

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR  
AND THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF  
THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2022**

**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 **7:08 p.m.**

**ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA**

None.

**RIVERFRONT TIF ADVANCES (Ms. Annaka Whiting, Finance Director)**

During the 2020 audit, the auditors noted in our Management Letter (Attached, #8) that during 2020 audit process the City has a significant number of Interfund Receivable and Payable balances between funds on the books, and their recommendation was for Staff to evaluate the outstanding balances and identify which would be repaid.

It was determined that \$3,660,675.00 of the debt (shown on the Notes to the Financial Statement, Interfund Advances document attached) was a direct result of the Riverfront TIF and the lack of increment generated to pay the debt service in that redevelopment project area. This TIF was closed in December 2021 with a projected deficit balance of \$3.8M, therefore there are no funds to reimburse the General Funds for these advancements. Approval from Council for the cancelling of the advances to the Riverfront TIF from the General Fund is required in order to work with the auditors to satisfy the management letter recommendation.

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

**PURCHASE OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (Mr. Doug Maxeiner, City Administrator)**

The Employee Health Insurance Committee recently discussed the absence of automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) in some City facilities. The result of that discussion was unanimous decision to purchase eight (8) defibrillators utilizing employee wellness funds. The AEDs would be placed in City Hall, the Annex, Maintenance Services office and bays, Jacobs Park (2), Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants.

The wellness funds identified by the Health Insurance Committee are generated through rebates from the Health Insurance Pool and insurer based on the number of employees participating in wellness activities for the City. The rebates are required to be utilized on employee safety or wellness items and we have approximately \$151,000 in wellness rebates at the current time.

The Fire Department has recommended that the city facilities have the same brand and model of defibrillators as those used by Fire. As such, a quote from Stryker is attached for \$17,903.28.

**FINANCIAL:**

**This is not a budgeted item.**

**Actual Cost:** \$17,903.28

**Funding Sources:** Employee Wellness Funds

**Departments:** Human Resources

**This is not a CIP.**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the purchase of eight (8) AEDs from Stryker \$17,903.28.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

Funding for this purchase is through the insurance pool. Wellness funds are allocated to the City based on wellness participation throughout the year. To date, the City has approximately \$151,000 available for the reimbursement of approved wellness expenditures.

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

**R.A.I.S.E. GRANT – FY 2022 (Mr. Tim Kammler, Engineering Director)**

The US DOT has provided a Notice of Funding Opportunity for the 2022 round of Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grants. Funds for the FY 2022 RAISE grant program are to be awarded on a competitive basis for surface transportation infrastructure projects that will have a significant local or regional impact. Grant awards under this program have a maximum amount of \$25M.

Based on the NOFO guidelines, the City of East Moline and our Greater Downtown Streetscaping Plan remains an excellent candidate for funding. Staff would like to compile and submit an application for this grant utilizing the city's downtown master plan; applications are due on or before April 14, 2022.

A copy of the city's FY2021 application along with all applicable documents is still available on the city's website for review.

**FINANCIAL:**

**This is not budgeted item.**

**Amount Budgeted:** 0

**Actual Cost:** N/A

**Recommendation:**

Approve preparation and submittal of RAISE Grant Application.

**Additional Comments:**

More information is available on the US DOT website at the link below:

<https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2022-01/FINAL%202022%20RAISE%20NOFO.pdf>

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

**ADJOURMENT:**

A motion was made by Alderman Rico, seconded by Alderman Almblade to adjourn the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Toppert, Almblade, Mulcahey, Oakes, Tapia, and Rico. Motion carried. **7:20 p.m.**

**Minutes taken and submitted**

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**Wanda Roberts-Bontz, City Clerk**