

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE,
COUNTY OF ROCK ISLAND, STATE OF ILLINOIS**
MONDAY, MAY 20, 2019 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 Acting City Clerk Wanda Roberts, to call the roll. The following Aldermen were present: Larry Toppert, Gary Almblade, Nancy Mulcahey, Jayne O'Brien, Maria Tapia, and Jose Rico. **Absent:** Frederic Kotoku

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Laura Long, East Moline Library Director addressed the City Council regarding the East Moline Library and the path of the future of the Library.

- Mission of the Library
- Building our future
- History of Library and the Community
- Framework
- Money need to build
 - Library Capital Funding \$2.2 million
 - TBK Bank Donation \$1.5 million
 - Louis Woodworth private donation of \$1 million
 - Public/Private Support needed: 2.4 million
- Library is working in partnership with Moline Foundation and the East Moline Community Fund.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

None

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Acting City Clerk Wanda Roberts read the Consent Agenda that included the following:

- a. Approval of Salaries of May 17, 2019 in the amount of \$441,175.09.
- b. Approval of Bills in the amount of \$486,278.43.

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: Almblade, Mulcahey, O'Brien, Tapia, and Rico. **Abstain:** Toppert. Motion carried.

REPORT BY MAYOR

Mayor Freeman had no items for discussion.

CITY ATTORNEY LINCOLN SCOTT PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE 19-13: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE AMENDING TITLE 3 “BUSINESS REGULATIONS”, CHAPTER 7 “LIQUOR DEALERS”, SECTION 3-7-6 “LICENSE FEES” OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

A motion was made by Alderman Rico seconded by Alderman Toppert, to waive the reading of **Ordinance 19-13**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almblade, O’Brien, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. **Opposed:** Mulcahey. Motion carried. **5-1**

A motion was made by Alderman Rico, seconded by Alderman Mulcahey, to approve **Ordinance 19-13**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almblade, Mulcahey, O’Brien, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 19-14: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, APPROVING A REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND GREAT RIVER PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT, LLC.

A motion was made by Alderman Rico seconded by Alderman O’Brien, to waive the reading of **Ordinance 19-14**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almblade, O’Brien, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. **Opposed:** Mulcahey. Motion carried. **5-1**

A motion was made by Alderman Rico, to approve **Ordinance 19-14** seconded by. Motion fails for lack of seconded.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding various aspects of **Ordinance 19-14**.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Mulcahey to delay the purchase of Great River Property Development, LLC for one year. Until revenues are reviewed to see where the City is Financially. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almblade and Mulcahey. **Opposed:** O’Brien, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion failed. **2-4**

A motion was made by Alderman Rico, seconded by Alderman O’Brien, to approve **Ordinance 19-14** with the following amendment to have Great River Property Development, LLC will maintain any events that go on in the park including City as well as theirs. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O’Brien, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. **Opposed:** Almblade and Mulcahey. Motion carried. **4-2**

ORDINANCE 19-15: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE TO PROVIDE FOR AN AMUSEMENT TAX AND A PLACES FOR EATING TAX

A motion was made by Alderman O’Brien seconded by Alderman Tapia, to waive the reading of **Ordinance 19-15**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almblade, O’Brien, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. **Opposed:** Mulcahey. Motion carried. **5-1**

Mayor Freeman requested that City Administrator Maxeiner provide additional options available to the City Council regarding Ordinance 19-15.

Public Comment:

The following residents addressed the City Council about regarding Ordinance 19-15. Juanita Zertuche, Connie Cornmesser owner of Hey Bryan’s Sports Bar, Pat Hansen director for East Moline Main Street, Jacinda Sanders owns several businesses in Downtown East Moline including Sanders, and

Mike VanDeeHeede developer of The Bend. The censuses of the group believe that the eatery tax will affect mainly small businesses. They are requested that the City Council resend Ordinance 19-15.

After much discussion regarding various aspects of this issue;

A motion was made by Alderman Rico, seconded by Alderman Almblade to separate the Amusement tax from the Eatery tax. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almblade, O'Brien, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. **Opposed:** Mulcahey. Motion carried. **5-1**

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, to amend the Eatery tax from 2% to 1%. Motion fails for a lack of second.

