

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

JANUARY 19, 2021

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

Upon the roll being called the following answered present: Mayor John P. Kahl, Commissioner Daniel S. Decker, Commissioner Mark E. Hill, Commissioner Seth D. Mingus, and Commissioner Michael L. Sutherland.
Absent: None.

The invocation was given by Commissioner Hill.

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

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

Motion by Commissioner Mingus, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 5, 2021 be approved as printed.

Yeas: Commissioner Decker, Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Mayor Kahl 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. There was no response.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE:

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

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move to adopt a consent agenda consisting of items numbered 1 through 5 as listed on the agenda for this meeting to be considered by omnibus vote.

Item Number 1 – Adoption of Resolution Number 2021-095 – Resolution to Approve Payment of the Schedule of Bills Listed on Schedule Number 17 in the amount of \$2,215,415.24.

Item Number 2 – Adoption of Resolution Number 2021-084 on its Second Reading – Resolution approving an Agreement between the City of East Peoria and the Teamsters Local Union Number 627 (Buildings and Inspections) for a period beginning January 1, 2021 and terminating on December 31, 2022.

Item Number 3 – Adoption of Resolution Number 2021-081 on its Second Reading – Resolution Authorizing the City of East Peoria to Allocate Rebuild Illinois Bond Funds for the Local Portion of Funds Required for the River Road/Camp Street Intersection Reconstruction Project.

Item Number 4 – Adoption of Resolution Number 2021-079 on its Second Reading - Resolution approving a professional services agreement with Farnsworth Group, Inc. for renewal of National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (“NPDES”) Permits for the City’s Wastewater Plants.

Item Number 5 – Adoption of Resolution Number 2021-080 on its Second Reading - Resolution authorizing the purchase of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and Cardiac Monitors for the City of East Peoria Police and Fire Departments from Stryker Medical in the amount of \$106,282.57.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Items numbered 1 through 5 listed on the Consent Agenda be hereby approved and adopted, the items numbered 2 through 5 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.

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Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

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

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4541 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE EAST PEORIA CITY CODE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING TWO ADDITIONAL OFF-PREMISES SIGNS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS) be read at length by the Clerk, and that said Ordinance No. 4541 be accepted on its first reading, and be hereby adopted as presented.

The City Clerk read the ordinance at length.

Commissioner Hill explained that there will be two signs added by Adams Outdoor Advertising. The following two Special Use Ordinances and the Ordinance regarding the leases go along with this City Code amendment.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 4541 to be duly adopted as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4542 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF CLOCK TOWER DRIVE AND WEST CAMP STREET IN THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS) be read at length by the Clerk, and that said Ordinance No. 4542 be accepted on its first reading, and be hereby adopted as presented.

The City Clerk read the ordinance at length.

Commissioner Hill explained that this Ordinance goes along with two leases that City will be approving with Adams Outdoor. The design of the signs is approved by the City before the project continues.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 4542 to be duly adopted as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4543 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED OFF BASS PRO DRIVE IN THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS) be read at length by the Clerk, and that said Ordinance No. 4543 be accepted on its first reading, and be hereby adopted as presented.

The City Clerk read the ordinance at length.

Commissioner Hill commented on the location of the special use. He explained that the City has the option to promote City events as long as there is space. Emergency alerts will be shown on the signs with priority if there are emergency events, such as Amber Alerts.

Mayor Kahl explained that both signs will compliment the surrounding areas. These signs are aesthetically pleasing and will be welcoming people into the City.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 4543 to be duly adopted as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4544, hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE APPROVING GROUND LEASES WITH ADAMS OUTDOOR ADVERTISING FOR PLACEMENT OF OFF-PREMISES SIGNS FOR THE LEVEE DISTRICT AND THE BASS PRO COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AREAS) having been read once by its title and having been laid on the table for no less than one week for public inspection, be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Hill explained that this is final piece of the two signs. These are twenty-year leases, and there are increases in the rent prices every five years.

