

**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 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, Jayne O'Brien, Rhea Oakes, Maria Tapia and Jose Rico.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

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 March 7, 2022.
- b. Approval of the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes of March 7, 2022.
- c. Approval of Salaries of March 18, 2022, in the amount of \$427,520.16.
- d. Approval of Overtime of March 18, 2022, in the amount of \$35,953.57.
- e. Approval of Bills in the amount of \$505,563.99.

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

REPORT BY MAYOR

Mayoral Appointment

Howie Ickes – Zoning Board of Appeals

A motion was made by Alderman Oakes, seconded by Alderman Rico, to approve Mr. Howie Ickes to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almblade and Mulcahey. Motion carried.

Dionico Guerrero – Special Service Area Commission

A motion was made by Alderman Oakes, seconded by Alderman O’Brien, to approve Mr. Dionico Guerrero to the Special Service Area Commission. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O’Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almblade and Mulcahey. Motion carried.

United Way

Rene Gellerman, President & CEO of United Way Quad Cities – Impact of COVID on Reading Proficiency in the Quad Cities and what we can do about it. Ms. Gellerman provided a presentation regarding how by 3rd grade kids should be reading proficiency. United Way pairs Quad Cities adult volunteers with pre-kindergarten and elementary schoolers to read together on a weekly basis for 30 minutes. By sharing just 30 minutes a week of your time you can change a child’s future.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Freeman read and presented to Joy Dodson, Vice President of Communications at Junior Achievement of the Heartland, a Proclamation proclaiming April 7, 2022 as “Junior Achievement Day”. Ms. Dodson thanked Mayor Freeman and the City Council for the Proclamation.

Mayor Freeman read a Proclamation proclaiming the month of April 2022 as Earth Month for Progressive Action for the Common Good – Earth Month. No one was in attendance to accept the Proclamation.

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

ORDINANCES – 1st Reading:

ORDINANCE 22-03: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING A COMPREHENSIVE UPDATED VERSION OF CHAPTER 4 (PLANTS AND WEEDS) OF ARTICLE 7 (HEALTH AND SANITATION) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE FOR THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

ORDINANCES – 2ND 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.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Oakes, to approve Ordinance 22-02 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O’Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almblade and Mulcahey. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 22-21: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH ABBITT SURVEY & DEVELOPMENT, PLLC, REGARDING SURVEY STAKING AND CONSTRUCTION LAYOUT FOR SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (PHASE I/RAVINES C & F/SEWER ACCESS PROJECT).

A motion was made by Alderman Almlade, seconded by Alderman Mulcahey, to approve Resolution 22-21 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almlade and Mulcahey. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 22-22: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF FACILITIES (POOL) JOINT USE AGREEMENT.

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

Doug Maxeiner – City Administrator – Mr. Maxeiner informed the City Council he will be out of town Friday, March 25, 2022 through Monday, April 4, 2022.

Chief Ramsey – EMPD – Chief Ramsey informed the City Council of the following information.

- a. Some of the overtime included money received back from working the Expo Center.
- b. P25 radios was received on March 14, 2022.
- c. Records Management System and Computer Aided Dispatching system will be delayed 60 – 90 days while importing all the old information from our old system to the new system. This is taking longer than inspected to make sure information is accurately transferred over.

Tim Kammler - Director of Engineering – Mr. Kammler informed the City Council that the bid letting occurred on March 15, 2022 for the 28th Avenue Construction Project, the low bidder is a non-responsive bid the Engineering Department will be recommending the next low bidder. The City Council will be receiving the information within the next couple days.

Todd Stickler – Director of Maintenance Services – Mr. Stickler informed the City Council that Maintenance Services is getting ready to fix water main breaks, repair roads, streets, and yards. If anyone receives any complaints, Mr. Stickler requested that he be sent an email so he can add them to his current list.

Chief DeFrance – EMFD – Chief DeFrance informed the City Council the following information:

- a. Mandatory overtime for CE Training.
- b. Downtown Station Engine has a bad radiator that cannot be repaired. Spartan Motors who built the truck has a 20-week lead time for a radiator. The garage was able to find a shop to custom build the exact same as Spartan Motors specs can build the radiator in two weeks.

RECESS SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, 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: O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almblade and Mulcahey. Motion carried. **6:57 p.m.**

RECONVENE SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Oakes, to reconvene to the City Council Meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almblade and Mulcahey. Motion carried. **7:42 p.m.**

ROLL CALL:

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

Others in Attendance: Mayor Reggie Freeman, City Attorney Roger L. Strandlund, and City Clerk Wanda Roberts-Bontz.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)1 For the purpose of discussing appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees.

A motion was made by Alderman Mulcahey, seconded by Alderman Oakes, to go into Executive Session – 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 1. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almblade and Mulcahey. Motion carried. **7:19 p.m.**

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman Oakes, seconded by Alderman Almblade, 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. **7:55 p.m.**

ROLL CALL:

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

ACTION UPON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION UPON RETURNING TO OPEN SESSION.

A motion was made by Alderman Mulcahey, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, to approve increasing Mr. Maxeiner salary 1% in 2021 and 2.5% in 2022 retroactive back. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almblade and Mulcahey. Motion carried.

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: O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almblade and Mulcahey. Motion carried. **8:00 p.m.**

Minutes taken and submitted by,

Wanda Roberts-Bontz, City Clerk