A motion was made by Alderman Rico, seconded by Alderman O'Brien to rescind the Eatery tax. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O'Brien, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. **Opposed:** Almblade, Mulcahey Motion carried. **4-2**

A motion was made by Alderman Rico to raise the Amusement tax to 5% and exempt non-for-profit. Motion fails for lack of second.

RESOLUTION 19-32: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE LOW RESPONSIVE BID FROM MILLER TRUCKING & EXCAVATING, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$725,337.50 FOR A CONTRACT AWARD OF THE 10TH AVENUE AND 29TH AVENUE UTILITY REPLACEMENT FOR THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Tapia, to approve **Resolution 19-32**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almblade, Mulcahey, O'Brien, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 19-33: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING PRECISION PAVEMENT MARKINGS, INC. FOR THE 2019 PAVEMENT MARKING PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Tapia, to approve **Resolution 19-33**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almblade, Mulcahey, O'Brien, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 19-34: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE AGREEMENT FOR REGULATION OF PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC BETWEEN THE CHOICE GROUP AND THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Toppert, to approve **Resolution 19-34**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almblade, Mulcahey, O'Brien, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 19-35: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, APPROVING THE AGREEMENT FOR REGULATION OF PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC BETWEEN BRADLEY DUBIL AND THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Mulcahey, to approve **Resolution 19-35**. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almblade, Mulcahey, O'Brien, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried.

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 - The Second Annual Youth Fishing Derby was rained out. Officer Richard Morton 50th Annual Memorial Service will be held Friday, May 24, 2019, at the burial site located at the Riverside Cemetery.

Annika Whiting, Finance Director – Ms. Whiting informed the City Council per the Councils request she is working on the Flood cost and will have the report to everyone by the end of the week.

Douglas Maxeiner - City Administrator – Mr. Maxeiner informed the City Council that the Illinois Municipal League has informed him that there will be an increase in the Prevailing Wage costs. Mr. Maxeiner also informed the City Council that he will contact the City Council to discuss the Library’s request.

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

- Flood fighting and Flood damage reports to try and receive a Federal Disaster Declaration.
- 7th Street job not done. Working with Brandt Construction and State of Illinois to remedy the situation.
- Water Main Project in the alley between 15th Ave and Rail Road between 3rd Street – 9th Street will be starting June 3, 2019 weather permitting.

Rob DeFrance, EMFP – Chief DeFrance informed the City Council that a Firefighter returned to work last week and one from the Fire Academy. There will be a slight reduction in overtime cost.

Mr. Lambrecht, Director of Maintenance Services – Mr. Drake informed the City Council that Mr. Lambrecht has laryngitis and he wanted the Council to know they had an excellent turnout for the Hazardous Waste Disposal last Saturday. They have closed the flood watch.

Mr. Drake, WWTP Facilities Director – Mr. Drake informed the City Council that the Annual Quality Water Report is on the City Web Site.

Mayor Freeman announced that there will be a closed session to discuss the following **Personnel Matters**.

RECESS:

A motion was made by Alderman Mulcahey, seconded by Alderman Almblade, to recess the City Council Meeting and go into Closed Session to discuss Personnel Matters. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almblade, Mulcahey, O’Brien, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried. **7:46 p.m.**

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman Rico, seconded by Alderman Mulcahey, to go into closed session to discuss Personnel Matters. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almlade, Mulcahey, O'Brien, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried. **7:47 p.m.**

RECOVENUE:

A motion was made by Alderman Rico seconded by Alderman Mulcahey, to reconvene the City Council Meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almlade, Mulcahey, O'Brien, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION:

A motion was made by Alderman Almlade, seconded by Alderman Mulcahey, to return to open session of the City Council Meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almlade, Mulcahey, O'Brien, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried. **7:58 p.m.**

Action taken in Closed Session

A motion was made by Alderman Mulcahey, seconded by Alderman Almlade to accept the proposal and to offer Mr. Douglas Maxeiner the position of City Administrator for the City of East Moline. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Almlade, Mulcahey, O'Brien, Tapia, Rico and Toppert. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Alderman Almlade, seconded by Alderman Tapia , to adjourn the City Council meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Toppert, Almlade, Mulcahey, O'Brien, Frederic, Tapia, and Rico. Motion carried. **7:59 p.m.**

Minutes taken and submitted by,

Wanda Roberts, Acting City Clerk