

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE,  
COUNTY OF ROCK ISLAND, STATE OF ILLINOIS  
MONDAY, MAY 15, 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: Olivia Dorothy, Jeffrey Deppe, Nancy Mulcahey, Adam Guthrie, Rhea Oakes, and Jose Rico.

**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 May 1, 2023.
- b. Approval of the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes of May 1, 2023.
- c. Approval of Salaries of May 12, 2023 in the amount of \$458,564.88.
- d. ~~Approval of the Overtime of May 12, 2023 in the amount of \$34,704.08.~~
- e. Approval of Bills for May 12, 2023 in the amount of \$762,455.28.

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

**REPORT BY MAYOR**

**PROCLAMATION:**

Mayor Freeman read a proclamation, proclaiming May 2023 as Mental Health Month. To encourage all citizens to promote on-going education, and the importance of prioritizing mental health. By reaching out to get connected to services if a mental health concern arises. Ms. Nicole Carkner, Executive Director of the Quad City Health Initiative and representing the Quad Cities Behavioral Health Coalition thanked the Mayor and the City for their support of this important message. There are wonderful resources in the community and part of the Behavioral Health Coalition mission is to help promote and share those resources. By encouraging people to make it ok to talk about mental health and to reach out for help if they need it by contacting crisis lines 988. We will be sharing information on Facebook throughout May. Ms. Carkner thanked the Mayor we really appreciate your support, and it was a pleasure to join you tonight.

Mayor Freeman thanked Ms. Carkner for coming and disseminating the resources.

***Mayoral Appointments***

Mayor Freeman appointed following Alderpersons Committee assignments.

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| 1. Mayor Pro Tem                              | Nancy Mulcahey   |
| 2. Parks and Recreation Board                 | Primary – Jeff Deppe<br>Alternate – 6 <sup>th</sup> Ward Alderperson (TBD) |
| 3. Rock Island County Waste Management Agency | Primary – Rhea Oakes<br>Alternate – Olivia Dorothy                         |
| 4. Swimming Pool Board                        | Olivia Dorothy<br>John Showalter   |
| 5. Grievance Committee                        | Nancy Mulcahey<br>Adam Guthrie<br>6 <sup>th</sup> Ward Alderperson (TBD)   |
| 6. Personnel Commission                       | Nancy Mulcahey<br>J. R. Rico<br>Doug Maxeiner                              |

A motion was made by Alderperson Rico, seconded by Alderperson Dorothy, to approve Mayoral Appointments and Assignments as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Deppe, Mulcahey, Guthrie, Oakes, Rico, and Dorothy. Motion carried.

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

**ORDINANCES – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

**23-09** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT TO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE SYSTEM - **Consideration Requested**

A motion was made by Alderperson Dorothy, seconded by Alderperson Mulcahey, to approve Waive Reading of Ordinance 23-09 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Deppe, Mulcahey, Guthrie, Oakes, Rico, and Dorothy. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Mulcahey, seconded by Alderperson Deppe, to approve Ordinance 23-09 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Deppe, Mulcahey, Guthrie, Oakes, Rico, and Dorothy. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCES – 2<sup>ND</sup> Reading (None)**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**23-31 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, TO DECLARE CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY TO BE SURPLUS TO THE CITY'S NEEDS AND DIRECTING DISPOSAL OF SAME**

A motion was made by Alderperson Mulcahey, seconded by Alderperson Guthrie, to approve Resolution 23-31 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Deppe, Mulcahey, Guthrie, Oakes, Rico, and Dorothy. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (Alderperson Deppe)**

Alderperson Deppe 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:*

**Mr. Maxeiner, City Administrator** – Mr. Maxeiner apologizes that there were a number of agenda issues last Friday, May 12, 2023 that went out from the Committee of the Whole. There were attachments from the prior meeting that were inserted in there somewhere on the resurfacing part which made the IDOT Raise Grant stuff a lot more convoluted than what it should be. Mr. Maxeiner apologized for that. Mr. Maxeiner stated that there were some email issues. Hopefully all three of the new Alderpersons your emails should be straightened out now, if not please let me know.

**Annaka Whiting, Finance Director** – Ms. Whiting was talking to the Auditors today, with May having five Mondays it messes up the schedule with presenting the Audit before submitting it on June 30, 2023. We are not violating any State Statutes by submitting it prior to presenting it to City Council. Ms. Whiting wanted the City Council to know the plan right now is to submit the Audit by the June 30, 2023 deadline. Since there is not a meeting until July 17, 2023, the Audit will be presented at that meeting.

**Chief Ramsey, EMPD** – Chief Ramsey informed the City Council that this Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. is the Fishing Derby at lower Butterworth Park. Richard Morton Memorial will be held on May 25, 2023 with a grave site service. Next year will be the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Richard Morton Memorial which we are planning an event at the Morton Fire Station.

**Tim Kammler, Engineering Director** – Mr. Kammler informed the City Council that he received notification from IDOT and FHWA on Friday, May 12, 2023. They have approved the Engineering Agreement for the Raise Grant Consultant and have given the City approval to proceed. What that means is their services will be eligible for Federal reimbursement up to 80%. That is what we have been waiting for.

**Brianna Huber, Water Filtration Director** – Ms. Huber the City Council of an update on the tower painting project. You might have noticed they look a little bit different. We decided to East Moline blue on the bottom half of the bowl and columns and pipes coming down. The decision was made because as over time rain and snow come down the bowl the underside could get mildewed and that is visible. The darker color should hide mildew.

A motion was made by Alderperson Oakes, seconded by Alderperson Guthrie, to adjourn the City Council meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Deppe, Mulcahey, Guthrie, Oakes, Rico, and Dorothy. Motion carried. **6:48 p.m.**

**Minutes taken and submitted by,**

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**Wanda Roberts-Bontz, City Clerk**