

**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 19, 2021 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 Arletta D. Holmes, to call the roll. The following Aldermen were present: Larry Toppert, Gary Almblade, Frederic Kotoku, Maria Tapia, and Jose Rico. Absent: Jayne O'Brien

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Holmes had no items for discussion.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

City Clerk Arletta D. Holmes read the Consent Agenda that included the following:

- a. Approval of the City Council Minutes of April 5, 2021. - **PULLED**
- b. Approval of the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes of April 5, 2021. - **PULLED**
- c. Approval of Salaries of April 16, 2021 in the amount of \$403,336.46.
- d. Approval of Bills in the amount of \$488,857.38.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Toppert, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Rico, Almblade, Mulcahey, Kotoku, and Tapia. Abstention: Toppert. Motion carried. **5 – Abstention 1**

REPORT BY MAYOR

Mayor Freeman has no items for discussion.

ATTORNEY LINCOLN SCOTT, CITY ATTORNEY PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES – 2nd Reading

ORDINANCE 21-02: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE APPROVING THE 2021 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Toppert, to approve **Ordinance 21-02**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Rico, Toppert, Almblade, Mulcahey, Kotoku and Tapia. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 21-03: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE AMENDING TITLE 9 “TRAFFIC”, CHAPTER 1 “DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS”, SECTION 9-1-1 “DEFINITIONS” AND TITLE 9 “TRAFFIC”, CHAPTER 2 “RULES FOR DRIVING”, SECTION 9-2-46 “ENGINE BRAKING PROHIBITED” OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

A motion was made by Alderman Toppert, seconded by Alderman Rico, to approve **Ordinance 21-03**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Rico, Toppert, Almblade, Mulcahey, Kotoku and Tapia. Motion carried.

Alderman Jayne O’Brien arrived at 6:41 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 21-26: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE LIGHT POLE BANNERS FOR THE DOWNTOWN EAST MOLINE MAIN STREET.

DISCUSSION:

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the flags coordinating with the City.

A motion was made by Alderman Mulcahey, seconded by Alderman O’Brien, to table **Resolution 21-26**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Toppert, Almblade, Mulcahey, O’Brien, Kotoku and Tapia. Abstention: Rico. Motion carried **6 – Abstention 1**

RESOLUTION 21-27: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH IMEG FOR THE GRAND ILLINOIS TRAIL SEGMENT 1.

A motion was made by Alderman O’Brien, seconded by Alderman Mulcahey, to approve **Resolution 21-27**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Rico, Toppert, Almblade, Mulcahey, O’Brien, Kotoku and Tapia. Motion carried.

Other:

A motion was made by Alderman Rico, seconded by Alderman Toppert, to have a Resolution regarding displaying of flags at the City Hall be placed on the Committee-of-the-Whole next meeting Monday, May 3, 2021. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Rico, Toppert, Almblade, Mulcahey, O’Brien, Kotoku and Tapia. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (Alderman O’Brien)

Alderman O’Brien requested more information regarding homes needing to be put on a demolition list. When will the Alderman be receiving this prioritized list? City Administrator Maxeiner informed Alderman O’Brien that the City has a list of the properties that the City owns. The list that covers the CBG Money must be privately owned. The City has started getting the list together regarding the privately-owned properties that would qualify for the CBG Money. City Administrator Maxeiner stated the list will be coming very shortly.

Alderman 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:

Chief DeFrance, EMFD – Alderman Toppert asked Chief DeFrance regarding the Bend (Expo) fire equipment that was approved. Alderman Toppert asked if his department is required to go through a licensing process to be able to approve the equipment. Chief DeFrance informed Alderman Toppert that there is a subscribed test that is required. Chief DeFrance stated that they monitored that the system worked and notified the Fire Department.

Mr. Maxeiner, City Administrator – Mr. Maxeiner informed the City Council that the northern lane between 10th Street and Archer Drive will be closed for approximately 7 - 10 days regarding a sewer repair. Mr. Maxeiner informed the City Council that anyone 16 years old and older can receive the Vaccinations. Go to richd.org to register for your vaccination. Mr. Maxeiner stated that the City has been getting a lot of inquires about how the City of East Moline will be spending the Illinois Rescue plan money. The City of East Moline will not be receiving the money for approximately one year. The City of East Moline will be only receiving \$2.55 Billion from the State of Illinois.

Chief Ramsey, Police Department – Alderman Toppert thanked Chief Ramsey on the criminality report. Alderman O'Brien thanked Chief Ramsey for taking care of the issues presented at the last City Council meeting.

RECESS SESSION: TO GO INTO COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE

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: Rico, Toppert, Almlade, Mulcahey, O'Brien, Kotoku and Tapia. Motion carried. **6:59 p.m.**

RECONVENE SESSION: TO GO BACK INTO THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

CLOSED SESSION: 5 ILCS 2 (c) 11

A motion was made by Alderman Almlade, seconded by Alderman Toppert, to go into Closed Session for: **5 ILCS 2 (c) to discuss the following: Litigation.**

Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Rico, Toppert, Almlade, Mulcahey, O'Brien, Kotoku and Tapia. Motion carried. **7:43 p.m.**

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman Almlade, seconded by Alderman Toppert, to return to open session. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Rico, Toppert, Almlade, Mulcahey, O'Brien, Kotoku and Tapia. Motion carried. **7:51 p.m.**

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

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Toppert, to adjourn the City Council meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Rico, Toppert, Almblade, Mulcahey, O'Brien, Kotoku and Tapia. Motion carried. **7:52 p.m.**

Minutes taken and submitted by,

Arletta D. Holmes, City Clerk