

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE,
COUNTY OF ROCK ISLAND, STATE OF ILLINOIS
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 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 Almlade, Nancy Mulcahey, Jayne O'Brien, Rhea Oakes, Maria Tapia and Jose Rico.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Karl Drapeaux, 409 Fence Line Dr, Blue Grass, IA 52726 – Mr. Drapeaux is a business agent for Operating Engineers spoke to the City Council regarding the award of the contract to Legacy Corporation for the Sewer Capital Improvement Project (Phase I Ravines C & F/Sewer Access Project).

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 21, 2022.
- b. Approval of the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes of February 21, 2022.
- c. Approval of Salaries of March 2, 2022, in the amount of \$413,835.20.
- d. Approval of Overtime of March 2, 2022, in the amount of \$23,791.84.
- e. Approval of Bills in the amount of \$421,505.40.

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

REPORT BY MAYOR

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Freeman proclaimed March 6 – 12, 2022 as Women in Construction (WIC) Week. Julie Gelaude informed the City Council that on behalf of the Quad Cities Chapter 50 thanked the City of East Moline, (WIC) Week.

NAWIC's mission is to enhance the success of women in the construction industry. We provide awareness of the opportunities available for women and emphasize the growing role of women in the construction industry.

Women in Construction Week is a time for local chapters to give back to their communities. Chapter 50 does so during the year through its Scholarship Program and by partnering with local agencies such as Humility Homes and

Services, Quad City Engineering and Science Council, Winnie’s Place, and the Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois. This year they are collecting daily necessity and household items to donate to Humility Homes and Services Fresh Start Center. Donations will be dropped off on Friday, March 11, 2022.

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

ORDINANCES – 1st Reading:

ORDINANCE 22-02: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, CANCELLING ADVANCES TO RIVERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA (TIF 2) FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE.

ORDINANCES – 2ND Reading

ORDINANCE 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.

A motion was made by Alderman Almlade, seconded by Alderman Oakes, to approve Ordinance 22-01 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, O’Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert and Almlade. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 22-17: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS.

A motion was made by Alderman O’Brien, seconded by Alderman Oakes, to approve Resolution 22-17 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, O’Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert and Almlade. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 22-18 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE) GRANT WITH UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (“US DOT”).

A motion was made by Alderman Mulcahey, seconded by Alderman O’Brien, to approve Resolution 22-18 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, O’Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert and Almlade. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 22-19 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH LEGACY CORPORATION REGARDING A SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (PHASE I RAVINES C & F/SEWER ACCESS PROJECT).

After much discussion regarding the pros and cons the following motion was made by Alderman Rico, seconded by Alderman Toppert, to table Resolution 22-19. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Rico and Toppert. Opposed: Mulcahey, O’Brien, Tapia and Almlade. Motion failed. **3 - 4**

A motion was made by Alderman Mulcahey, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, to approve Resolution 22-19 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, O'Brien, Tapia and Almlade. Opposed: Oakes, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried. **4 - 3**

RESOLUTION 22-20 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING CITY DISBURSEMENT IN SUPPORT OF EAST MOLINE MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES.

A motion was made by Alderman Rico, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, to approve Resolution 22-20 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert and Almlade. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (Alderman Toppert)

Alderman Toppert 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:

Brianna Huber – Director of Water Filtration – Ms. Huber informed the City Council that Water Filtration Department annually take down basins for inspecting and cleaning. Working on one basin at a time. Receiving new construction sampling at the Quarter and Carpenter's Union Building they all passed without any problems. Process of repairing a Sump pump at the plant. Ms. Huber informed the City Council she will not be at the next meeting because she will be at Watercon which is Illinois largest water Conference.

RECESS SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman Almlade, seconded by Alderman Toppert, to recess the City Council meeting to go into the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert and Almlade. Motion carried. **7:07 p.m.**

RECONVENE SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman Almlade, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, to reconvene to the City Council Meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert and Almlade. Motion carried. **7:15 p.m.**

ROLL CALL:

The following Aldermen were present: Larry Toppert, Gary Almlade, Nancy Mulcahey, Jayne O'Brien Rhea Oakes, Maria Tapia and Jose Rico.

Others in Attendance: Mayor Reggie Freeman, City Administrator Doug Maxeiner, City Attorney Roger L. Strandlund, John Showalter, Brianna Huber, Parker Prochaska, Todd Stickler, Tim Kammler Chief Ramsey, Annaka Whiting and City Clerk Wanda Roberts-Bontz.

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Rico, to go into Closed Session – 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 2. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, O’Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert and Almblade. Motion carried. **7:19 p.m.**

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman O’Brien, to return to open session. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, O’Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert and Almblade. Motion carried. **7:24 p.m.**

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

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Rico, to adjourn the City Council meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, O’Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert and Almblade. Motion carried. **7:25 p.m.**

Minutes taken and submitted by,

Wanda Roberts-Bontz, City Clerk