

**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 19, 2018 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, and Robert Cheffer. **Absent:** Nancy Mulcahey

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Holmes passed.

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 5, 2018.
- b. Approval of the Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes of March 5, 2018.
- c. Approval of Salaries for March 9, 2018 in the amount of \$425,696.95.
- d. Approval of Bills in the amount of \$620,920.51.

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

Alderman Rico arrived at 6:35pm

REPORT BY MAYOR

Mayor Freeman informed the City Council that they will receive an update regarding union negotiations after the April 3, 2018 meeting. (ASFCME, FOP and Fire Fighters)

CITY ATTORNEY GRAHAM LEE PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 18-11: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE DISPOSAL OF A VEHICLE BY SEALED BID, LIVE AUCTION, ON-LINE AUCTION OR TRADE IN.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Sallows, to approve **Resolution 18-11.**

DISCUSSION:

Chief DeFrance gave additional background information regarding the 2003 Crowne Victoria not being a replacement vehicle. Chief DeFrance stated that all proceeds will go into the Departmental Projects for all department uses.

Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Cheffer, Rico, Sallows. Almblade, DeJaynes and Miller.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 18-12: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT FOR THE RAILROAD ALLEY WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT FOR THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS. **THIS ITEM WAS PULLED.**

COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE (Alderman Almblade)

Alderman Almblade 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 that the department is accepting applications for new officers through May 11. Testing will occur on May 26, 2018. He also said the “Lunch with a COP” program will be expanding from two to three lunches per week. Collision Repair has been phenomenal finding sponsors for the program.

Ms. Petersen, Finance Director – Ms. Petersen informed the City Council that the State has paid the City just under \$225,000 towards what is owed for the East Moline Correctional Center. The State still owes the City \$379,000.

Mayor Freeman informed the City Council that he attended Legislative Days in Springfield Illinois and had the opportunity to speak with the Governor regarding monies owed to the city, within 8 to 10 days the City received partial payment from the state.

Mr. Lambrecht, Director of Maintenances Services – Mr. Lambrecht informed the City Council that the new Street Patcher has arrived.

Mr. Drake, WWWT – Mr. Drake informed the City Council there is one raw water pump which has diminished capacity. Staff will be working on it starting tomorrow to see what the issue is. Staff is going to pull it to see if it can be rebuilt first before they proceed with any other further estimates on replacing one. Mr. Drake stated that they have money in the budget to replace one pump.

Mayor Freeman announced that there will be no closed session tonight regarding Collective Bargaining.

Mr. Girdler, City Administrator introduced Liz Tallman and Jillian McCleary from the Quad Cities Chamber, who will be giving an overview of what the Chamber provides.

Liz Tallman and Jillian McCleary, Quad Cities Chamber gave a presentation. The Chamber provides core services business retention, expansion, attraction and innovation. They are the champions of business and community progress, who passionately unite the Quad Cities region to create, grow and prosper. The Quad Cities Chamber purpose is to put the Quad Cities region atop the competition for talent, jobs, corporate investments and opportunities.

A Partner in Business Growth, Serving Our Members, by the following: Networking and Events, Promotion, Business Milestones, Celebrations, Business information for growth, Advocacy support, Access to YPQC, and Entrepreneurial resources.

Accomplishments: Hosted 207 events attended by 6,742 people, Celebrated business growth and investment by hosting 78 ribbon cuttings and ground breakings. YPQC: Engaging Young Workforce, Ignite Entrepreneurial Success, and Driving Regional Growth. Informational handouts were provided.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Rico, to adjourn the City Council meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Cheffer, Rico, Sallows, Almblade, DeJaynes and Miller. Motion carried. **6:50p.m.**

Minutes taken and submitted by,

Arletta D. Holmes, City Clerk