

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR  
AND THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF  
THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018**

**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, Maria Tapia, and Jose Rico. **7:30 p.m.**

**ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA**

None.

**EQUIPMENT PURCHASE (Mr. Lambrecht, Director of Maintenance Services)**

The Maintenance Services Department received a quote from Holland & Sons from the State Bid for a 2018 TS 4 X 2 John Deere gator utility vehicle. List price \$7109.00 contract price \$5971.56. The gator will be used by the drainage department for levee maintenance and spraying vegetation per the Corp recommendations, flood control ect. plus other departments will use as needed. The gator will be stored out at the park garage at Jacobs Park and used by Softball and Little League for hauling supplies and diamond work.

**FINANCIAL:**

This is not a budgeted item.

**Title:** Drainage    **Actual Cost:** \$5,971.56    **Funding Sources:** Capital Purchase  
**Department:** Drainage. This is not a CIP

**RECOMMENDATION:**

To purchase the Gator from Holland & Sons from the State Contract for \$5971.56.

**DISCUSSION:**

Alderman Sallows asked why a 4x2 and not a 4x4. Mr. Lambrecht replied that he could not see paying the extra price for a 4x4 and the added size was not needed. Alderman Mulcahey asked if there was enough money in the fund? Mr. Lambrecht replied that the money was left over from a previous purchase. Alderman Almblade commented that the Park Board has been really needing the Gator Utility Vehicle.

A motion was made by Alderman Rico, seconded by Alderman Tapia, to concur with the recommendation to purchase a Gator Utility Vehicle in the amount of \$5,971.56. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Tapia, Rico, Sallows, Almblade, Mulcahey, DeJaynes and Miller. Motion carried.

**BABCOCK – MEERSMAN REGIONAL DRAINAGE STUDY – (Mr. Kammler, Director of Engineering)**

The Babcock and Meersman Subdivision areas have experienced localized flooding, long-term standing water, abundant mosquito population, and other related issues due to very flat topography and poor roadside and regional drainage. A high ground water table has contributed to the difficulty in maintaining adequate drainage in the area. The city routinely receives complaints regarding the standing water in ditches, yards, and culverts. While occasional ditch cleaning has been performed in limited areas, it has been ineffective due to lack of downstream drainage gradient: ditches are so flat, there is no point downstream for water to flow. The 5-year CIP has included funding for a comprehensive study that would provide the city with feasibility, options and associated costs to improve the drainage in this region. Subsequent to study, over the next several years, the CIP includes funding for land acquisition and construction of drainage improvements.

Provided for your review and consideration is a proposal from IMEG to perform the large-scale hydrologic analysis and engineering for this project. Also provided are exhibits showing the study's focus area.

**FINANCIAL:**

**Line Item#:** 022-4200-743.0      **Title:** Landfill Host – Capital Improvements

**Amount Budgeted:** \$60,000    **Actual Cost:** \$43,395.00    **Under/Over:** \$16,605 **under budget**

**Funding Sources:** Drainage    **Departments:** Engineering    **CIP Project Number:** 2018-17

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve IMEG proposal for regional drainage study.

**DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Kammler gave a brief overview and history of this project. Alderman Sallows asked Mr. Kammler if this will take off some of the stress on the lift stations. Mr. Kammler answered yes it will take off some of the stress from the lift stations. Mr. Kammler explained the process regarding the lift stations.

Alderman Rico asked if the homes right outside of the diagrammed area could be included? Mr. Morgan Mays of IMEG informed Alderman Rico that the entire drainage area will be included.

A motion was made by Alderman Rico, seconded by Alderman Tapia, to concur with the recommendation as presented. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Tapia, Rico, Sallows, Almlblade, Mulcahey, DeJaynes and Miller. Motion carried.

**AN ORDINANCE FOR USE OF SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS –  
(Mr. Girdler/Alderman Almlade)**

There is a growing prevalence of small unmanned aircraft, also called “drones” that has created public safety and privacy concerns. Recent injuries noted in local paper along with research of city related incidents have prompted this ordinance for review and discussion.

In addition, the Federal Aviation Administration has declared they lack the resources and willingness to investigate drone related accidents involving less than \$500 worth of damage or injuries not requiring hospitalization. The Unmanned Aircraft System (“UAS”) Registration Task Force Aviation Rulemaking Committee has issued a report to the Department of Transportation and the FAA acknowledging the need for regulations of small unmanned aircrafts and implemented a federal registry.

The FAA has also launched a public awareness campaign urging novice operators to pay attention to safety and avoid reckless and unsafe activities. However, once a novice has electronically filed his registration, operation may commence without any need for action or approval by the City. His actions cannot be reprimanded if he uses the UAS in a manner inconsiderate of others, such as flying too close to individuals or operating small unmanned aircrafts while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Another concern, small unmanned aircraft can be equipped with highly sophisticated photographic and surveillance technology can easily anger and threaten individual privacy.

This ordinance is to ensure operators can be held accountable for their actions and to reduce, eliminate and curb the public nuisances that can be created by individuals operating small unmanned aircrafts within the City.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Discussion of Ordinance.

**ITEM PULLED AT THE REQUEST OF ADMINISTRATOR GIRDLER, AND  
ALDERMAN ALMBLADE.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Alderman Almblade, seconded by Alderman DeJaynes, to adjourn the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Tapia, Rico, Sallows, Almblade, Mulcahey, DeJaynes and Miller. Motion carried. **7:43 p.m.**

**Minutes taken and submitted**

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**Arletta D. Holmes, City Clerk**