

**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 16, 2020 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, Frederic Kotoku, Maria Tapia and Jose Rico. **Absent:** Nancy Mulcahey

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**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 Public Hearing Minutes of March 2, 2020.
- b. Approval of the City Council Minutes of March 2, 2020
- c. Approval of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 2, 2020.
- d. Approval of Salaries for March 6, 2020 in the amount of \$405,273.01.
- e. Approval of Bills in the amount of \$475,857.33.

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

**REPORT BY MAYOR**

***PROCLAMATION:***

Mayor Freeman read and presented to Mr. Dougal Nelson - Vice-President of Development for J.A. a proclamation proclaiming April 2, 2020 as Junior Achievement of the Heartland. Mr. Nelson was given the opportunity to address the City Council and he thanked Mayor Freeman and the City Council for their continued support of Junior Achievement.

***PROCLAMATION:***

Mayor Freeman read and presented to Lori McCollum, a Proclamation proclaiming the month of April 2020 as "Earth Day – Earth Month 2020." Ms. McCollum was given the opportunity to address the City Council and all those in attendance.

**CITY ATTORNEY LINCOLN SCOTT PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

**ORDINANCE 20-04:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE RELEASING A UTILITIES CONNECTION LIEN ON 4343 KENNEDY DRIVE.

A motion was made by Alderman Almlade, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, to forward this item to April 6, 2020 meeting for final approval. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Tapia, Rico, Almlade, O'Brien and Frederic. Opposed: Toppert Motion carried. **5-1**

**ORDINANCE 20-05:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE AND THE CHICAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS. – **Consideration Requested**

A motion was made by Alderman O'Brien, seconded by Tapia, to waive the reading of **Ordinance 20-05**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almlade, O'Brien and Frederic. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Almlade, seconded by Alderman Frederic, to approve **Ordinance 20-05**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almlade, O'Brien and Frederic. Motion carried.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

**ORDINANCE 20-02:** ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION ALTERNATE BONDS (TAX INCREMENT AND STATE REVENUE SHARING ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2020A, AND NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500,000 TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION ALTERNATE BONDS (TAX INCREMENT AND STATE REVENUE SHARING ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2020B (TOGETHER, THE "SERIES 2020 BONDS"), OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFINANCING A PORTION OF AN OUTSTANDING BANK LINE OF CREDIT ENTERED INTO TO FINANCE THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN "REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT COSTS" IN FURTHERANCE OF THE "TAX INCREMENT FINANCE CITY OF EAST MOLINE PORT OF CALL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECT" AND REIMBURSING THE CITY FOR ITS PRIOR PAYMENT OF A PORTION OF THE INTEREST DUE UNDER THE BANK LINE OF CREDIT; PROVIDING FOR THE PLEDGE OF (A) TAX INCREMENT REVENUES RECEIVED AND TO BE RECEIVED BY THE CITY WITH RESPECT TO THE PORT OF CALL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA AND (B) REVENUES DERIVED FROM DISTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF STATE INCOME TAX REVENUE-SHARING REVENUES, TO THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE SERIES 2020 BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A DIRECT ANNUAL TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE SERIES 2020 BONDS; PROVIDING PROCEDURES FOR THE ABATEMENT OF SUCH TAX BASED ON THE AVAILABILITY OF ALTERNATE REVENUES; DELEGATING TO AUTHORIZED OFFICERS THE AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE CERTAIN TERMS OF THE SERIES 2020 BONDS WITHIN PARAMETERS ESTABLISHED IN THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING IN CONNECTION WITH THE SERIES 2020 BONDS; AND CONCERNING RELATED MATTERS.

A motion was made by Alderman Almlade, seconded by Frederic, to waive the reading of **Ordinance 20-02**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almlade, O'Brien and Frederic. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Frederic, to approve **Ordinance 20-02**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almblade, O'Brien and Frederic. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 20-03:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, VACATING AN ALLEY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Rico, to waive the reading of **Ordinance 20-03**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almblade, O'Brien and Frederic. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Rico, to approve **Ordinance 20-03**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almblade, O'Brien and Frederic. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 20-09:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, RESCINDING REOLUTION 16-49 APPROVING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE EAST MOLINE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Frederic, to approve **Resolution 20-09**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almblade, O'Brien and Frederic. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 20-10:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING SPENDING UP TO \$15,000.00 TO FINISH THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS UPDATES.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, to approve **Resolution 20-10**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almblade, O'Brien and Frederic. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 20-11:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE CONSULTANT AGREEMENT WITH VEENSTRA & KIMM FOR THE LANDFILL SEWER EXTENSION.

Mr. Maxeiner gave additional background information regarding how the process works for Resolution 20-11.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman O'Brien, to approve **Resolution 20-11**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almblade, O'Brien and Frederic. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 20-12:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH VEENSTRA & KIMM FOR THE GREATER-DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION STREETSCAPING MASTER PLAN.

Mr. Kammler gave additional background information regarding Resolution 20-12.

Mr. Leo Foley from Veenstra and Kimm, Inc. provided information regarding Downtown Revitalization Streetscaping Master Plan (see attached). Mr. Foley answered questions from the City Council.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Rico, to approve **Resolution 20-12**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almblade, O'Brien and Frederic. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (Alderman Tapia)**

Almblade Tapia 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 present of events in their departments:*

**Captain Foltz, EMPD** – Captain Foltz informed the City Council that the EMPD normally takes part in the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics which was cancelled due to the Corona Virus (Covid-19). New Officer recruitment training will begin on May 30, 2020.

**Ms. Whiting, Finance Director** – Ms. Whiting informed the City Council that she received a letter in the mail today awarding the City of East Moline a Certificate of Achievement of Excellence for Financial reporting from the Government Financing Officer's Association from the United States and Canada.

Mayor Freeman congratulated Ms. Whiting on her achievement.

**Mr. Maxeiner, City Administrator** – Mr. Maxeiner informed City Council regarding the following items:

- Participating in conference calls with Mayor Freeman and staff discussing the plan of action regarding the Corona Virus (Covid-19). The following business are affected due to the Corona Virus (Covid-19).
  - East Moline Public Library will be closing at 5:00 p.m. today until future notice.
  - UTHS Swimming pool will be closed after the repairs are done until future notice.
  - City Hall and the City Annex Building will be open with restricted access and reduced staffing with the possibility of resigning staff.
  - Encourage residents to conduct their business through telephone, email or the website when contacting the City.
  - Water service most inquires will be handled over the phone. Service interruptions or disruptions the City will be addressing those issues.
  - Parks are being evaluated on a day to day basis.
  - Training web based or conference calls. No face to face contact or gathering of large crowds and no traveling.
  - The City is participating in daily conference calls with the Health Department and Quad Cities Covid-19 Coalition.
  - Governor Pritzker requested in his Proclamation an Executive Order limiting meetings of 50 or more. Governor Pritzker asked that the City consider restricting public meetings.

Mayor Freeman - stated that Governor Pritzker reduced the size from 50 to only 10 people.

**Chief DeFrance, Fire Chief** – Chief DeFrance stated that the City Administrator covered everything at the last City Council meeting. Fire has protocols in place through the Public Health Department and City Staff.

Mayor Freeman – informed the City Council that various departments were excused from tonight’s City Council meeting as they had no reports.

**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: Toppert, Almblade, Mulcahey, Frederic, Tapia and Rico. Motion carried. **7:44 p.m.**

**Minutes taken and submitted by,**

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**Arletta D. Holmes, City Clerk**