

**MINUTES
NEW COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE CIVIC COMPLEX
401 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS**

November 1, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of East Peoria, Illinois was called to order by his Honor Mayor David Mingus presiding at 6:00 P.M. with proper notice having been given.

Upon the roll being called the following answered present: Mayor David W. Mingus, Commissioner Daniel S. Decker, Commissioner Gary R. Densberger, Commissioner Timothy J. Jeffers, and Commissioner John P. Kahl.
Absent: None.

The invocation was given by Commissioner Jeffers.

Mayor Mingus led the Council and the audience in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Motion by Commissioner Kahl, seconded by Commissioner Densberger; Mr. Mayor, I move that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 18, 2016 be approved as printed.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Mayor Mingus read a proclamation proclaiming November 2016 as "National American Indian Heritage Month."

Mayor Mingus stated if there was anyone in the audience who wanted to speak on any items on the agenda to come to the podium and state the matter or matters to be discussed.

Don Norbits came up to the podium to discuss the solid waste truck repair. He discussed Department of Transportation regulations regarding inspection of vehicles.

Bob Sinks from 104 Cass St., East Peoria came up to the podium to discuss the rezoning of 200 and 210 Globe Street. He asked about the size of the building and any plans. Commissioner Densberger explained that no plans have been submitted. The agenda item simply rezones the property to R-4 multiple family Dwelling District. There was a discussion about the requirements of a building that may be put on there. Director of Planning and Community Development, Ty Livingston, discussed the current zoning and potential uses within the zoning.

Belinda Young came up to the podium. She asked about the process after approval of the rezoning by City Council. Director Livingston explained that the process is dependent upon the property's use.

Brandy Sink of East Peoria came up to discuss her opposition to multiple family type buildings. She is opposed to multi-family apartments, because she feels that the current multi-family buildings are an issue as are rental properties in the area. She discussed issues with her neighborhood.

Lou Ellen Johnson of 112 Globe St., East Peoria came up to the podium to discuss issue she has with the rezoning and the neighborhood. She discussed not seeing any letter or sign posted. She discussed issues with crime in her neighborhood. She is concerned about getting more people in the neighborhood, because she feels that a few families have affected the entire neighborhood in a negative manner. She asked if the police are given an opinion on the rezoning. Deputy Chief Broderick discussed ensuring that all neighborhoods are safe.

Rachel Odewall, a resident from Chicago Street, East Peoria came up to the podium. She discussed issues with children causing problems in the neighborhood. She is concerned that an apartment building is going to cause more problems. She explained that the citizens do not want multi-family in the neighborhood.

Deputy Chief Broderick explained that issue will be addressed in the Police Department.

Mike Higgins the Executive Director for Greater Peoria LISC came up to the podium. He explained that LISC has been working with the neighborhood and that the residents do not want multi-family housing in the neighborhood.

Mayor Mingus and Commissioner Densberger asked about taking a poll on whether to move forward with the item. Commissioner Kahl explained that he would be willing to vote tonight against the rezoning. Commissioner Jeffers explained not having a plan before the site is rezoned. Commissioner Decker discussed being ok with pulling the item from the agenda today. Commissioner Densberger explained that he would like to request the plan.

Mayor Mingus explained that the agenda item would be removed from the agenda.

JR Gaines came up to the podium. He discussed making parents accountable for their children. He discussed putting together a neighborhood watch in the area.

Mayor Mingus asked for any other comments from the audience. There was no response.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE:

Mayor Mingus asked if any Commissioner wished to remove any items from the Consent Agenda for discussion. There was no response.

Motion by Commissioner Densberger, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; Mr. Mayor, I move to adopt a consent agenda consisting of items numbered 1 through 3 as listed on the agenda for this meeting to be considered by omnibus vote.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Densberger, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Items numbered 1 through 3 listed on the Consent Agenda be hereby approved and adopted, the items numbered 2 through 3 having been read once by their title and having laid on the table for no less than one week for public inspection be adopted as presented.

Item No. 1 – Adoption of Resolution No. 1617-083 - Resolution to Approve Payment of the Schedule of Bills No. 12 in the amount of \$494,207.05. (Adopted by omnibus vote)

Item No. 2 - Adoption of Resolution No. 1617-077 on its Second Reading – Resolution authorizing the repair of a 2012 International Solid Waste Truck (#47) engine by Centre State International Trucks, Inc. in the amount of \$27,643.17. (Adopted by omnibus vote)

Item No. 3 – Adoption of Resolution No. 1617-079 on its Second Reading – Resolution authorizing outfitting of the eight new Police Ford SUV Squads by Ragan Communications in the amount of \$53,803.28. (Adopted by omnibus vote)

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried and the items adopted by omnibus vote designation.