Mayor Kahl explained that the rent for the Bass Pro Drive area is \$25,000 for Years 1-5; \$26,500 for Years 6-10; \$28,000 for Years 11-15; and \$29,500 for Years 16-20. For the Camp Street and Clock Tower Drive location the rent is \$20,000 for Years 1-5; \$21,000 for Years 6-10; \$22,000 for Years 11-15; and \$23,000 for Years 16-20.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 4544 be adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 2021-089 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Decker; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2021-089, hereto attached, a Resolution Authorizing the Selling Process for City-Owned Surplus Real Estate located at 118 Loren Street in the City of East Peoria, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2021-089 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 Hill explained that this is a selling process to list the surplus real property. He commented on the process that would list the property with a realtor.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-088 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2021-088, hereto attached, a Resolution to approve abating and eliminating various tax levies for Water and Sewer Bond Issues, Tax Increment Financing Bond Issues, and Development Bond Issues, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2021-088 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 Hill explained that the City must cover the bond issues with property tax levy monies. Once the City determines that it has sufficient alternative revenues to cover the bond payments in the year, the City abates those amounts from the tax levy.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-090 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Decker; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2021-090, hereto attached, a Resolution Approving Renewal of Cyber Security Insurance Coverage, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2021-090 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 Hill explained that the resolution covers cyber security insurance that is done once a year. The amount is \$21,140.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-091 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2021-091, hereto attached, a Resolution approving the Festival Building Security and Camera System Upgrade Project by Christenberry Systems & Alarm Company Inc. in the amount of \$11,230, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2021-091 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 Hill commented on several thefts that occurred at the Festival Building and this upgrade improving the security and cameras to ensure that the building is well protected and monitored.

Mayor Kahl explained the importance of this resolution and protecting City assets.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-092 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Decker; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2021-092, hereto attached, a Resolution authorizing the purchase of a 2020 Ford Transit 250 Vehicle with HVAC Fit Out for Facilities Management from Uftring Auto Group, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2021-092 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 Hill explained that this resolution is for the replacement of an older Knapheide Utility Vehicle (KUV). The purchase includes a government incentive and the trade-in of the older KUV. The total purchase amount is \$35,259.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-094 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Decker; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2021-094, hereto attached, a Resolution Accepting Lowest Responsible Bid from Connor Company for Eastside Centre HVAC System Replacement Project Replacing Six HVAC Units, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2021-094 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 Hill commented on the purchase and the Ameren incentives for the project. This replacement will create energy efficiency. The costs will be paid for through electrical aggregation funds.

Mayor Kahl commended Robert Cole on the great job he has done in energy efficiency through the City and on this project.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-093 by Commissioner Hill; WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the East Peoria Mass Transit District Board of Trustees as a result of Trustee Demetrio Preciado's resignation; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Mayor John P. Kahl has recommended the appointment of Ty Livingston to fill the vacancy on the East Peoria Mass Transit District Board of Trustees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS, THAT the appointment by Mayor John P. Kahl of Ty Livingston to the East Peoria Mass Transit District Board of Trustees to fill the vacancy for a term ending April 30, 2023.

AND THAT THIS RESOLUTION NO.2021-093 BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move that Resolution No. 2021-093 be adopted as presented.

Mayor Kahl explained thanked Ty Livingston for his willingness to serve and explained that he will do a great job.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 2021-093 be duly adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 2021-085 by Commissioner Decker, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2021-085, hereto attached, a Resolution Authorizing the City of East Peoria to enter into an Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for Installation of Dilemma Detection Devices in Traffic Signals for Route 116 Intersections and Related Funding Appropriation, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2021-085 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.

Commissioner Decker commented on accidents occurring at intersections along Rt 116. This agreement involves detection devices at three intersections on Route 116/Main Street that can change how it gives signals to vehicles to ensure that it can give a longer yellow or delays the green light for the other traffic to help prevent accidents. There is a max cost of \$6,038. However, it should be closer to the estimated \$4,833 amount.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-086 by Commissioner Mingus; WHEREAS, the City's former Chief of Police resigned effective October 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, following the former Police Chief's last day of service with the City, Richard Brodrick was appointed to Interim Chief of Police of the East Peoria Police Department and has been acting in that interim position since that time; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City to appoint Richard Brodrick to the office of Chief of Police of the East Peoria Police Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT Richard Brodrick is hereby appointed to the office of Chief of Police of the East Peoria Police Department effective January 20, 2021 at a base salary of \$122,511.77 per year and annual uniform allowance of \$1,100.00.

Motion by Commissioner Mingus, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move that Resolution No. 2021-086 be adopted as presented.

Mayor and Commissioners congratulated Chief Brodrick on the appointment.

Mayor Kahl appreciated his willingness to accept the position. He has seen positive changes in the PD in the last months.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 2021-086 be duly adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 2021-087 by Commissioner Mingus; WHEREAS, the City's former Chief of Police resigned effective October 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, at that time, Deputy Chief Richard Brodrick was appointed to Interim Chief of Police of the East Peoria Police Department and has been acting in that interim position role since that time; and

WHEREAS, at that same time, David Horn was appointed Temporary Deputy Chief of Police of the East Peoria Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Richard Brodrick is appointed to the office of Chief of Police of the East Peoria Police Department effective January 20, 2021; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Richard Brodrick's appointment to the office of Chief of Police of the East Peoria Police Department effective January 20, 2021, it is in the best interests of the City to appoint David Horn to the office of Deputy Chief of Police of the East Peoria Police Department effective January 20, 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT David Horn is hereby appointed to the office of Deputy Chief of Police of the East Peoria Police Department effective January 20, 2021 at a base salary of \$112,039.41 per year, annual uniform allowance of \$1,100.00, and holiday of \$3,932.91.

