

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE,
COUNTY OF ROCK ISLAND, STATE OF ILLINOIS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 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. Absent: Kenneth Porter.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Von Kaenel, 3401 17th Street, East Moline, IL – Mr. Von Kaenel informed the City Council of a Public Safety matter regarding the Dead-End sign that has not been replaced since a drunk driver knocked it down.

Henry Sierra, 2915 2nd Street, East Moline – Mr. Sierra informed the City Council that he lives off Kennedy Drive. Mr. Sierra's neighbors have been calling the police regarding fires being started between midnight and 5:00 a.m. Mr. Sierra would like to start a neighborhood watch.

Mayor Freeman will have Chief Ramsey contact Mr. Sierra on how to start a neighborhood watch. Mayor Freeman will also have Mr. Stickler or Mr. Kammler contact Mr. Sierra regarding his other issues.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Roberts informed the City Council that the 2023 Election Candidate Packets can be picked up in the City Clerk's Office for the following Wards. 1st Ward Alderperson, 2nd Ward Alderperson, 4th Ward Alderperson and 6th Ward Alderperson.

The East Moline Public Library Grand Opening Ceremony and Ribbon Cutting will be held on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Alderperson Oakes, seconded by Alderperson O'Brien, to approve the City Clerk's Report. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Almblade, Mulcahey and O'Brien. Motion carried.

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 15, 2022.
- b. Approval of the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes of August 15, 2022.
- c. Approval of Salaries of August 19, 2022, in the amount of \$417,852.26.
- d. Approval of Salaries of September 2, 2022 in the amount of \$411,592.13.
- e. Approval of Overtime of August 19, 2022, in the amount of \$22,578.40.
- f. Approval of Overtime of September 2, 2022, in the amount of \$13,479.31.
- g. Approval of Bills in the amount of \$943,687.83.

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

REPORT BY MAYOR

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Freeman read the following Proclamation proclaiming the week of September 9 – 18, 2022 as Welcoming Week in the City of East Moline. Ann McGlynn informed the City Council that she appreciates all that the City of East Moline does, and all the people in East Moline do to welcome all to our community.

Mayor Freeman stated that when Mr. Atwood lost his son, he is very active not just through the City of East Moline but the entire Quad City area that everyone understands that the circumstances arise it could be a family member or friend.

Mayor Freeman read the following Proclamation proclaiming the Month of September 2022 as Suicide Prevention and Action Month in East Moline. Kevin Atwood accepted the proclamation and thanked the City of East Moline for all their support for the last 5 years. To lose a child is extremely tuff to lose a child to suicide is unexplainable. We have had the Cities support and we are forever grateful. Mr. Atwood thanked Mayor Freeman. Mr. Atwood sees Mayor Freeman out and about in community and Mayor Freeman always asks what he can we do. Mr. Atwood stated that he appreciates that very much. We have a long way to go. We have a lot of work to do. There are not enough beds for people that need help. There are people that go to the Emergency Room with suicidal thoughts and a few hours later are turned away because there is not a bed for them. We need to take care of our children, grandchildren, and our loved ones. Everybody can play a part. Everybody can be an advocate. Mr. Atwood have thanked everyone for there support. We will not quit fighting, so please support us and join us.

Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce invoice which is currently in second year of a 4-year agreement.

A motion was made by Alderperson Mulcahey, seconded by Alderperson Almblade, to approve taking Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce Invoice off the table. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Almblade, Mulcahey and O'Brien. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderperson Mulcahey, seconded by Alderperson Almblade, to approve the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce Invoice. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Almblade, Mulcahey and O'Brien. Motion carried.

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

ORDINANCES – 1st Reading

ORDINANCE 22-15: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DISSOLVING THE LUCKY STRIKE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA SPECIAL TAX ALLOCATION FUND AND TERMINATING THE DESIGNATION OF THE LUCKY STRIKE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

ORDINANCE 22-16: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING DISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUS FROM THE SPECIAL TAX ALLOCATION FUND OF LUCKY STRIKE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

ORDINANCES – 2ND Reading (None)

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 22-49: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE ACTUARIAL VALUATION REPORTS FOR BOTH THE POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS’ PENSION FUNDS

A motion was made by Alderperson Almblade, seconded by Alderperson Oakes, to approve Resolution 22-49 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Almblade, Mulcahey and O’Brien. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 22-50: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING HUD FUND REALLOCATIONS

A motion was made by Alderperson Rico, seconded by Alderperson Mulcahey, to approve Resolution 22-50 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Almblade, Mulcahey and O’Brien. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 22-51: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING A REVISED PURCHASING POLICY MANUAL. **TABLED**

A motion was made by Alderperson Almblade, seconded by Alderperson Mulcahey and Oakes, to table Resolution 22-51. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Almblade and Mulcahey. Opposed: Rico and O’Brien. Motion carried. **4 – 2**

RESOLUTION 22-52: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH INVOICE CLOUD FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES RELATING TO ONLINE PAYMENTS

A motion was made by Alderperson Mulcahey, seconded by Alderperson Tapia, to approve Resolution 22-52 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Almblade, Mulcahey and O’Brien. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (Alderperson O’Brien)

Alderperson O’Brien 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 the Purchasing Policy introduced three weeks ago at the Committee-of-the-Whole. Mr. Maxeiner only received two calls today, September 6, 2022 that had questions. Mr. Maxeiner stated that the two people most opposed to this did not call at all. Mr. Maxeiner finds this a little disturbing. Mr. Maxeiner would appreciate a phone call to discuss the matter.

