

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF
THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS
MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2019**

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 Almlade, Nancy Mulcahey, Jayne O'Brien, Frederic Kotoku, Maria Tapia, and Jose Rico. **6:45 p.m.**

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None.

Kristen Crawford of IMEG presented to the City Council and those in attendance the Babcock-Meersman Drainage Study.

- **Project Background**
 - Evaluate Existing Conditions
 - Determine Scope of Problems
 - Perform Preliminary Design and Provide Cost Estimate
- **Overview of Current Problems**
 - Flat topography prevents water runoff
 - No existing gradient to promote positive drainage
 - Naturally high-water table, means minimal table means minimal water soaking into the ground
 - Lack of elevation change causes silting-in of ditches and culverts
 - Localized flooding can not be fixed on a lot-by-lot basis
 - Improvements need to be made on a large-scale level, Point A to Point B
- **Drainage Study and Evaluation**
 - Overall drainage patterns were evaluated from aerial topo, survey and field inspections.
 - Often no clear routes for runoff to drain from homeowners' yards and/or the roadside ditches
 - Various high points and low points scattered along the ditches
 - Majority of culverts partially or completely full of silt or damage, and not functioning as intended
 - Proposed drainage basins were designed to best match the existing historical drainage patterns.
 - Drainage ultimately must flow to the wetland area in the center of the project site, to the east, or to the north
- **Summarized Findings and Recommendations**
 - Re-grade the ditches with positive slopes
 - Remove and Replace or Install culverts at each driveway
 - Remove and Replace driveways as required for positive drainage
 - Install subdrain along ditch bottom in locations of shallow slope to aid drainage
 - Construct storm sewer pipes and inlets in locations where needed
 - Install pump stations to get the water up and out to the nearest water body
 - Project area divided into ten (10) sub-basins.
 - Based on available funds, sub-basin projects may be completed all at the same time, or individually.
 - Breaking the project up allows distribution of funding; lengthens the project time and neighborhood disturbance.

- Review Preliminary Cost Estimates
 - \$417,450.00 Culverts
 - \$387,690.00 Storm Sewer
 - \$92,715.00 Ditch Grading
 - \$434,840.00 Subdrains
 - \$340,500.00 Driveway Remove and Replace
 - \$80,000.00 Storm Structures
 - \$80,000.00 Pump Stations
 - \$150,000.00 Detention Basin Excavation
 - \$1,983,195.00 **Total**
 - **\$297,497.25 15% Contingency**
 - **\$2,280,674.25 Preliminary Cost Estimate**

Ms. Crawford addressed the City Council questions, concerns and comments.

BABCOCK-MEERSMAN DRAINAGE STUDY, (Mr. Kammler, Director of Engineering)

Consulting Engineers from IMEG will present their study and recommendations for drainage improvements to the Babcock and Meersman subdivision areas. This item is intended to present information and a forum for discussion.

This is a CIP.

RECOMMENDATION:

Direct staff to develop funding options for consideration by Committee-of-the-Whole.

3-7-6 LICENCE FEES; CLASS B LICENSE AMENDMENT – (Ms. Whiting, Director of Finance)

Currently a Class B license, which is issued only to clubs located within the City, stated the following: entitles the licensee to sell for consumption only on the premises occupied by such club, such sales to be made only to members of such club in good standing and bona fide and invited guest for such members when accompanied by their host.” Staff proposes to amend the license to allow for retail sales of liquor, as outlined in a Class A license, but maintain the requirement that sales may still only be made to members or their guest.

The proposed language would read:

Class B license which shall be issued only to “clubs” as defined by this chapter and shall entitle the licensee to sell for consumption as well as other retail sales of liquor only on the premises permanently occupied by such club, such sales to be made only to members of such club in good standing and bona fide and invited guests for such members when accompanied by their host. Any class b licensee shall be fully equipped for the sale of liquor and other beverages by the drink, and shall comply with all health code requirements for a wet bar. The license fee will remain at \$1,000 annually, which is the same cost as a Class A license.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the updated language to a Class B liquor license to allow for the retail sale of liquor for said licensee holders.

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman Tapia, to concur with the recommendation as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O'Brien, Frederic, Tapia, Rico, Almblade and Mulcahey. Abstain: Toppert Motion carried. **6 – 1.**

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PARKING PROHIBITED ORDINANCE CHANGES, (Chief John Reynolds, EMPD)

At the June 3rd council meeting, there was discussion on commercial vehicles parking on 16th Avenue and the Police Department was directed to look into the issue.

Current Ordinance 9-2-43 restricts commercial vehicles from parking in residence districts only. This ordinance is in Title 9 (Traffic) and Chapter 2 (Rules for Driving). Chapter 3 deals with parking rules and this would be a good time to move it to a proper chapter. Downtown Districts addressing 15th Avenue from 7th Street to 13th Street, 16th Avenue from 7th Street and 17th Avenue from 7th Street to 11th Street would be added to the residence district language to create a new ordinance. In order to change this ordinance, we would need to repeal 9-2-43 and then create a new ordinance dealing with both residence districts and downtown districts. The new ordinance would be 9-3-16 Commercial Vehicle Parking Prohibited.

RECOMMENDATION:

Repeal Ordinance 9-2-43 and adopt a new ordinance with language from 9-2-43 and additional language addressing downtown districts.

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

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 (LIQUOR DEALERS) OF ARTICLE 3, SECTION 6 OF THE EAST MOLINE CITY CODE – (Mr. Maxeiner, City Administrator)

Murphy Park is a private, three-acre (more or less) music, theater and entertainment venue that intends to host frequent events. The developer/operator would like to sell alcohol at these events which would currently not be allowed under the existing liquor code for the City of East Moline.

Staff is proposing the creation of a new liquor license classification (E-2) that would apply to private, outdoor venues of less than four acres. The draft language restricts serving alcohol between the hours of noon and 10:00P.M. on Sunday through Thursday and noon and midnight on Fridays and Saturdays (and

evenings prior to state designated holidays). Any alcohol consumed in Murphy Park would need to have been purchased from the concession area in Murphy Park and only on days when an event is scheduled at this location. Consumption will not be allowed on public rights-of-ways adjacent to Murphy Park. The other main restriction placed on the operation is that amplified sound or music shall end no later than 10:00p.m. Sunday through Thursday and no later than midnight on Fridays, Saturdays, and evenings prior to state designated holidays.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends discussion and direction to staff to prepare an ordinance amending the liquor code creating the E-2 license classification.

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

ADJOURMENT:

A motion was made by Alderman Mulcahey, seconded by Alderman Almblade, to adjourn the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: O'Brien, Frederic, Tapia, Rico, Toppert, Almblade, and Mulcahey. Motion carried. **7:39p.m.**

Minutes taken and submitted

Arletta D. Holmes, City Clerk