

**MINUTES**  
**WORKING SESSION**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**401 WEST WASHINGTON STREET**  
**EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS**

May 31, 2016

Mayor Mingus called the Working Session of the City Council of East Peoria, Illinois to order at 5:30 P.M. with the meeting having been properly noticed.

Upon the roll being called the following answered present: Mayor Mingus, Commissioners Decker, Densberger, Jeffers, and Kahl.

Absent: None.

Mayor Mingus explained that no official action would take place by the City Council at the meeting. He explained that the purpose of the meeting is to have a Working Session regarding 911 Consolidation. He turned the discussion over to Chief of Police, Dick Ganschow. Chief Ganschow discussed the 911 consolidation requirement from the State. He discussed a request for a five year waiver from the consolidation. He explained that if the State would require consolidation now that it would be enormously expensive in addition to other considerations. He discussed the consolidation requirement not going away but that this is an extension of the requirement.

Rich Mendenhall of the Tazewell County 911 Board explained that the 911 Board would be the ones orchestrating the consolidation. He explained that there is a five year plan to implement consolidation.

Telecommunications Manager, Erin Morey, discussed the waiver. She explained that they are looking at consolidating East Peoria, Morton, and Washington dispatch centers.

Chief Ganschow discussed needing to know where we are going and moving forward. He discussed needing a funding source for the consolidation. There is likely the need for millions. The State has been inconsistent in giving the 911 funds to the Tazewell County 911 Board.

The timeframe for approval was discussed. There is only a ninety-day timeframe to hear back. There is a website where the waiver application progress can be viewed. They are hoping to hear back in about one week to get a good idea if the waiver application will be approved.

There was a discussion about what happens if the waiver is not approved. Erin Morey discussed the likely option would be Washington would have to come to East Peoria and Morton would have to go to Tazcomm.

Mayor Mingus asked for any comments from the audience.

Don Norbits asked if there are any pros in doing this. Chief Ganschow discussed how 911 receives monies and that those monies have diminished because people are going to cell phones and away from landlines. One of the reasons for consolidating requirements by the State may be cost savings due to possible reductions in personnel.

Motion by Commissioner Decker, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; Mr. Mayor, I move you that we adjourn the meeting.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Densberger, Jeffers, Kahl and Mayor Mingus.

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:59 P.M.

/s/ Morgan R. Cadwalader

Morgan R. Cadwalader, City Clerk