

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF
THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2022**

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: Kenneth Porter, Nancy Mulcahey, Jayne O'Brien, Rhea Oakes and Jose Rico. Absent: Gary Almblade and Maria Tapia. **7:18 p.m.**

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None.

FLOCK SAFETY – PRESENTATION OF LICENSE PLATE READERS

(Mr. Ramsey, Police Chief)

Policing is always changing, and the job is becoming more technology dependent. Investigations are depending more and more on technology to help solve crimes and License Plate Reader (LPR) cameras are a proven tool to help accomplish successful investigations, deter crime, protect citizens, and make cities safer places to live. Flock Safety provides a sole source solution that has many benefits other LPR camera systems do not. Currently one of our neighboring cities, Silvis, has implemented these cameras and they have had great results with them, to include helping us with investigations. One of the great tools Flock Safety LPR's provide is sharing of camera data from other agencies. This means we will have access to other cities Flock Safety LPR cameras to help with our investigations. Currently several other cities in Rock Island County are looking at implementing Flock Safety LPR's. The LPR's are also capable of notifying law enforcement within seconds when a stolen vehicle, wanted person, or even a missing/endangered person passes by a camera.

Flock Safety owns the equipment and handles all installation or replacement issues. The cost is \$2,500 per camera per year, \$2,500 per year for the advanced search package, and a one-time installation cost of \$350 on city property and \$750 on IDOT property. I have worked with staff at Flock Safety and have attached a proposed contract for 10 cameras along with the advanced search package. This would be a 2-year contract with the cost for the first year being \$32,600 that includes the one-time installation cost, and then the second year being \$27,500 for a total 2-year cost of \$60,100. It is proposed we pay for the first year (\$32,600) with ARPA funds and the second year (\$27,500) will be budgeted for in FY2023. We would then evaluate this program at the end of the 2-year contract to see if we want to continue with it.

FINANCIAL:

This is not a budgeted item.

Line Item# 010-4260-25-431.1

Title: Equipment/Maintenance Contracts

Amount Budgeted:

Actual Cost: \$32,600.00

Under/(Over): 0

Funding Sources: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Departments: Police Department

This is not a CIP.

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the 2-year contract with Flock Safety with payment using ARPA funds for the first year and payment for the second year coming from the FY2023 budget

A motion was made by Alderperson Porter, seconded by Alderperson Oakes to concur with the recommendation as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Rico, Porter, Mulcahey, O'Brien and Oakes. Motion carried.

ADJOURMENT:

A motion was made by Alderperson Porter, seconded by Alderperson Oakes to adjourn the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Rico, Porter, Mulcahey, O'Brien and Oakes. Motion carried. **7:24 p.m.**

Minutes taken and submitted

Wanda Roberts-Bontz, City Clerk