

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE,
COUNTY OF ROCK ISLAND, STATE OF ILLINOIS**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018 6:00 P.M.

City Hall Council Chambers
915 16th Avenue, East Moline IL

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, Nancy Mulcahey, Ed DeJaynes, Gary Miller, Robert Cheffer and Jose Rico.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORT BY MAYOR

Temporary contract with the CPA firm

Mayor Freeman informed the Council that he has met with the firm of Bohnsack & Frommelt, LLC seeking to enter into a temporary contract to provide auditing and other accounting services at a cost of \$100.00 per hour. Until a replacement is hired for Finance Director. After much discussion regarding various aspect of this item

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Miller to concur with the recommendation for a temporary contract with CPA firm. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Sallows, Almblade, Mulcahey, DeJaynes, Miller, Cheffer and Rico. Motion carried.

The Bend Phase II

Alderman Almblade stated that he has not changed his opinion since the April 2nd meeting and he would like to have a third-party review of the numbers. Alderman Mulcahey echoed her concerns from the April 2nd meeting saying she wants the project to be successful but, is concerned about the City's financial exposure. Mr. VanDeHeede answered the Councils questions emphasized that loans for these projects have all been pre-approved by the various financial institutions involved, pending the City's approval of the line of credit, and that the project is ahead of schedule. Mr. VanDeHeede reminded the Council that upon completion of the project the City gets paid first, which is an incentive to make it happen quicker.

Mr. Larry Anderson, addressed the City Council providing additional information, as an investor in this project. He also believes this is the City of East Moline's opportunity to get into the game.

A motion was made by Alderman Sallows, seconded by Alderman Rico to amend **Resolution 18-16** to change the dollar amount from 8.2 Million and increase the dollar amount to 10.2 Million for The Bend Phase II Project. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Sallows, Almblade, DeJaynes, Miller, Cheffer and Rico. **Opposed:** Mulcahey. Motion carried 6 - 1.

Mayor Freeman announced that there will be a Closed Session regarding Collective Bargaining and Personnel Matter.

RECESS SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman Sallows, seconded by Alderman Miller, to recess the City Council meeting and go into the Closed Session. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Sallows, Almblade, Mulcahey, DeJaynes, Miller, Cheffer and Rico. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman Mulcahey, seconded by Alderman Almblade, to go into Closed Session to discuss the following: **Collective Bargaining, and Personnel Matter.** Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Sallows, Almblade, Mulcahey, DeJaynes, Miller, Cheffer and Rico. Motion carried.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman Rico, seconded by Alderman Almblade, to return to go back into the regular City Council meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Sallows, Almblade, Mulcahey, DeJaynes, Miller, Cheffer, and Rico. Motion carried.

No Action Taken in Closed Session

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Alderman Cheffer, seconded by Alderman Almblade, to adjourn the City Council meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Sallows, Almblade, Mulcahey, DeJaynes, Miller, Cheffer and Rico. Motion carried. **6:40p.m.**

Minutes taken and submitted by,

Arletta D. Holmes, City Clerk