

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE,
COUNTY OF ROCK ISLAND, STATE OF ILLINOIS
*TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019 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 Arletta D. Holmes, to call the roll. The following Aldermen were present: Alissa Sallows, Gary Almblade, Ed DeJaynes, Gary Miller, Maria Tapia, Jose Rico, and Mayor Freeman. **Absent:** Nancy Mulcahey

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

City Clerk Arletta Holmes read the Consent Agenda that included the following:

- a. Approval of the City Council Minutes of December 17, 2018.
- b. Approval of the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes of December 17, 2018.
- c. Approval of Salaries for December 28, 2018 in the amount of \$470,239.97.
- d. Approval of Salaries for January 11, 2019, in the amount of \$488,495.42.
- e. Approval of Bills for December 28, 2018 in the amount of \$1,144,279.92.
- f. Approval of Bills for January 7, 2019 in the amount of \$345,917.70.

A motion was made by Alderman DeJaynes, seconded by Alderman Almblade, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Sallows, Almblade, DeJaynes, Miller, Tapia and Rico. Motion carried.

REPORT BY MAYOR

Mayor Freeman read the following Proclamation: 2019 Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

CITY ATTORNEY LINCOLN SCOTT PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE 19-01: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE AMENDING TITLE 3 "BUSINESS REGULATIONS", CHAPTER 4 "COIN OPERATED DEVICES", SECTION 3-4-3 "VIDEO GAMING TERMINALS" OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

A motion was made by Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman Rico, to waive the reading of Ordinance 19-01.

Alderman Almlade questioned if this Ordinance pertained to advertising signs? Mayor Freeman stated yes. Alderman Almlade stated we discussed the project but never had an Ordinance to look at to approve. So tonight, the public hasn't had an opportunity to look at Ordinance 19-01. Alderman Almlade stated he will be not be voting for this Ordinance. It is my understanding that will allow the public two weeks when it comes back to the City Council. Alderman Almlade asked if he was correct? Mayor Freeman stated if it comes back with the waiving of the reading it would come back two times this time and then we would read it again next time. Mayor Freeman asked Alderman Almlade if he would like to table this Ordinance? Alderman Sallows made additional comments regarding this issue.

A motion was made by Alderman Almlade, seconded by Alderman Sallows to table Ordinance 19-01. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Sallows, Almlade, DeJaynes, Miller, Tapia and Rico. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 19-01: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF A REPLACEMENT FIREFIGHTER FOR THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

A motion was made by Alderman Sallows, seconded by Alderman Tapia to approve Resolution 19-01. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Sallows, Miller, Tapia and Rico. **Opposed:** Almlade and DeJaynes. Motion carried. **4-2**

RESOLUTION 19-02: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE AND TBK BANK, SSB.

Mayor Freeman pulled Resolution 19-02 until next February 4, 2019 meeting.

RESOLUTION 19-03: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF NEW BLEACHERS FOR JACOBS NORTHEAST PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,594.00.

Mayor Freeman informed the Council that they were able to get the park benches at a discounted price.

A motion was made by Alderman Almlade, seconded by Alderman Miller to approve Resolution 19-03. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Sallows, Almlade, DeJaynes, Miller, Tapia and Rico. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (Alderman Sallows)

Alderman Sallows had no items for discussion. All items have been covered under the Consent Agenda, Resolution, or Ordinance.

CITY STAFF COMMUNICATION:

Each City Staff member present was given the opportunity to inform the City Council and those present of events in their departments:

Chief Reynolds, EMPD – Chief Reynolds informed the City Council QCOMM 911 has been officially running since January 1, 2019. QCOMM 911 Dispatch Center has been up and running since January 7, 2019. They are using the same phone numbers, but the number goes out to Milan. They have 23 employees and looking to hire soon.

Mayor Freeman stated if you get a chance you should go out to the QCOMM it a State-of-the-art facility.

Annaka Whiting, Director of Finance – Ms. Whiting informed the City Council that she is still working on the Carbon Cliff Solid Waste information and will be bringing this back to the Council at the next meeting.

Mr. Kammler, Director of Engineering – Mr. Kammler updated the City Council on the following projects.

- Little Villages and Rust Belt Music Venue
- The Bend Convention Center
- Aerial Photography – received two bids which will be brought back to Council on February 4, 2019.
- Railroad Alley Watermain project (IMEG) – MidAmerican Energy will be relocating a High-Pressure Gas Main along 4 blocks along 15th Avenue.
- Ravine Sewer Access Project (IMEG) – Proposal for land acquisition project at the next meeting on February 4, 2019.
- East Moline is a Co-Sponsor of the Quad Cities Stormwater Conference being held at Jumer’s Casino & Hotel on February 12, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Rob DeFrance, EMFP – Chief DeFrance introduced the new Firefighter Evan Roberts to the City Council started on January 7, 2019. Mayor Freeman welcomed Firefighter Evan Roberts.

Mr. Lambrecht, Director of Maintenance Services – Mr. Lambrecht informed the City Council that the City Crews have been out clearing the roads as we have had a lot of snow and several water main breaks.

Mr. Drake, WWWT Facilities Director – Mr. Drake informed City Council fighting the cold weather the water is harder to treat.

Mayor Freeman informed the City Council that this will be Alderman Miller’s last meeting. Alderman Miller will be moving to Carbon Cliff. Mayor Freeman thanked Alderman Miller for his service to the City of East Moline.

RECESS SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman DeJaynes, to recess the City Council and to go into the Committee -of-the-Whole meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Sallows, Almblade, DeJaynes, Miller, Tapia and Rico. Motion carried. **6:49 p.m.**

RECONVENE SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Sallows, to return to the City Council meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Sallows, Almblade, DeJaynes, Miller, Tapia and Rico. Motion carried. **6:59 p.m.**

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Sallows, to go into Closed Session to discuss

- a. Pending Litigation
- b. Personnel Matters

Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Sallows, Almblade, DeJaynes, Miller, Tapia and Rico. Motion carried. **7:00 p.m.**

OPEN SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman DeJaynes, to return to open session. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Sallows, Almblade, DeJaynes, Miller, Tapia and Rico. Motion carried. **7:20 p.m.**

ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Sallows, to accept City Administrator, Darrin Gridler resignation. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Sallows, Almblade, DeJaynes, Miller, Tapia and Rico. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman DeJaynes, to adjourn the City Council meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Sallows, Almblade, DeJaynes, Miller, Tapia and Rico. Motion carried. **7:25 p.m.**

Minutes taken and submitted by,

Arletta D. Holmes, City Clerk