

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Bobbi Schilly addressed the City Council requesting that the City of East Moline have a party for Mr. John Perez.

**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 April 4, 2022.
- b. Approval of the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes of April 4, 2022.
- c. Approval of Salaries of April 15, 2022, in the amount of \$427,933.47.
- d. Approval of Overtime of April 15, 2022, in the amount of \$19,567.70.
- e. Approval of Bills in the amount of \$1,154,671.42.

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

**REPORT BY MAYOR**

Mayor Freeman had no items for discussion.

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

**ORDINANCES – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading (None)**

**ORDINANCES – 2<sup>ND</sup> Reading**

**ORDINANCE 22-04:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 3 (PARKING RULES) OF ARTICLE 9 (TRAFFIC) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE FOR THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

A motion was made by Alderperson Oakes, seconded by Alderperson Almblade, to approve Ordinance 22-04 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almblade, Mulcahey and Oakes. Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION 22-25:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE HIRING OF A REPLACEMENT POLICE OFFICER.

A motion was made by Alderperson Oakes, seconded by Alderperson Toppert, to approve Resolution 22-25 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almblade, Mulcahey and Oakes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 22-26:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE HIRING OF TWO REPLACEMENT FIREFIGHTERS.

A motion was made by Alderperson Toppert, seconded by Alderperson Oakes, to approve Resolution 22-26 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almblade, Mulcahey and Oakes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 22-27:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH FIVE CITIES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY REGARDING KENNEDY DRIVE/2<sup>ND</sup> STREET COURT/34<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE WATERMAIN AND RELATED CONSTRUCTION.

A motion was made by Alderperson Mulcahey, seconded by Alderperson Almblade, to approve Resolution 22-27 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Tapia, Rico, Almblade, Mulcahey and Oakes. Opposed: Toppert. Motion carried. **5 - 1**

**RESOLUTION 22-28:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR THE 24<sup>TH</sup> STREET, 25<sup>TH</sup> STREET/ALLEY AND UTILITY REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

A motion was made by Alderperson Oakes, seconded by Alderperson Almblade, to approve Resolution 22-28 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almblade, Mulcahey and Oakes. Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (Alderman Almblade)**

Alderperson 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:*

**Annaka Whiting – Director of Finance** – Ms. Whiting informed the City Council that there will be a revised budget only to provide the new fund structure.

**Chief Ramsey, EMPD** – Chief Ramsey informed the City Council of the following information:

- a. Sargent William Lind was selected as East Moline Officer of the Year by the Breakfast Optimist Club, other nominees were Sargent Kyle Schultz and Officer Riley Reeves.
- b. Graduation of new Police Officers Aaron Brosnan and Brady Grafton from the Police Academy.

**Tim Kammler – Director of Engineering** – Mr. Kammler informed the City Council that the City of East Moline is still retaining approximately \$50,000.00 from Valley Construction for the 1<sup>st</sup> Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Court Project.

**Todd Strickler – Director of Maintenance Services** – Mr. Strickler informed the City Council that Arnold Gordman will be retiring after 40 years of service on April 29, 2022.

**Parker Prochaska – Director of WWFPP** – Mr. Prochaska informed the City Council that a Gas compressor has gone down and he is currently in the process of getting bids.

**Chief DeFrance – Chief EMFD** – Chief DeFrance informed the City Council regarding the Sound the Alarm Event which they are looking for volunteers to install Fire Alarms. The Quad Cities event will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. More information available at [SoundTheAlarm.org](http://SoundTheAlarm.org).

**RECESS SESSION:**

A motion was made by Alderperson Almlade, seconded by Alderperson Toppert, to recess the City Council meeting to go into the Closed Session. Upon roll call the voted in favor: Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almlade, Mulcahey and Oakes. Motion carried. **6:51 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**CLOSED SESSION:**

A motion was made by Alderperson Almlade, seconded by Alderperson Oakes, to go into Closed Session 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 2 to Discussion Collective Bargaining. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almlade, Mulcahey and Oakes. Motion carried. **6:52 p.m.**

**RECONVENE OPEN SESSION:**

A motion was made by Alderperson Almlade, seconded by Alderperson Oakes, to return to open session. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almlade, Mulcahey and Oakes. Motion carried. **7:18 p.m.**

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**Minutes taken and submitted by,**

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**Wanda Roberts-Bontz, City Clerk**