

**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 17, 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 Wanda Roberts-Bontz, to call the roll. The following Aldermen were present: Larry Toppert, Gary Almblade, Nancy Mulcahey, Rhea Oakes, Jayne O'Brien, Maria Tapia, and Jose Rico.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk 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 May 3, 2021.
- b. Approval of the City Council Minutes of April 19, 2021.
- c. Approval of the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes of May 3, 2021.
- d. Approval of Salaries of May 14, 2021 in the amount of \$394,677.21.
- e. Approval of Bills in the amount of \$1,215,335.39.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Mulcahey, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almblade, Mulcahey, O'Brien, Tapia and Rico. Abstention: Toppert and Oakes. Motion carried **5 – Abstention 2**

REPORT BY MAYOR

Mayor Freeman read and presented to Mr. Dustin Dorsey a Proclamation proclaiming May 17, 2021 as World Neurofibromatosis (NF) Awareness Day and May 2021 as "World Neurofibromatosis (NF) Awareness Month".

Mayoral Appointments – Legal Services

A motion was made by Alderman Mulcahey, seconded by Alderman Almblade, to consider each contract separately. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almblade, Mulcahey, O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried.

Mayor Freeman requested a motion to continue with Attorney Lincoln Scott as General Corporate Attorney?

Motion Died for a Lack of a First or a Second Motion.

A motion was made by Alderman Mulcahey, seconded by Alderman Almlade to not accept Attorney Lincoln Scott appointment. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almlade, Mulcahey, O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia and Rico. Opposed: Toppert. Motion carried 6 - 1

Mayor Freeman stated that Attorney Lincoln Scott would continue until he comes back with another appointment or the City Council changes their minds.

A motion was made by Alderman Almlade, seconded by Alderman Mulcahey to accept Kathy Orr & Associates (Kathy Orr) appointment as TIF/Development Attorney. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almlade, Mulcahey, O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Almlade, seconded by Alderman O'Brien to accept Otteson, DiNolfo, Hasenbalg & Castald, Ltd (John Kelly) appointment as Collective Bargaining/Employment Attorney. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almlade, Mulcahey, O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Toppert, seconded by Alderman Almlade to accept McCarthy, Callas & Feeney (John Remus) appointment as Traffic/Ordinance Violations Attorney. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almlade, Mulcahey, O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried.

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

ORDINANCES – 1ST Reading

ORDINANCE 21-05: AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 88-22 RELATED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENTERPRISE ZONE IN THE COUNTY OF ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS, PURSUANT TO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITIES OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, MOLINE, ILLINOIS, ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS, SILVIS, ILLINOIS, THE VILLAGE OF MILAN, ILLINOIS THE COUNTY OF ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS, BY REVISING SECTION 1, EXHIBITS “A” AND “B” TO INCLUDE NEW TERRITORY WITHIN THE QUAD CITIES ENTERPRISE ZONE.

RESOLUTION 21-30: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE 2021 STREET MAINTENANCE PROGRAM.

A motion was made by Alderman Almlade, seconded by Alderman Toppert, to approve **Resolution 21-30** as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almlade, Mulcahey, O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 21-31: RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE.

A motion was made by Alderman Almlade, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, to approve **Resolution 21-31** as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almlade, Mulcahey, O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried.

RECESS SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman Almlade, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, to recess the City Council meeting to go into the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almlade, Mulcahey, O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried. **6:50 p.m.**

RECONVENE SESSION:

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: Almlade, Mulcahey, O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried. **7:23 p.m.**

COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (Alderman Toppert)

Alderman 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:

Todd Stickler, Director of Maintenance Services – Mr. Stickler informed the City Council that Gary Martin will be retiring as of May 21, 2021 with 30 years of service.

Mr. Maxeiner, City Administrator – Mr. Maxeiner informed the City Council that Governor Pritzker made a revision to his executive order today, following CDC guidelines removing the masks for fully vaccinated people in most settings. The City of East Moline will not be policing if people are vaccinated or not, this is an honor system. If you have not been vaccinated and you are in a City Facility you must wear your mask. Masks are still required on public transportation in facilities and health care settings. We are entering into the Bridge Phase, Governor Pritzker would give some relief to capacity requirements, both indoors and outdoors. During this time of the Bridge Phase remote attendance to meetings is still allowed. When we move to Phase 5 remote attendance will revert back to our attendance policy. We could move into Phase 5 as early as June 11, 2021.

Todd Stickler and Amy Petersen in Maintenance Services have been working with a group called the Lug Nuts Bicycle Club. One of their members passed away in December 2020. The Lug Nuts Group approached the City requesting if they could put a memorial bench along the bike path at Empire Park. Mike Waskowiak approached Todd and Amy and had nothing but positive things to say about them. This is the exact interaction we would want with the public and I commend Todd and Amy for a job well done.

Mayor Freeman informed the City Council that the East Moline Rotary Club is planning on putting two benches in Empire Park.

Chief Ramsey, EMPD – Chief Ramsey informed the City Council that on Saturday, May 22, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. East Moline Police Department is hosting the Fishing Derby for the kids at Butterworth Park in East Moline. Alderman Almlade asked when will the fish be stocked for the Fishing Derby. Chief Ramsey stated the Friday, May 21, 2021. Chief Ramsey noted there will be over 200 tackle box and other items as give away gifts.

This week the City will be hosting an Intern from Western Illinois University, the Intern will be with us until the end of July 2021.

Tim Kammler, Director of Engineering – Mr. Kammler informed the City Council that the Planning Commission has scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the East Moline City Council Chambers, regarding action to be taken on a preliminary plat and final plat for the Chicago Regional Carpenter’s Council (CRCC) First Addition Development.

CLOSED SESSION: 5 ILCS 2 (c) 11

A motion was made by Alderman O’Brien, seconded by Alderman Oakes, to go into Closed Session for: **5 ILCS 2 (c) to discuss the following: Litigation.** Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almlade, Mulcahey, O’Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried. **7:29 p.m.**

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman Almlade, seconded by Alderman Oakes, to return to open session. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almlade, Mulcahey, O’Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried. **7:40 p.m.**

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

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Alderman Almlade, seconded by Alderman Oakes, to adjourn the City Council meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almlade, Mulcahey, O’Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried. **7:41 p.m.**

Minutes taken and submitted by,

Wanda Roberts, City Clerk