Motion by Commissioner Mingus, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move that Resolution No. 2021-087 be adopted as presented.

Mayor Kahl and Commissioners congratulated Deputy Horn on his appointment.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 2021-087 be duly adopted as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Mingus, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4545 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN INSTALLMENT CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF NEW TASER EQUIPMENT FOR THE CITY'S POLICE DEPARTMENT) 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 Mingus commented on the contract that finances the purchase over several years.

Mayor Kahl explained that Taser no longer supports the City's current Tasers and this will allow for the purchase of new Tasers. He thanked the Chief for his work on the deal as he got a better price on the purchase.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Mingus, seconded by Commissioner Sutherland; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4546 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL) be read at length by the Clerk, and that said Ordinance No. 4546 be accepted on its first reading, and be hereby adopted as presented.

Commissioner Mingus commented on the ordinance. He commented on filling positions with qualified people who can do the job for the City. The changes modify it to allow the City to go outside the City in hiring employees but gives preference to those who live in the City and promotes individuals to be active in the city.

Commissioner Decker commented on the ordinance. He feels that everyone should live in the City who work here. He explained that people choose good people who do not accept positions because of the requirement to live within the City and commented on instances where spouses work for different cities and there is a residency requirement in each community. He feels that the City should always encourage people to live within the City; however, it is more important to hire the best person.

Commissioner Hill commented on making changes to the residency requirement in July 2019 to require residency for the non-represented employees. He does feel that people should live within the City and that people should respect the requirement. He feels that there is a financial cost, as 60% of City employees live outside of the City limits. There is \$6 million that is going outside of the City limits. He explained that those that live in a community will be more involved in the community in which they live. He does not agree with the change and believes that employees should live within the City that work for the City. He will not be supporting the ordinance.

Commissioner Sutherland commented on negotiating the collective bargaining agreement with Public Sorks for a residency requirement for the City. He explained that it was difficult for the Public Works to agree with the change at the time of the negotiations. He explained that Public Works cannot hire an EPA certified Class I, II, II or IV certified Wastewater Operator that lives within the City or is willing to move into the City. The only applicants are located outside of the City. He feels that COVID-19 has a lot to do with this. He explained that there is no pool to pull from in East Peoria and no current employees will get the certification. He will support the ordinance.

Mayor Kahl explained that he respects everyone's opinion on this change. He explained that ideally, he would like everyone to live in the City limits. One goal is to make sure that the City hires the best candidates in the City to ensure that we have the most professional departments. He commented on the union contracts not having residency requirements. He explained that there is a preference to those living in the City and that seeks to have employees become involved in civic events in the City. He explained that some fulltime employees that do not reside in the city are involved more than those that are living within the city. He would be in favor in holding everyone to the same standards with residency.

The City Clerk read the ordinance at length.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: Commissioner Hill.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 4546 to be duly adopted as presented.

Mayor Kahl stated if there was anyone in the audience who wanted to speak on any items not on the agenda to come to the podium state the matter or matters to be discussed. There was no response.

Mayor Kahl then asked for comments from Council.

Commissioner Decker commented on there being a brush pickup due to ice storm that causes trees and branches to fall down. The brush pickup is scheduled for February 15-19, 2021. It is not for Christmas tree, and there are rules that must be followed. Commissioner Decker explained the rules. If there is a weather event during that week, the brush pickup will be the following week.

Commissioner Sutherland commented on getting certified people hired. The Teamsters represent us, and they do not train employees themselves. We hire employees, and there is no training involved. If the city needs a pipefitter, locater, the City must train those employees on our own from within. All an employee needs currently is a Commercial Driver's License. Commissioner Sutherland would like to hire people with more skills. He explained that if there are voids people go to different jobs. The most qualified person does not always go to that job. He explained that the Water and Sewer video that explains the water and sewer process will come soon. He commented on waiting for permits for water main and just receiving them now so that the department can move forward on projects. He feels that that water and sewer pipes need to be replaced before a new street is put down. Commissioner Sutherland explained that facial tissues do not disintegrate right away; and therefore, should not be flushed down the sewer system. He commented on three sewer lines being repaired recently.

Commissioner Mingus commented on getting into budget season. He explained that there is a frontline Fire Engine that is the same age as that trade in that was done earlier for Facilities Maintenance. He explained that the City needs another Fire Engine for the Fire Department. He understands that money is finite but feels that it is important.

Motion by Commissioner Sutherland, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; Mr. Mayor, I move you that we adjourn until Tuesday evening, February 2, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Hill, Mingus, Sutherland, and Mayor Kahl.

Nays: None

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

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