Commissioner Densberger explained that Ordinance No. 4065 would be pulled from the agenda for further consideration.

Resolution No. 1617-086 by Commissioner Densberger; WHEREAS, the City of East Peoria is a participant in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund; and

WHEREAS, elected officials with the City of East Peoria may participate in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund if they are in positions normally requiring performance of duty for 1,000 hours or more per year; and

WHEREAS, the City Council can determine what the normal annual hourly requirements of its elected officials are, and should make such determination for the guidance and direction of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund; and

WHEREAS, prior City Councils had determined that the position of Mayor required performance of duty for at least 1,000 hours per year; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has made revisions to the City's organizational structure, including strengthening the role of the City Administrator, and now seeks to designate the position of Mayor as part time; and

WHEREAS, the duties and responsibilities of the position of Mayor have changed and no longer require performance of duty for at least 1,000 hours per year, effective as of the end of the day on November 30, 2016;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT the position of Mayor shall be part time and no longer qualify for IMRF participation, as of the end of the day on November 30, 2016.

Motion by Commissioner Densberger, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; Mr. Mayor, I move that Resolution No. 1617-086 be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Densberger discussed strengthening the position of City Administrator to act more as a CEO. Mayor Mingus has agreed to serve without compensation.

Commissioner Kahl discussed accomplishing making the Mayor position a part-time position, because it is the right time.

Commissioner Decker explained that he would prefer a fulltime Mayor that is accountable every four years.

Commissioner Jeffers discussed working with Mayor Mingus and what the Mayor does in his position. He does feel that there is value in having a fulltime Mayor.

Mayor Mingus discussed fully supporting Jeff Eder. He feels that the bar has been raised for the staff and elected officials. He discussed empowering staff to do their job and preserve the interest of the community in the future. He feels blessed in his ability to serve. He discussed issues coming up for the City. He explained that he will be taking the early retirement incentive and he thanked the citizens of the City.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 1617-086 be duly adopted as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Densberger, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4310 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4200 E. WASHINGTON STREET IN THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS) be read at length by the Clerk, and that said Ordinance No. 4310 be accepted on its first reading, and be hereby adopted as presented.

Director Livingston discussed a relocation of the business and a new piece to the location. The will be open until December 24 and reopening is planned in March.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 4310 to be duly adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 1617-085 by Commissioner Decker, seconded by Commissioner Densberger; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1617-085, hereto attached, a Resolution accepting the low bid for repair of various streets, curbs, driveways, and sidewalks resulting from water main breaks from the Illinois Civil Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$13,410, be approved, and that this Resolution No. 1617-085 be accepted on its first reading as read by its title, and be laid on the table for no less than one week for public inspection.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 1617-084 by Commissioner Kahl, seconded by Commissioner Densberger; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1617-084, hereto attached, a Resolution accepting quote for an Arrow Gen 2 Patient Compartment (Ambulance Body) for the new Ambulance from Arrow Ambulance in the amount of \$140,159, be approved, and that this Resolution No. 1617-084 be accepted on its first reading as read by its title, and be laid on the table for no less than one week for public inspection.

Commissioner Kahl discussed approving this item.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Mayor Mingus stated if there was anyone in the audience who wanted to speak on any items not on the agenda to come to the podium and state the matter or matters to be discussed.

JR Gaines came up to the podium and asked about the Jake Brake ordinance signs. Director of Public Works Director, Steve Ferguson, explained that signs have to be put up by IDOT since it is a state route. He discussed the Sanford Street cleanup. He discussed issues with cleanup on this property and spring and fall cleanup being regulated. He asked about the Morton Building moratorium and hoping to have language for the proposal.

Bob Sinks came up to the podium. He discussed 27,000 cities that allow rabbits, chickens, and other animals. He discussed wanting to allow chickens in the City but understanding that there needs to be some rules. He would like to give people the chance to be self-sustaining.

Mayor Mingus asked for any additional comments from the audience. There was no response.

Mayor Mingus then asked for comments from Council.

Commissioner Decker discussed the commission form of government and being easily accessible. There was a discussion about ongoing garage sales.

Commissioner Densberger discussed beginning the budget process.

Commissioner Jeffers discussed the Veteran's Day Parade coming up and being in favor of hens in the City.

Commissioner Kahl discussed the Theresa Tracy Trot coming up this weekend.

Plug about the Veterans Day parade at 1:30p.m. on Saturday.

Motion by Commissioner Jeffers, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move you that we adjourn until Tuesday evening, November 15, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

/s/ Morgan R. Cadwalader
City Clerk Morgan R. Cadwalader