Mr. Maxeiner stated the Mr. Von Kaenel that they had a meeting last week informing him that the city will be reinstalling the signs, but they wanted to meet with Alderperson Tapia first to explain the situation because there will be a few residents up in arms when the signs are replaced. That is the reason we did not reinstall the signs right away.

Tim Kammler, Director of Engineering – Mr. Kammler informed the City Council that there were a few emergency repairs along 21st Avenue and 11th Street for a sanitary sewer manhole leaking and 17th Avenue at 8th Street a storm sewer manhole collapsed.

The Quad City Business Journal has an excellent write up regarding the East Moline Raise Grant and a nice positive article about the City of East Moline.

Todd Stickler, Director of Maintenance Services – Mr. Stickler informed the City Council there is a 250’ stretch of water main located along Route 84 at East Moline Hampton border that is failing and needs to be replaced. There have been ten water main breaks along that 250’ stretch. Mr. Stickler contacted Miller Construction to come in and replace 200’ – 300’ for repairs to begin in September 2022. This is also a state-owned road and would have to be down to one lane as repairs are being made.

Brianna Huber – Director of Water Filtration – Ms. Huber informed the City Council that the Tank Asset Management Program for our water towers. They are going to begin painting the Industrial Tower the week of September 12, 2022.

Mayor Freeman asked if Ms. Huber was referring to the 27th Street Tower?

Ms. Huber replied 2700 5th Avenue.

Alderperson Almblade asked Ms. Huber if that will be interior or exterior?

Ms. Huber stated that water tower has not been painted in 20 years so that will be both interior and exterior.

Alderperson Almblade asked what will this cost?

Ms. Huber stated that the Tank Asset Management Program does not state what the cost will be on each individual tower. The Program looks at the cost over a 10-year period and they spread that cost evenly over the 10-year period. Only paying \$2,500.00 for the maintenance fee for the tower this year. The full maintenance cost of the program goes into effect next year 2023 with the maintenance cost of \$150,000.00.

Mayor Freeman stated that remainder of three months then we start with the new agreement next year based on the cost to do the inside and outside of the 2700 5th Avenue.

Ms. Huber stated that is correct. Painting as needed per the standard schedule, visual inspection every year, wash out every other year, rotating clean out every other year. Very good maintenance program that makes sure we are taking care of our structure as per American Water Works Association (A.W.W.A.) Standards. The Tank Asset Management Program calculated all those expenses for 10 years and divide over 10 years. This is a contract for 10 years, but we renew every year.

Parker Prochaska, Director of Wastewater Treatment Plant – Mr. Prochaska informed the City Council that a service line broke due to flooding on service water pump motor caused damage to them.

RECESS SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderperson Almblade, seconded by Alderperson Mulcahey, to recess the City Council meeting to go into the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. Upon roll call the voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Almblade, Mulcahey and O'Brien. Motion carried. **7:14 p.m.**

RECONVENE SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderperson Almblade, seconded by Alderperson Oakes, to reconvene to the City Council Meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Almblade, Mulcahey and O'Brien. Motion carried. **8:01 p.m.**

ROLL CALL:

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

EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION:

Pulling from Closed Session (Attorney had Death in the Family and was unable to make tonight's Meeting.) – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 12 For the purpose of establishment of reserves or settlement of claims as provided in the Local Governmental and Governmental Employee Tort Immunity Act, if otherwise the disposition of a claim or potential claim might be prejudiced, or the review or discussion of claims, loss or risk management information, records, data, advice communications from or with respect to any insurer of the public body or any intergovernmental risk management association or self- insurance pool of which the public body is a member.

A motion was made by Alderperson Mulcahey, seconded by Alderperson Almblade, to go into Executive Closed Session 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 21 For the purpose of discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review. **Adding:** 5 ILCS 122 (c) 5 Property Acquisition. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Almblade, Mulcahey and O'Brien. Motion carried. **8:02 p.m.**

ROLL CALL:

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

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderperson Almblade, seconded by Alderperson Rico, to return to open session. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Almblade, Mulcahey and O'Brien. Motion carried. **8:07 p.m.**

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

A motion was made by Alderperson Almblade, seconded by Alderperson Oakes, to adjourn the City Council meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Oakes, Tapia, Rico, Almblade, Mulcahey and O'Brien. Motion carried. **8:08 p.m.**

Minutes taken and submitted by,

Wanda Roberts-Bontz, City Clerk