

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE,
COUNTY OF ROCK ISLAND, STATE OF ILLINOIS
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019 6:30 P.M.**

PLEDGE:

Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Almblade led the City Council and all those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro-Tem 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, Maria Tapia, and Jose Rico. **Absent:** Mayor Reggie Freeman, and Alderman Frederic Kotoku.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Brad Cole – Illinois Municipal League, Springfield, Illinois – Was in the area and decided to stop in to see if anyone had additional questions.

CITY CLERK’S REPORT

City Clerk Holmes passed.

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 April 1, 2019.
- b. Approval of the Committee-of-the-Whole of April 1, 2019.
- c. Approval of Salaries of April 5, 2019 in the amount of \$440,119.66.
- d. Approval of Bills in the amount of \$754,328.66.

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

REPORT BY MAYOR

Mayor Pro-Tem Almblade had no items for discussion.

CITY ATTORNEY LINCOLN SCOTT PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE 19-11: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, APPROVING AN ECONOMIC INCENTIVE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE AND FIFTH AVENUE MAID RITE, INC. **ITEM PULLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.**

RESOLUTION 19-23: 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 Mulcahey, seconded by Alderman Tapia to approve **Resolution 19-23**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almlade, Mulcahey, Tapia, Rico, and Sallows Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 19-24: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING THE ROOF REPLACEMENT AT THE FLORENCE ALDRIDGE CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,800.00.

A motion was made by Alderman Sallows, seconded by Alderman Rico, to approve **Resolution 19-24**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almlade, Mulcahey, Tapia, Rico, and Sallows. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 19-25: A RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE.

A motion was made by Alderman Mulcahey, seconded by Alderman Sallows, to approve **Resolution 19-25**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almlade, Mulcahey, Tapia, Rico, and Sallows. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 19-26: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE LOW RESPONSIVE BID FROM LANGMAN CONSTRUCTION, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,031,333.98 FOR A CONTRACT AWARD OF THE RAILROAD ALLEY WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT FOR THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS.

A motion was made by Alderman Sallows, seconded by Alderman Tapia, to approve **Resolution 19-26**.

A brief discussion was held regarding the project being over budget, and the possibilities of cut backs on future projects.

Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almlade, Mulcahey, Tapia, Rico, and Sallows. 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.

Alderman Sallows informed the City Council that tonight is her last meeting. The incoming Alderman of 1st Ward will be Larry Toppert. Mr. Toppert will be sworn in with the other newly elected officials at the May 6, 2019 meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Almlade thanked Alderman Sallows for her expertise regarding some of the projects that the City has worked on in the past.

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:

Mr. Lambrecht, Director of Maintenance Services – Mr. Lambrecht thanked Alderman Sallows for her dedication to the City of East Moline. Mr. Lambrecht informed the City Council about the river which is still at the upper flood stage at 13 feet. Mr. Lambrecht stated that they expect the river to stay higher than normal for the next month.

Mr. Drake, WWTP Facilities Director – Mr. Drake informed the City Council that on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 that the City of East Moline Water Plant will be participating with other Water plants in the area for a table top exercise regarding disaster preparedness. Mr. Drake stated that it is just other area water plants to make sure everyone is on the same page to find out who has what equipment, so we can help each other out if there is a disaster.

Captain Darren Gault, EMPD – Captain Gault thanked Alderman Sallows for her dedication to the City of East Moline, and she has always been a friend to Law Enforcement which we greatly appreciated your service. Captain Gault informed the City Council that the Police Department will be hosting a DEA drug take back initiative which will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the East Moline Police Department, we will be accepting pills/patches. We are not accepting liquids, inhalers, or any sharp needles. Last year the Quad Cities collected 877 pounds of prescription pills and patches. Captain Gault informed City Council that this is the perfect way to get rid of unwanted medications and encourages everyone to participate.

Mayor Pro-Tem Almblade asked Captain Gault if there is anything that can be done about the accidents on 7th Street and Avenue of the Cities to help that situation? Captain Gault stated that both 7th Street and Kennedy Drive located at Avenue of the Cities are both high accident intersections which are on the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) watch list for several years. The Safety Committee is reviewing the information trying to see if anything can be done.

Mayor Pro-Tem Almblade asked if there has been any discussion regarding left on arrow only. Captain Gault stated that the City has no control over this area, because it is an IDOT intersection. We would have to have IDOT re-program those traffic lights. Mayor Pro-Tem Almblade asked if he would please check to see if anything could be done.

Annaka Whiting, Director of Finance – Ms. Whiting stated that the Auditor’s Carpentier, Mitchell and Goddard will be here next week. Ms. Whiting also informed the City Council that they have enough paper in house to print an additional month of water bills.

Douglas Maxeiner - City Administrator – Mr. Maxeiner provided the following information to the City Council:

- DEA Drug take back noted that if medication is flushed it could cause contamination in the water supply.
- Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) for the County Clerk’s Office if you received one please have it sent back before the first of May.
- Staff is preparing an orientation for Newly Elected Officials and any other Officials are welcome to attend.
- Discussion regarding reconsideration of the Places for Eating Tax and Amusement Tax will be on the May 6, 2019 agenda. All business effected will notified.

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

- Captain Gault did recommend restricting traffic to turn on arrow only and change timing at the lights located at 7th Street and Kennedy Dr at Avenue of Cities.
- Flooding - receives daily reports.
- 7th Street will start the cold patching in place next week weather permitting.

- IL 92 between 10 and 13 Street the City is under a maintenance agreement do to sever pot holes and we are trying to fill the pot holes as best we can.

Alderman Sallows asked who is the contractor that will be doing the cold patching. Mr. Kammler stated that the sub-contractor is Midstate's. Mr. Kammler stated they are on the pre-qualification list from the State.

Rob DeFrance, EMFP – Chief DeFrance updated the City Council on the various upcoming activities, Chief DeFrance handed out flyers regarding the Rapid Resource Response Task Force will be conducted on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at the Rock Island Arsenal starting at 1:00 p.m. There will be guided bus tours and you will be able to see several teams in action. (Fire – Police – EMS). This is part of the Illinois Terrorism Task Force. Chief DeFrance has served on this Board for the past 18 years.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Alderman Sallows, seconded by Alderman Mulcahey, to adjourn the City Council meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almblade, Mulcahey, Tapia, Rico, and Sallows. Motion carried. **7:00 p.m.**

Minutes taken and submitted by,

Arletta D. Holmes, City Clerk