

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE,
COUNTY OF ROCK ISLAND, STATE OF ILLINOIS
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2022, 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: Gary Almblade, Nancy Mulcahey, Jayne O'Brien, Rhea Oakes, Maria Tapia and Jose Rico.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Pastor Larry Westbrook, 440 CB Westbrook Way, East Moline, IL – Pastor Westbrook is from the Community Outreach Worship Center in East Moline, IL informed the City Council about Grants available from the Federal Mitigation Grant 2022 (FEMA) will be starting to accept applications at the end of September 2022.

Olivia Dorothy, 2113 6th Street Court, East Moline, IL – Ms. Dorothy informed the City Council regarding the Federal Mitigation Grant 2022 (FEMA) has part of the Grant under Capacity and Capacity Building Funds part of that Grant helps resolve some of the flood related issues in Watertown. She is requesting that the City of East Moline submit a second application that looks at building codes standards.

Kim VanMotz, 1800 7th Street #1A, East Moline, IL (Summit Ridge) – Ms. VanMotz is requesting that the City Council look at using some of the money from the Greater Downtown Revitalization Project to include the bottom of the 7th Street from 17th Avenue to 15th Avenue.

Ms. Celeste Cologne - Ms. Cologne voiced her concerns regarding the address at 1354 18th Avenue, East Moline.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Roberts reminded the City Council Members that next month's meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 due to the Labor Day Holiday.

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 August 1, 2022.
- b. Approval of the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes of August 1, 2022.
- c. Approval of Salaries of August 5, 2022, in the amount of \$431,831.66.
- d. Approval of Overtime of August 5, 2022, in the amount of \$28,062.98.
- e. Approval of Bills in the amount of \$506,218.66.

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

REPORT BY MAYOR

Mayoral Appointment:

Evelyn Stokes for appointment as a member of East Moline Public Library Board of Trustees (three-year term)

A motion was made by Alderperson Porter, seconded by Alderperson O'Brien, to approve the Mayoral Appointment of Evelyn Stokes to East Moline Public Library Board of Trustees. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Porter, Almblade and Mulcahey. Motion carried.

Julie Forsythe, Senior Vice President, Business & Economic Growth and LaDrina Wilson, CEO Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce – Ms. Forsythe and Ms. Wilson provided a 25-minute presentation regarding the Quad Cities Chamber 2022 Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2022.

A motion was made by Alderperson Oakes, seconded by Alderperson Mulcahey, to approve holding the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce payment until the next City Council meeting on September 6, 2022. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Porter and Mulcahey. Opposed: Almblade Motion carried. **6-1**

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

ORDINANCES – 1st Reading (None)

ORDINANCES – 2ND Reading

ORDINANCE 22-14: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO AN ECONOMIC INCENTIVE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE AND FIFTH AVENUE MAID RITE, INC.

A motion was made by Alderperson Rico, seconded by Alderperson O'Brien, to approve Ordinance 22-14 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Porter, Almblade and Mulcahey. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 22-48: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE HIRING OF SIX REPLACEMENT FIREFIGHTERS.

A motion was made by Alderperson Porter, seconded by Alderperson O'Brien, to approve Resolution 22-48 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Porter, Almblade and Mulcahey. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (Aldersperson Mulcahey)

Aldersperson Mulcahey asked Doug Maxeiner, City Administrator where is the city regarding selling the Project Now building. Mr. Maxeiner stated he has not heard back.

Aldersperson Mulcahey 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 informed the City Council that they received notice that the City was successful in obtaining the Raise Grant in the amount of \$23.7 million for the connection between Rust Belt, Bend, Quarter and Downtown area. Mr. Maxeiner wanted to thank Mr. Kammler, Engineering Director for his efforts on receiving the Raise Grant.

Tim Kammler, Director of Engineering – Mr. Kammler thanked Mr. Maxeiner for his comments. Mr. Kammler stated that this was a team effort on receiving the Raise Grant. Mr. Kammler stated that fresh asphalt down on the bike trail along Archer Drive and Breezy Hallow this week.

Mayor Freeman asked Mr. Kammler how the project is progressing on 28th Avenue. Mr. Kammler stated finishing the Storm Sewer installation and then start ripping out the pavement.

Brianna Huber – Director of Water Treatment Plant – Ms. Huber informed the City Council about valves not closing properly, which caused one of the valves to slam shut. This was an emergency to stop the leak and repair the check valve, it was necessary to have an insertion valve installed in our parking lot. Ms. Huber did not know the exact cost current cost.

Chief DeFrance – Chief EMFD – Chief DeFrance thanked the City Council for approving the hiring of the six new firefighters. Chief DeFrance informed the City Council that there will be several retirements coming up within the next few months.

RECESS SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman O’Brien, seconded by Alderman Mulcahey, to recess the City Council meeting to go into the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. Upon roll call the voted in favor: O’Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Porter, Almblade and Mulcahey. Motion carried. **7:23 p.m**

RECONVENE SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman Oakes, seconded by Alderman Almblade, to reconvene to the City Council Meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O’Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Porter, Almblade and Mulcahey. Motion carried. **8:14 p.m.**

ROLL CALL:

The following Aldermen were present: Kenneth Porter, Gary Almblade, Nancy Mulcahey, Jayne O'Brien Rhea Oakes, Maria Tapia and Jose Rico.

EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, to go into Executive Closed Session – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 5 For the purpose of purchase/acquisition of property and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 6 For the purpose of property or setting a price for the sale of property. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Porter, Almblade and Mulcahey. Motion carried. **8:15 p.m.**

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Tapia, 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, Porter, Almblade and Mulcahey. Motion carried. **8:37 p.m.**

ROLL CALL:

The following Aldermen were present: Kenneth Porter, Gary Almblade, Nancy Mulcahey, Jayne O'Brien Rhea Oakes, Maria Tapia and Jose Rico.

Mayor Freeman reported there was no action taken in closed session.

A motion was made by Alderperson Almblade, seconded by Alderperson Tapia, to adjourn the City Council meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O'Brien, Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Porter, Almblade and Mulcahey. Motion carried. **8:38 p.m.**

Minutes taken and submitted by,

Wanda Roberts-Bontz, City Clerk