

**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 21, 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, Nancy Mulcahey, Rhea Oakes, Jayne O'Brien, Maria Tapia, and Jose Rico.

**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 June 7, 2021
- b. Approval of the City Council Minutes of May 17, 2021 - **PULLED**
- c. Approval of the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes of June 7, 2021.
- d. Approval of Salaries of June 11, 2021 in the amount of \$425,401.39.
- e. Approval of Bills in the amount of \$658,570.00.

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: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almlade, Mulcahey and O'Brien. Motion carried.

**REPORT BY MAYOR**

**Mayoral Appointment**

Park Board Appointment – Lynn Segura

A motion was made by Alderman Mulcahey, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, to approve the appointment of Lynn Segura to East Moline Park Board. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almlade, Mulcahey and O'Brien. Motion carried.

**Recognition of Meritorious Service – Chief DeFrance**

Chief DeFrance state that the Fire Departments Mission is to protect serve life and property.

At this time, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the following Fire Fighters for their courage and bravery.

Firefighter Evan Roberts received a Life Saving Award for action taken during a house fire on October 5, 2020, resulting in the locating and rescue of a 3-year-old child under hazardous fire conditions.

Engineer Joseph DeBlieck received a Life Saving Award for action taken during an apartment fire on May 20, 2021, resulting in the locating and rescue of an 8-year-old child under hazardous fire conditions.

Firefighter Adam Ladgenski received a Life Saving Award for action taken during an apartment fire on May 20, 2021, resulting in the locating and rescue of an 8-year-old child under hazardous fire conditions.

Firefighter Nick Young received a Life Saving Award for action taken during an apartment fire on May 20, 2021, resulting in the locating and rescue of an 8-year-old child under hazardous fire conditions.

***Proclamation***

Mayor Freeman read and presented to Alderman Rico, a Proclamation proclaiming June 2021 as “PRIDE MONTH”. Alderman Rico thanked Mayor Freeman and the City Council for the Proclamation.

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

**ORDINANCES – 2<sup>nd</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.

A motion was made by Alderman O’Brien, seconded by Alderman Toppert, to approve **Ordinance 21-06** as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almblade, Mulcahey and O’Brien. Motion carried.

**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.

A motion was made by Alderman O’Brien, seconded by Alderman Toppert, to approve **Resolution 21-26** as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almblade, Mulcahey and O’Brien. Motion carried.

**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.

**Mayor Freeman** asked Administrator Maxeiner to provide the City Council with additional background information regarding Resolution 21-38.

A motion was made by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Toppert, to approve **Resolution 21-38** as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Mulcahey and O'Brien. **Opposed:** Almblade Motion carried. **6 - 1**

**RESOLUTION 21-39:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE QUAD CITIES CHAMBER SERVICE AGREEMENT.

A motion was made by Alderman Oakes, seconded by Alderman Toppert, to approve **Resolution 21-39** as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almblade, Mulcahey and O'Brien. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 21-40:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE TO JOIN THE ILLINOIS WATER AND WASTEWATER AGENCIES RESPONSE NETWORK (ILWARN).

A motion was made by Alderman Rico, seconded by Alderman Almblade, to approve **Resolution 21-40** as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almblade, Mulcahey and O'Brien. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 21-41:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE TO JOIN THE ILLINOIS PUBLIC WORKS MUTUAL AID NETWORK (IPWMAN).

A motion was made by Alderman Rico, seconded by Alderman Tapia, to approve **Resolution 21-41** as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almblade, Mulcahey and O'Brien. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 21-42:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING THE RADIO UPGRADE AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.

A motion was made by Alderman Toppert, seconded by Alderman Almblade, to approve **Resolution 21-42** with the correction showing Water Treatment Plant. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almblade, Mulcahey and O'Brien. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 21-43:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE IDOT TRAFFIC SIGNAL IGA.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Toppert, to approve **Resolution 21-43** as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almblade, Mulcahey and O'Brien. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 21-44:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE LOW RESPONSIVE BID FROM VALLEY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$762,338.25 FOR A CONTRACT AWARD OF THE 1st STREET CT./2nd STREET CT. UTILITY AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS. AMEND TO ADD ALTERNATE \$33,000.00.

A motion was made by Alderman Mulcahey, seconded by Alderman Oakes, to approve **Resolution 21-44** as amended. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almblade, Mulcahey and O'Brien. Motion carried.

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

Alderman Almblade inquired about the stop signs at 7<sup>th</sup> Street and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue when the lights were out. Chief Ramsey replied that the lights would be out for the weekend, Chief Ramsey felt that Stop signs would serve the best option.

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:*

**Chief DeFrance, EMPD** – Chief DeFrance Thanked the East Moline Police Department for their assistance at Fire calls.

**RECESS SESSION:**

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, 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: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almblade, Mulcahey and O'Brien. Motion carried. **7:21 p.m.**

**RECONVENE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Alderman Almblade, to return to the City Council Meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almblade, Mulcahey and O'Brien. Motion carried. **8:18 p.m.**

**CLOSED SESSION: 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 11 Litigation**

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Rico, to go into Closed Session for: **5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 11 to discuss the following: Litigation.** Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almblade, Mulcahey and O'Brien. Motion carried. **8:19 p.m.**

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

**RECONVENE OPEN SESSION:**

A motion was made by Alderman O'Brien, 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: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almblade, Mulcahey and O'Brien. Motion carried. **8:50 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Oakes, to adjourn the City Council meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almblade, Mulcahey and O'Brien. Motion carried. **8:51 p.m.**

**Minutes taken and submitted by,**

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**Wanda Roberts-Bontz, City Clerk**