



**TO:** The Honorable Mayor and the City Council

**FROM:** Ty Livingston, Director of Planning & Community Development

**DATE:** March 12, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Resolution to purchase a commercial-grade ice machine to support the harvesting of Asian Carp from the Illinois River.

**BACKGROUND:** The proposal here is to purchase a commercial-grade ice machine to support area fisherman in harvesting Asian Carp during the warmer weather months. At the moment, the City has at least one location, with the potential for additional locations, where the processing (minimal) and shipping of these fish will occur. The fish are anticipated to be shipped to markets on both the east and west coasts to initially be used as bait. A number of moving parts appear to be coming together at the same time to make this operation viable and sustainable into the future.

The Illinois Department of Resources (IDNR) has already investigated potential machines that would work for this operation. Attached are details on an appropriate machine needed. The purchase of a pre-owned machine is also under consideration as budget for the equipment is being finalized through the utilization of member-initiative funds. The resolution essentially gives authorization to purchase only when the funds from the state are provided to the City and when a machine, which satisfies the attached specifications, is identified (to occur in that order). **A machine will not be purchased by the City if funds are not received in advance. If the purchase price exceeds the amount of the member initiative funds, the City will not be required to make-up the difference.**

Should the City be successful in this effort of acquiring a machine, it will then be turned over to IDNR for them to place at the most appropriate location to facilitate the Asian Carp harvest. The entire process here is designed to streamline efforts to acquire this machine and have it placed in a timely-manner at the most appropriate location to support this effort.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approval, as presented.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1920-123**

**East Peoria, Illinois**

**\_\_\_\_\_ , 2020**

**RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ACQUISITION OF ICE MACHINE  
FOR ASIAN CARP FISHING OPERATIONS ON THE ILLINOIS RIVER**

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) seeks to support area fisherman and fishing operations that harvest Asian Carp from the Illinois River; and

**WHEREAS**, City Officials seek to support economic development in the City of East Peoria, which includes a proposed Asian Carp processing operation adjacent to the Illinois River where Asian Carp are in plentiful supply; and

**WHEREAS**, the acquisition of a commercial-grade ice machine for preserving the Asian Carp fish during warm weather fishing operations prior to transporting the fish for processing at a nearby processing facility is an important component of IDNR's efforts to support area fisherman and fishing operations that harvest Asian Carp from the Illinois River (the "Ice Machine Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, the City seeks to support the Ice Machine Project in an effort to support local fisherman and fishing operations, as well as supporting the potential development of an Asian Carp processing facility in East Peoria; and

**WHEREAS**, under the IDNR plan to support and promote the Ice Machine Project, the City will acquire the ice machine with State funding and then transfer the ice machine to IDNR or other designated Eligible Third Party (as determined by IDNR) for supporting area fisherman and fishing operations to harvest Asian Carp from the Illinois River; and

**WHEREAS**, the City shall only proceed with acquiring the ice machine for the Ice Machine Project upon receiving sufficient State funds to purchase the ice machine; and

**WHEREAS**, the City shall not be required to provide any funding to support the Ice Machine Project should insufficient funding be received from the State for this project; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the City to undertake the Ice Machine Project that will support local fisherman and fishing operations on the Illinois River, while also supporting the potential development of an Asian Carp processing facility in the City of East Peoria;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:**

**Section 1.** The above recitations are found to be true and correct.

**Section 2.** The Ice Machine Project is hereby approved, which includes the acquisition of a commercial-grade ice machine at a cost that does not exceed the amount of State funds received by the City for the Ice Machine Project, and the Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to execute any contract documents necessary to acquire the ice machine for the Ice Machine Project, to fund the Ice Machine Project with the State funding, and then to subsequently transfer the ice machine to IDNR or other designated Eligible Third Party (as determined by IDNR) as set forth in this Resolution for the Ice Machine Project.

**APPROVED:**

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Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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City Clerk



# Ice Machine Property Requirements

To support commercial fishing of Asian Carp from the Illinois River, a location is needed to install an industrial-grade ice machine accessible by Illinois commercial fishermen. This ice machine is expected to be installed on a 12' platform mounted on concrete flooring with a separate cooler underneath to store ice. The location will provide camera-monitored, access via coded system.

Sample ice machine. Final unit may be alternate brand or configuration.

## REQUIREMENTS

- **Approximately 1,000 sq. ft., approx. 30' x 30'**
  - To accommodate ice-making equipment and ice storage
  - Turning radius for access to facility needed for pick-up truck and trailer-pulled boat. Larger refrigerated truck turning radius and ability to park desired.
- **Utilities**
  - 3-Phase Power
    - 220v/3ph - 135 amp circuit
    - OR
    - 460v/3ph - 65 amp circuit
  - If unavailable, ability to install
- **Water** – hook-up if unavailable or ability to connect to water source
- **Access**
  - Proximity to Roadway
  - Site Entry – gravel or paved driveway
- **Location** – within 1 – 2 miles of an Illinois River boat launch in the Peoria area preferred



Outdoor configuration currently in operation in Gilbertsville, KY near Kentucky Lake.