

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE,
COUNTY OF ROCK ISLAND, STATE OF ILLINOIS
MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023, 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 Alderpersons were present: Kenneth Porter, Gary Almlade, Nancy Mulcahey, Jayne O'Brien, Rhea Oakes, and Jose Rico. Absent: Maria Tapia

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Roberts 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 20, 2023.
- b. Approval of the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes of March 20, 2023.
- c. Approval of Salaries of March 31, 2023 in the amount of \$466,455.83.
- d. Approval of the Overtime of March 31, 2023 in the amount of \$20,411.08.
- e. Approval of Bills for March 31, 2023 in the amount of \$472,332.16.

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

REPORT BY MAYOR

Recognition of Service

Mayor Freeman presented Appreciation Awards to the following Alderpersons. To Alderpersons Porter and Almlade who were present. Alderperson O'Brien attended by Zoom and Alderperson Tapia absent will have the appreciation plaques sent. Appreciation Awards are being presented to acknowledge for your outstanding service to East Moline Council, Staff, and residents. We appreciate your dedication.

Alderperson Almlade with over 12 years of service commented, "I endeared the professionalism." Alderperson Almlade stated after putting people on the edge a few times, but you still came through with your service. Your response times have been very well accepted and there are no complaints. Alderperson Almlade feels that the City is heading in the right direction. I hope you keep doing what you are doing and keep pushing forward. Alderperson Almlade stated he really enjoyed the last 12 years; I met a lot of nice people; it was very enjoyable.

Alderson Porter was appointed to complete term for Alderson Toppert. Alderson Porter stated the last 7 or 8 months were an awesome experience. Everyone has been great to work with. Alderson Porter stated you have not seen the last of me.

Alderson O'Brien stated a few words at the last meeting. Alderson O'Brien said I would like to thank everyone for your patience, and I know some of you have answered my questions numerous times. I appreciate all the times explaining things to me. I was new to this game. Alderson O'Brien could not be prouder of East Moline, and you will always have a fan here. I will be returning in a couple of weeks and hope to come to visit you. I know you are on the right track; you have a great team. Thank you for everything. I could not be more grateful and appreciative of this experience.

Mayor Freeman stated again I would like to thank all Aldersons here for your interest in your Wards. The City would not be where we are today!

Proclamation

Mayor Freeman proclaimed the month of May as "Motorcycle Awareness Month," no one was present to accept the Proclamation.

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

ORDINANCES – 1st Reading (None)

ORDINANCES – 2ND Reading

ORDINANCE 23-08: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, VILLAGE OF CARBON CLIFF AND CITY OF SILVIS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, INSPECTION, AND MAINTENANCE FOR WATER INTERCONNECTION AND SALE OF WATER

A motion was made by Alderson Rico, seconded by Alderson O'Brien, to approve Ordinance 23-08 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O'Brien, Oakes, Rico, Porter, Almblade and Mulcahey. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTIONS 23-25: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH SHIVE-HATTERY ENGINEERING REGARDING SURVEY STAKING AND CONSTRUCTION LAYOUT FOR 24TH & 25TH STREET ALLEY UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS

A motion was made by Alderperson Porter, seconded by Alderperson Almblade, to approve Resolution 23-25 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O'Brien, Oakes, Rico, Porter, Almblade and Mulcahey. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS 23-26: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH KLINGNER & ASSOCIATES FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING ASSISTANCE – ASSISTING CITY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT WITH ON-GOING FY2023 BUDGETED CIP PROJECTS

A motion was made by Alderperson Oakes, seconded by Alderperson Porter, to approve Resolution 23-26 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O'Brien, Oakes, Rico, Porter, Almblade and Mulcahey. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS 23-27: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF “BS&A” FINANCIAL SOFTWARE PACKAGE ALONG WITH THE “iWorQ” CODE ENFORCEMENT/INSPECTION SOFTWARE

A motion was made by Alderperson Almblade, seconded by Alderperson O'Brien, to approve Resolution 23-27 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O'Brien, Oakes, Rico, Porter, Almblade and Mulcahey. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS 23-28: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH BI-STATE MASONRY REGARDING THE UV WALKWAY PROJECT

A motion was made by Alderperson Almblade, seconded by Alderperson Porter, to waive the bidding process. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O'Brien, Oakes, Rico, Porter, Almblade and Mulcahey. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Porter, seconded by Alderperson Mulcahey, to approve Resolution 23-28 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O'Brien, Oakes, Rico, Porter, Almblade and Mulcahey. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (Alderperson O'Brien)

Alderperson O'Brien 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 stated that The Quarter received a Draft Development Agreement for the 3rd Phase residential project. Which will be brought back to the City

Council to approve. The Quarter will also be doing a 4th phase. The Visitor's Center closing is scheduled for Friday, April 21, 2023.

