

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE,  
COUNTY OF ROCK ISLAND, STATE OF ILLINOIS  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 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 Almlade, Rhea Oakes, Jayne O'Brien, Maria Tapia, and Jose Rico. **Absent:** Nancy Mulcahey

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**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 May 17, 2021 - **PULLED**
- b. Approval of the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes of May 17, 2021.
- c. Approval of Salaries of May 28, 2021 in the amount of \$395,288.07.
- d. Approval of Bills in the amount of \$448,809.03.

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

**REPORT BY MAYOR**

Mayor Freeman had no items for discussion.

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

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

**ORDINANCE 21-06:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF MOLINE FOR SEWER SERVICE.

**ORDINANCES – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

A motion was made by Alderman O’Brien, seconded by Alderman Almblade, to approve **Ordinance 21-05** as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O’Brien, Oakes, Tapia and Almblade. Abstained Rico and Toppert. Motion carried. **4 – Abstained 2**

**RESOLUTION 21-32:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE PLAN COMMISSION RESOLUTION PC-2021-01.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Oakes, to approve **Resolution 21-32** as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O’Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert and Almblade. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 21-33:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE PLAN COMMISSION RESOLUTION PC-2021-02. **RESOLUTION 21-33 PULLED.**

**RESOLUTION 21-34:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING THE SEWER EASEMENT LAND ACQUISITION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,580.00.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Oakes, to approve **Resolution 21-34** as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O’Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico and Almblade. Abstained: Toppert. Motion carried. **5 – Abstained 1.**

**RESOLUTION 21-35:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE QUOTES FROM SAMPSON FENCE, LTD, DOUGLAS SPORTS EQUIPMENT AND MANATTS, INC TO INSTALL PICKLEBALL COURTS AT MITCHELL PARK.

Resolution 21-35 requires a 2/3 majority vote from the Alderman present which would be 4 affirmative votes to waive the bidding process.

A motion was made by Alderman O’Brien, seconded by Alderman Oakes, to waive the bidding process for **Resolution 21-35**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O’Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert and Almblade. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, to approve **Resolution 21-35** as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert and Almblade. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 21-36:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A 115 TRUST WITH IPPFA FOR RETIREE LIFE INSURNACE.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, to approve **Resolution 21-36** as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert and Almblade. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 21-37:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE IPPFA DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN AS AN EMPLOYEE BENEFIT.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Toppert, to approve **Resolution 21-37** as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert and Almblade. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman O'Brien requesting a Closed Session regarding **Resolution 21-38**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert and Almblade. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman O'Brien to move the Closed Session after Committee of the Whole and City Staff Communications. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert and Almblade. Motion carried.

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

Alderman Oakes stated to the City Council that the Weed control started up in May. The procedure is that we do reports then we give them to the Contractor. We are going into June now and we have 7 or 8 weeks of mowing on residential that has not been mowed. What steps do we need to take to backtrack this to go back to April to start this, so we are head of the game? We have fields and residents that have not been mowed this year. Alderman Oakes knows this is an ongoing problem.

Mayor Freeman stated that this is being addressed by possibly adding another contractor to help the current contactor get caught up. At the current time there are over 140 properties on the list. Mayor Freeman stated that they will address this issue and get back to Alderman Oakes.

Alderman Almblade 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. Kammler, Engineering – Mr. Kammler informed the City Council that the new FEMA/FIRM Flood Mapping meetings will be this week, Tuesday, June 8, 2021 and Thursday, June 10, 2021.

Mr. Kammler asked if any Alderman would like to sit in on the meeting which will be an online forum with Officials from FEMA, and Illinois State Water Surveys to let him know.

Mr. Kammler stated that prices for construction materials have been continually sky rocking because of supply and demand. It is affecting almost every one of our projects. We can not get steel. Very difficult to get petroleum projects (Asphalt and pvc). Shortage of materials and labor. Effecting how we do planning and programming aspect.

**Chief Ramsey, EMPD** – Chief Ramsey informed the City Council that Richard Morton Memorial was held on Friday, May 28, 2021 at the Morton Drive Fire Station. Chief Ramsey stated that earlier today there was a press conference Pastor Harris from Mount Zion Baptist Church regarding renewing the Covenant signed from 2017. This involves Mayors, Law Enforcement, Superintendent of Schools to have a common understanding to bring the community together.

**RECESS SESSION:**

A motion was made by Alderman Oakes, seconded by Alderman Almblade, to recess the City Council meeting to go into the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert and Almblade. Motion carried. **7:00 p.m.**

**RECONVENE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Toppert, to return to the City Council Meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almblade, O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried. **7:37 p.m.**

**CLOSED SESSION: 5 ILCS 2 (c) 11**

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, to go into Closed Session for: **5 ILCS 2 (c) to discuss the following: Litigation.** Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert and Almblade. Motion carried. **7:38 p.m.**

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

**RECONVENE OPEN SESSION:**

A motion was made by Alderman Oakes, seconded by Alderman Almblade, to return to open session. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert and Almblade. Motion carried. **7:52 p.m.**

**RESOLUTION 21-38:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE AND THE ILLINOIS FOP LABOR COUNCIL AND EAST MOLINE FOP LODGE #96 FROM JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Oakes, to **Table Resolution 21-38** for two weeks to brought back at the June 21, 2021 City Council Meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert and Almblade. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Alderman Oakes, seconded by Alderman Almblade, to adjourn the City Council meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almblade, Mulcahey, O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried. **7:54 p.m.**

**Minutes taken and submitted by,**

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**Wanda Roberts-Bontz, City Clerk**