

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR  
AND THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF  
THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS  
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023**

**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. Absent: **6:49 p.m.**

**ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA**

None.

**DCEO GRANT (\$1.5 MILLION) (Annaka Whiting, Finance Director)**

In January the City was notified of a grant opportunity from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO). \$30,250,000 has been appropriated from the State's General Fund for grants for specific communities for the purpose of community policing, violence/crime prevention and administration, with \$1.5M specifically allocated for the City of East Moline. As staff began to meet to determine eligible use of the grant funds, we quickly learned that it will be very difficult to procure the requested items in the full grant amount within the required time frame. All grant funds have to be expended by June 30th. This grant is considered to be on a reimbursement basis with no guarantee that once the items are purchased by the City, it will qualify for reimbursement by DCEO. Due to the time constraints (June 30th deadline) and uncertainty of reimbursement, we propose applying for the full \$1.5M for administrative costs. This request meets the qualifications of the grant, and also allows the City to still capitalize on the funding by submitting a budget amendment to reallocate \$1.5M from salaries to equipment or other appropriate line items to purchase the items otherwise requested but for the time constraint. Chief Ramsey has provided a detailed list of the projects and/or equipment purchases that are necessary to perform the daily functions of the Police Department, promote public safety, enhance the safety of our officers, and provide additional support to our community.

**FINANCIAL:**

**This is not a budgeted item.**

**Line Item#** 150-312-9130.00, 010-4260-24-743.0      **Title:** Motor Pool Transfers: Capital Purchases

**Amount Budgeted:**

**Actual Cost:**

**Under/(Over):** Neutral – Grant Revenue to offset expenditures.

**Funding Sources:** DCEO Grant

**Departments:** East Moline Police Department  
Motor Pool

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Approval to submit the grant application to DCEO per our grant policy and forward to



- up to a year to obtain approval.
- City gives Notice to Proceed to consultant; engineering services begin.
- City, IDOT, FHWA prepare final RAISE Grant Agreement

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

**ADDITION OF A FULL TIME COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER (CSO) (Mr. John Showalter, Human Resources/Mr. Doug Maxeiner, City Administrator)**

The Community Service Officer (CSO) in the Police Department will be taking considerable time off over the next several months for medical leave. Staff would like to supplement this position with another full time CSO to address code compliance issues (trash, abandoned vehicles, illegal dumping, weeds, graffiti, etc.). There is more than enough work to keep both positions busy once this medical leave is over. Code compliance has been a strategic goal for the City Council over the past several years and staff concurs that it is critical to maintain or increase enforcement activity in this area.

The cost to add a full time CSO for the remainder of 2023 will be approximately \$42,000 in wages and benefits (half year) and \$86,500 for 2024. Savings from unfilled positions elsewhere in the General Fund budget can be reallocated to address the expense. In addition, an unanticipated grant will provide flexibility for crime prevention activities which will be addressed elsewhere on this COW agenda. Revenues are projected to accommodate the full year request in 2024.

Staff recommends approval of the request.

**FINANCIAL:**

**This is not a budgeted item.**

**Line Item#** 010-4260-20-110.1 **Title:** Salaries - Police

**Amount Budgeted:** \$4,869,290.00 (Total Dept)

**Actual Cost:** \$4,911,290.00 (Total Dept)

**Under/(Over):** \$42,000.00 adjustment for 2023 (\$86,500.00 in 2024)

**Funding Sources:** General Revenues MUNICES Fines

**Departments:** Police Department

**This is not a CIP.**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the addition of one full time Community Service Officer (CSO).

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

**ADDITION OF SUBSCRIPTION BASED YARD WASTE CARTS TO THE MATERIALS MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH REPUBLIC (Mr. Doug Maxeiner, City Administrator)**

Mayor Freeman asked Republic Services for a cost to add an option for subscription-based yard waste

carts to our Municipal Materials Management Agreement (service agreement) which expires December 31, 2024. Currently, residents wishing to utilize Republic Services need to bag (or bundle) yard waste materials and attach a yard waste sticker (or tag) purchased for that purpose.

Republic has provided a yard waste cart subscription rate of \$8.33 per residential unit per month (billed over the 12-month period) for 2023. This rate would increase 4.0% to \$8.66 for the last year of the current contract expiring in 2024. Participation in this subscription service would be voluntary and yard waste bag stickers would still be available for those wishing to continue to use yard waste bags and avoid the monthly recurring fee.

Republic has also offered a six-year contract extension (prepared a few weeks ago) locking in rate adjustments at 4% per year. Per Republic, this annual increase is considerably less than what would be quoted today and less than what is expected for a renewal in 2024 due to rising labor costs in collective bargaining agreements. While staff is not recommending the extension at this time the City Council should be aware of the option.

**FINANCIAL:**

**This is not a budgeted item.**

**Line Item#** 050-4000-20

**Title:** Refuse

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the addition of subscription based recycling carts to the service agreement with Republic Services for the monthly cost of \$8.33 per participating residential unit (\$99.96 annually) in 2023 with a 4% adjustment to \$8.66 per month per participating residential unit in 2024.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

The fee for yard waste carts will be billed in aggregate by Republic to the City of East Moline. The City of East Moline will in turn bill the residential units choosing to participate in the service as part of their regular refuse collection bill. As such, the financial impact on the City of East Moline should be neutral.

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

**ADJOURMENT:**

A motion was made by Alderperson Oakes, seconded by Alderperson Guthrie to adjourn the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Deppe, Mulcahey, Guthrie, Oakes, Rico, and Dorothy. Motion carried. **7:42 p.m.**

**Minutes taken and submitted,**

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**Wanda Roberts-Bontz, City Clerk**