

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE,  
COUNTY OF ROCK ISLAND, STATE OF ILLINOIS  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023, 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 the Acting City Clerk Kathryn Motzer, to call the roll. The following Alderpersons were present: Olivia Dorothy, Jeffrey Deppe, Adam Guthrie, Rhea Oakes, Lynn Segura, and Jose Rico. Absent: Nancy Mulcahey

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

The Acting City Clerk Motzer had no items for discussion.

**ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

*Acting City Clerk Kathryn Motzer read the Consent Agenda that included the following:*

- a. Approval of the City Council Minutes of September 5, 2023.
- b. Approval of the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes of September 5, 2023.
- c. Approval of Salaries of September 15, 2023 in the amount of \$466,788.65.
- d. Approval of the Overtime of September 15, 2023 in the amount of \$6,246.53.
- e. Approval of Bills for September 15, 2023 in the amount of \$599,918.69.

A motion was made by Alderperson Rico, seconded by Alderperson Guthrie, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Dorothy, Deppe, Guthrie, Oakes, Segura, and Rico. Motion carried.

**REPORT BY MAYOR**

*Mayoral Appointment*

Mayor Freeman is requesting the Mayoral Appointment of Martin Marlier to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Alderperson Segura, seconded by Alderperson Oakes, to approve the appointment of Martin Marlier to the Planning Commission. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Dorothy, Deppe, Guthrie, Oakes, Segura, and Rico. Motion carried.

Mayor Freeman is requesting the Mayoral Appointment of Peter Lohmann to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Alderperson Guthrie, seconded by Alderperson Deppe, to approve the appointment of Martin Marlier to the Planning Commission. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Dorothy, Deppe, Guthrie, Oakes, Segura, and Rico. Motion carried.

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

**ORDINANCES – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading - None**

**ORDINANCES – 2<sup>ND</sup> Reading - None**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**23-54 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF THE IWORQ SOFTWARE PROGRAM FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

A motion was made by Alderperson Deppe, seconded by Alderperson Oakes, to approve Resolution 23-54 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Dorothy, Deppe, Guthrie, Oakes, Segura, and Rico. Motion carried.

**23-55 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH ROBINSON ENGINEERING TO COMPLETE A SERVICE LINE MATERIAL INVENTORY**

A motion was made by Alderperson Dorothy, seconded by Alderperson Oakes, to approve Resolution 23-55 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Dorothy, Deppe, Guthrie, Oakes, Segura, and Rico. Motion carried.

**23-56 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH MILLER TRUCKING & EXCAVATING REGARDING 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET RETAINING WALL REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

A motion was made by Alderperson Deppe, seconded by Alderperson Guthrie, to approve Resolution 23-56 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Dorothy, Deppe, Guthrie, Oakes, Segura, and Rico. Motion carried.

**23-57 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, RELATING TO REVIEW OF PLAN COMMISSION DECISION ON PC-2023-23 (FOLLOWING PLAN COMMISSION MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2023)**

A motion was made by Alderperson Segura, seconded by Alderperson Deppe, to approve Resolution 23-57 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Dorothy, Deppe, Guthrie, Oakes, Segura, and Rico. Motion carried.

**OTHER:**

Mayor Freeman announced that Mr. Bagby attended tonight’s meeting. Mayor Freeman thanked Mr. Bagby for his interest in building in the City of East Moline.

**SALE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY - 814-816 15<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE - BID OPENING AND APPROVAL**

Mayor Freeman opened the only bid received from Darrell E. Lewis-Bey in the amount of \$2,501.00.

If the following items were not met by the timeline below by Darrell E. Lewis-Bey, the property will revert back to the City.

- a. 12 months permits taken out.
- b. 6 months substantial renovate.
- c. 24 months completed.

A motion was made by Alderperson Guthrie, seconded by Alderperson Segura, to approve the bid from Darrell E. Lewis-Bey. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Dorothy, Deppe, Guthrie, Oakes, Segura, and Rico. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (Alderperson Deppe)**

Alderperson Deppe had all items 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:*

**Mark Rothert, City Administrator** – Mr. Rothert stated that the Rock Island County States Attorney Office released their legal opinion that the Death-in-custody involving the East Moline Police Department everything was done properly and according to law.

Illinois Housing Authority Grant has approved the joint application with the City of Rock Island and the Quad Cities Land Bank Authority in the amount of \$268,000.00 this grant will allow five properties to be demolished in the City of East Moline.

Mr. Rothert will be seeking proposals regarding the Strategic Plan Process from firms who have done this type of work.

Mr. Rothert stated that the Budget Schedule was attached to the Friday report. The City Council will start in November with final adoption in December 2023.

Mr. Rothert will be attending the Illinois Municipal League Conference in Chicago this Thursday, September 21, 2023 – Saturday, September 23, 2023.

The City has received a demand to Bargain Letter from the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) and the negotiations will start in the next couple of weeks.

**Chief Jeff Ramsey, EMPD** – Mr. Ramsey informed the City Council that he has not heard back from the DCEO Grant for \$1.5 Million and there is no timeline yet.

The UTHS Homecoming Parade will be at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 22, 2023 on 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Tim Kammler, Engineering Director** – Mr. Kammler informed the City Council that Langman Construction is resurfacing with Asphalt and Bobs Blacktop is sealcoating. The Contractors responsibility to notify all adjoining residents' is part of the contract. Last week that did not get done which caused some confusion.

Aldersperson Dorothy asked how does the contractor notify the residents? By Postal service or put on the door?

Mr. Kammler stated that the contractor puts the notice on the door. Needs to be a door hanger or taped on the door.

Aldersperson Dorothy asked if the City Council could be notified about road closures?

Mr. Kammler stated that he includes that information in his Friday report. There is a map that shows where the hot asphalt and sealcoat will be going. If any of the Alderspersons need a copy Mr. Kammler would provide another copy.

**Brianna Huber, Water Filtration** – Ms. Huber stated that there are two large water mains that are used in the Water Plant and there is a leak. There will be excavation outside the building to try to figure out if the leak could be located.

**Mayor Freeman** thanked Todd Stickler and Maintenance services for helping this past weekend. There were over 1,000 people in attendance at the Mexican Independence Day Celebration.

**Chief DeFrance, EMFD** – Chief DeFrance informed the City Council that the Fire Department will be applying for a Small Equipment Grant through the Fire Marshalls. To replace the outdated and obsolete equipment. The other item is an old thermal energy camera which is no longer supported.

Chief DeFrance stated that the fleet schedule allows bids for a new fire pumper, allowing 45 days for the bids to come back.

**Mark Rothert, City Administrator** – Mr. Rothert provided an update on the property structurally deteriorated located at 1525 10<sup>th</sup> Street and 1400 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The City gave a 15-day notice to repair. Court is scheduled for next week to take the necessary steps regarding the old DeJaynes property.

Mayor Freeman requested a moment of silence for the passing of Kenny Porter. Visitation is Thursday, September 22, 2023 and Funeral is Friday, September 23, 2023.

Mayor Freeman attended the Mexican Independence Day Celebration with the parade held at noon and the event ended at 9:00 p.m.

Mayor Freeman and Aldersperson Rico met with the Cricket Club at Jacobs Park final game of the year. The Cricket Club will be coming back to the Park Board requesting equipment.

A motion was made by Alderperson Oakes, seconded by Alderperson Guthrie, to adjourn the City Council meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Dorothy, Deppe, Guthrie, Oakes, Segura, and Rico. Motion carried. **7:06 p.m.**

**Minutes taken and submitted by,**

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**Wanda Roberts-Bontz, City Clerk**