Mr. Maxeiner thanked the following Alderpersons:

- a. Alderperson Porter for stepping in, you did an admirable job.
- b. Alderperson Almlade we did not always see eye to eye. I appreciate your work, your oversight, and your ability to scrutinize what we are doing financially, we appreciate your efforts.
- c. Alderperson O'Brien thank you for everything you have done. Your commitment to the Downtown Economic Development has been huge for us, we appreciate all your efforts.

Annaka Whiting, Finance Director – Ms. Whiting informed the City Council that the Auditors were on site the first week of April. Ms. Whiting received an email stating that the Auditors did not need to come back, they got everything done when they were here. Expecting the report to be done by the end of May or early June 2023. There will be a presentation before that report is submitted for approval. Ms. Whiting stated the City started implementation of the Fleet Management Software last week; we will be meeting every Thursday until fully implemented.

Chief Ramsey, EMPD – Chief Ramsey informed the City Council that the UTHS Student Council will be having the Panther Pant 3 Mile Run & 1 Mile Walk/Race this Sunday, April 23, 2023 starting at 8:00 a.m. On April 27, 2023 Officer Ben Teague will be graduating from the Police Training Institute in Champaign, IL. The two newest officers who passed the FTO program are on solo patrol, and they are still on probation. Still working toward filling two spots in May 2023 at the Police Academy.

Tim Kammler, Engineering Director – Mr. Kammler informed the City Council that IDOT is retaining a consultant to do some traffic counts on Avenue of the Cities, starting today. This is a routine thing that they do, especially at major intersections. Today, I received an update from the National Weather Service in Davenport, IA predicting a flood of 15 feet. The City closes the Sugar Creek Pump Station at 8 ½ feet.

Todd Stickler, Public Works – Mr. Stickler informed the City Council that the flood gates at The Bend will be closed tomorrow, April 18, 2023. The Sugar Creek Pump is pumping now. Next week we will put the big gate down at The Bend.

Chief DeFrance, EMFD – Chief DeFrance stated that EMFD participated in the Firefighter funeral at Rock Island Arsenal. On Friday, April 14, 2023, I attended the graduation of the latest firefighter at the University of Illinois Fire Academy. He will be there a few more weeks completing more courses. One of my Firefighters that has been off duty since fall will be starting back Friday, April 21, 2023.

Chief DeFrance thanked Alderperson Oakes, for her part of the Disaster Assistance Team. They typically respond to house fires for us. The City of East Moline has had a lot more fires than we should be having. The last time we seen Alderperson Oakes was at 4:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 15, 2023 a major assistance for having those volunteers show up since she lives in East Moline, she showed up very quickly. It has been a great service. We encourage anyone else that has time to look into signing up. If you have an interest in getting up in the middle of the night and coming to fires, see Alderperson Oakes or myself to get information on training with the Red Cross.

Parker Prochaska, WWTP – Mr. Prochaska informed the City Council they are getting ready for the flood, putting in pumps. Making sure we do not flood the water plant.

Alderson Mulcahey thanked Mayor Freeman for the letter about the Moline Transfer Station, and how the staff is keeping on top of that. Alderson Mulcahey asked if there was anything new?

Mayor Freeman informed Alderson Mulcahey that RICMA is having their meeting tomorrow April 18, 2023. That letter will be presented to them in the morning. The Attorney's representing RICMA will be there and give advice to them on how to proceed to answering to Moline's request.

Mr. Maxeiner stated that there should be a special meeting called for the following week for the actual vote on compliance with the plan will take place. That vote will either say the application will comply with the plan or will not comply with the plan. Then the plan will go back to the City of Moline they will have the final decision if to approve or not.

A motion was made by Alderson Oakes, seconded by Alderson Porter, to adjourn the City Council meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O'Brien, Oakes, Rico, Porter, Almblade and Mulcahey. Motion carried. **6:59 p.m.**

Minutes taken and submitted by,

Wanda Roberts-Bontz, City Clerk