

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE,
COUNTY OF ROCK ISLAND, STATE OF ILLINOIS
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021 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: Larry Toppert, Gary Almblade, Jayne O'Brien, Maria Tapia, and Jose Rico. Absent: Frederic Kotoku

Nancy Mulcahey arrived at 6:33 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Teisha Haynes – 899 E 12th, Apt 4065, Des Moines, IA. Ms. Haynes stated that she had filed a formal complaint against the East Moline Police Department. Mayor Freeman replied that Chief Ramsey will get together to discuss her complaint.

Nick Copeland – 438 Ridgewood Rd, East Moline, IL. Mr. Copeland is a new resident of Campbell Island. Mayor Freeman informed Mr. Copeland that the information he was requesting falls under Rock Island County jurisdiction.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Holmes had no items for discussion.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- a. Approval of the City Council Minutes of March 1, 2021.
- b. Approval of the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes of March 1, 2021.
- c. Approval of Salaries for March 5, 2021 in the amount of \$404,076.49.
- d. Approval of Bills in the amount of \$567,992.98.

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

REPORT BY MAYOR

Mayor Freeman read and presented to Valerie Yazbec, Vice President of Development at Junior Achievement of the Heartland, a Proclamation proclaiming April 1, 2021 as "Junior Achievement Day". Ms. Yazbec thanked Mayor Freeman and the City Council for the Proclamation. Ms. Yazbec was given the opportunity to address the City Council (see attachment).

Mayor Freeman read a Proclamation proclaiming the week of April 26, 2021 through April 30, 2021 as “National Work Zone Awareness Week”. No one was in attendance to receive the Proclamation.

ATTORNEY LINCOLN SCOTT, CITY ATTORNEY PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES – 1st Reading

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTIONS 21-14: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE AUTHORIZING WITHDRAWAL FROM MEMBERSHIP IN A SUB-POOL AND AUTHORIZING A PETITION FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP IN AND THE TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP WITH THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PERSONNEL BENEFIT COOPERATIVE.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Toppert, to approve **Resolution 21-14**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Mulcahey, Almblade and O’Brien. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS 21-15: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE FOURTH ADDENDUM TO THE SITE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH US CELLULAR FOR THE 7TH STREET WATER TOWER.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman O’Brien, to approve **Resolution 21-15**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Mulcahey, Almblade and O’Brien. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS 21-16: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE LANDFILL SEWER LIFT STATION EASEMENT.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman O’Brien, to approve **Resolution 21-16**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Tapia, Rico, Mulcahey, Almblade and O’Brien. Abstention: Toppert. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS 21-17: A RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE – REVISED GRAND ILLINOIS TRIAL SEGMENT #1.

A motion was made by Alderman Toppert seconded by Alderman O’Brien, to approve **Resolution 21-17**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Mulcahey, Almblade and O’Brien. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (Alderman Mulcahey)

Alderman Mulcahey 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:

Chief DeFrance, EMFD – Alderman Toppert asked Chief DeFrance if he was aware of the train tracks increasing the speed from 15 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour. Chief DeFrance stated he was aware of the train speed increase. The area effected is from Empire park heading toward Cordova.

Mr. Maxeiner, City Administrator – Mr. Maxeiner informed Alderman Toppert that when the speeds on the Railroad are adjusted is regulated by the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Ms. Whiting, Finance Director – Ms. Whiting informed the City Council regarding the Covid allocation money. The bill put money in two separate categories

1. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Communities which received \$45 billion dollars.
2. Non-CDBG Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Communities received \$19.5 billion dollars. Then they took the cities that were Non-CDBG divided it by the population and you received a cap of 75% of your pre-pandemic budget as of January 27, 2020.

Moline, Rock Island and Davenport are all CBG Entitlement Communities in this area since 1974, East Moline was not included.

City of East Moline will receive \$2.5 million in the Spring of 2022.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, to adjourn the City Council meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Mulcahey, Almblade and O'Brien. Motion carried. **7:09 p.m.**

Minutes taken and submitted by,

Arletta D. Holmes, City Clerk