

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE,
COUNTY OF ROCK ISLAND, STATE OF ILLINOIS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 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 City Clerk Wanda Roberts-Bontz, to call the roll. The following Alderpersons were present: Olivia Dorothy, Jeffrey Deppe, Nancy Mulcahey, Adam Guthrie, Rhea Oakes, Lynn Segura, and Jose Rico.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

The City Clerk Roberts-Bontz informed the City Council that she will be at Municipal Clerk's Training Academy from October 8 - 13, 2023. City Clerk Roberts-Bontz will have limited access to her email during her training.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- a. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2023.
- b. Approval of Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2023.
- c. Approval of Salaries of September 29, 2023 in the amount of \$462,696.39.
- d. Approval of Overtime of September 29, 2023 in the amount of \$9,532.92.
- e. Approval of Bills of September 29, 2023 in the amount of \$529,308.43.

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

REPORT BY MAYOR

Mayor Freeman informed the City Council that Laura Long will be leaving the East Moline Public Library at the end of October 2023, she has taken another position at the Fremont Public Library in Mundelein, Illinois.

Proclamation

Mayor Freeman presented the Friends of the Library – Marcia Lintz, Judy Belan, Linda Gates, Barb Meldrum, and Denise Wheatley with the Proclamation, “National Friends of Libraries Week” from October 15 – 21, 2023.

Ms. Marcia Lintz informed the City Council that forms are available if anyone would like to join Friends of Library. Ms. Lintz invited the City Council to the East Moline American Legion to the following event on Friday, October 6, 2023.

- a. Taco Dinner from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- b. Quarter Mania Fundraiser starts at 7:00 p.m.

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

ORDINANCES – 1st Reading - None

ORDINANCES – 2ND Reading - None

RESOLUTIONS

23-58 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH KLINGNER & ASSOCIATES, P.C. REGARDING ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR RAVINE A

A motion was made by Alderperson Deppe, seconded by Alderperson Guthrie, to approve Resolution 23-58 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, Guthrie, Oakes, Segura, Rico, Dorothy and Deppe. Motion carried.

23-59 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH KASKASKIA ENGINEERING GROUP, LLC REGARDING SEWER EASEMENT ACQUISITION SERVICES FOR RAVINE A

A motion was made by Alderperson Guthrie, seconded by Alderperson Deppe, to approve Resolution 23-59 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, Guthrie, Oakes, Segura, Rico, Dorothy and Deppe. Motion carried.

23-60 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF PARCELS OF LAND WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE (PARCEL NO. 062323 AND NO. 062324 ALSO KNOWN AS TAX NO. 0930111007 AND NO. 093011108)

A motion was made by Alderperson Rico, seconded by Alderperson Segura, to approve Resolution 23-60 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, Guthrie, Oakes, Segura, Rico, Dorothy and Deppe. Motion carried.

23-61 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF HEATING UNITS FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT BUILDINGS

A motion was made by Alderperson Oakes, seconded by Alderperson Deppe, to approve Resolution 23-61 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, Guthrie, Oakes, Segura, Rico, Dorothy and Deppe. Motion carried.

OTHER:

COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (Aldersperson Mulcahey)

Aldersperson Mulcahey 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 Moody’s Credit Rating Report was a Baa2 credit rating. The Moody’s “Scorecard” ranking achieved an A1 rating, which is 4 steps higher than the Baa2 rating.

Mayor Freeman stated that Moody’s view that the City should look at becoming Home Rule. Home Rule can be established with a population of 25,000 people or more, or through a Referendum. Looking into this information in the near future.

Mr. Rothert informed the City Council that the Rock Island Waste Management will be holding a hazardous waste pickup on Saturday, October 7, 2023 at the Rock Island County Fair Ground from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Rothert solicited a proposal from GovHR to do a Goal Setting session for the City Council, the quote came in the amount of \$5,250.00. Mr. Rothert would like to schedule the session with Mark Peterson, GovHR with the date of October 23, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. The City Council will be notified when this date and time is locked in.

Tim Kammler, Engineering Director – Mr. Kammler notified the City Council that the area 12th Street from 30th Avenue – 36th Avenue has caused some concern with residents. The street resurfacing which looks like a gravel road is scheduled for a watermain replacement project which would involve complete reconstruction. This is tentatively programmed into the City’s 5-year CIP.

Brianna Huber, Water Filtration – Ms. Huber stated that the leak at the Water Plant still has not been found. Ms. Huber has enlisted the help of the Maintenance Services and Engineering Department to help identify the location of the leak.

RECESS SESSION:

A motion was made by Aldersperson Mulcahey, seconded by Aldersperson Segura, to recess the City Council meeting to go into the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, Guthrie, Oakes, Segura, Rico, Dorothy and Deppe. Motion carried. **6:50 p.m.**

ROLL CALL:

The following Alderpersons were present: Olivia Dorothy, Jeffrey Deppe, Nancy Mulcahey, Adam Guthrie, Rhea Oakes, Lynn Segura, and Jose Rico.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderperson Mulcahey, seconded by Alderperson Segura, to return to open session. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, Guthrie, Oakes, Segura, Rico, Dorothy and Deppe. Motion carried. **7:11 p.m.**

ROLL CALL:

The following Alderpersons were present: Olivia Dorothy, Jeffrey Deppe, Nancy Mulcahey, Adam Guthrie, Rhea Oakes, Lynn Segura, and Jose Rico.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION:

5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 1 - THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES.

5 ILCS 120/2(c)21 – DISCUSSION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS LAWFULLY CLASSIFIED UNDER THIS ACT, WHETHER FOR PURPOSES OF APPROVAL BY THE BODY OF THE MINUTES OR SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE MINUTES AS MANDATED BY SECTION 2.06

A motion was made by Alderperson Segura, seconded by Alderperson Oakes to go into Executive Closed Session. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, Guthrie, Oakes, Segura, Rico, Dorothy and Deppe. Motion carried. **7:12 p.m.**

ROLL CALL:

The following Alderpersons were present: Olivia Dorothy, Jeffrey Deppe, Nancy Mulcahey, Adam Guthrie, Rhea Oakes, Lynn Segura, and Jose Rico.

Also in attendance were Rachel Skaggs, GovHR, Mark Rothert, City Administrator, Attorney Roger Strandlund, John Showalter, Human Resource Director, Mayor Freeman, and City Clerk Wanda Roberts-Bontz.

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OPEN SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderperson Oakes, seconded by Alderperson Guthrie, to return to open session. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, Guthrie, Oakes, Segura, Rico, Dorothy and Deppe. Motion carried. **8:12 p.m.**

ROLL CALL:

The following Alderpersons were present: Olivia Dorothy, Jeffrey Deppe, Nancy Mulcahey, Adam Guthrie, Rhea Oakes, Lynn Segura, and Jose Rico.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION (as applicable)

Resolution 23-62: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, RELATING TO THE PERIODIC REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES AND VERBATIM RECORDINGS PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.06(d) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT

A motion was made by Alderperson Mulcahey, seconded by Alderperson Oakes, to approve Resolution 23-62 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, Guthrie, Oakes, Segura, Rico, Dorothy and Deppe. Motion carried. Consideration **8:12 p.m.**

A motion was made by Alderperson Oakes, seconded by Alderperson Deppe, to adjourn the City Council meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Mulcahey, Guthrie, Oakes, Segura, Rico, Dorothy and Deppe. Motion carried. **8:14 p.m.**

Minutes taken and submitted by,

Wanda Roberts-Bontz, City Clerk