE PERIODIC REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES AND VERBATIM RECORDINGS PURUSANT TO SECTION 2.06(d) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Toppert, to approve Resolution 22-15 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almblade, Mulcahey, Oakes, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 22-16: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH HUTCHISON ENGINEERING, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES – DESIGN ENGINEERING FOR MISSISSIPPI RIVER TRAIL RESURFACING.

A motion was made by Alderman Rico, seconded by Alderman Almblade, to approve Resolution 22-16 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almblade, Mulcahey, Oakes, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (Alderman Rico)

Alderman Rico asked Mayor Freeman with Spring around the corner will there be grass and weed enforcement? Mayor Freeman stated there will be two companies working this year. Mr. Maxeiner informed City Council that weed enforcement will continue in the Health Inspector and the Community Service Officer. Any calls direct to Amy or Theresa at the Annex regarding weed enforcement.

Alderman Rico 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. Maxeiner, City Administrator – Mr. Maxeiner informed the City Council about the following items:

1. Metro Link received a Grant to construct a dock terminal at the Bend for the Channel Cat boats.
2. Sarah Watson reporter for the Dispatch/Argus informed the City Council that this will be her last meeting.
3. City of East Moline has requested that the Illinois Municipal League (IML) provide Staff Self Evaluation Services with the City Council and Department Heads.

Chief Ramsey, EMPD – Chief Ramsey informed the City Council that the East Moline Police Department will be taking part in Polar Plunges for Special Olympics. On March 2, 2022, at United Township High School (UTHS) pool will be the first one for UTHS Special Olympics. On March 13, 2022, at Bally’s Casino for State of Illinois Special Olympics.

Chief DeFrance – Chief DeFrance informed the City Council of the following items:

1. Just completed Ice rescues training at Ben Butterworth Parkway.
2. On February 18, 2022, the Firefighter we were sending to training has withdrawn.
3. Chief DeFrance will be speaking to the City Council regarding staffing at a later date.

4. 2022 Fire Marshal regarding new training mandates recertification of Firefighters.
5. Task Books and job description analysis for the Officer positions.

Mayor Freeman – Mayor Freeman informed City Council that the Carpenter’s Union Building walls are up approximately 90% and getting ready for the roof soon. Looks like right on schedule or ahead of schedule. Mayor Freeman noticed that John Deere Harvester from 13th Street and 9th Avenue has put up all new fencing.

Alderman Oakes – Alderman Oakes stated that the City of East Moline has started working on the Fourth of July Parade and Fireworks on getting the word out.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Alderman Almlade, seconded by Alderman Oakes, to adjourn the City Council meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almlade, Mulcahey, Oakes, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried. **7:07 p.m.**

Minutes taken and submitted by,

Wanda Roberts-Bontz, City Clerk