

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

April 6, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING:

“PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AND PROPOSED WORKING CASH BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 2021 TO APRIL 30, 2022.”

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move that the City Council recess the Regular Meeting to hold a public hearing.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and the Regular Meeting recessed to hold a public hearing at 6:00 P.M.

Those present were the following: Mayor John P. Kahl, Commissioner Daniel S. Decker, Commissioner Mark E. Hill, Commissioner Seth D. Mingus, and Commissioner Michael L. Sutherland.

Absent: None.

Mayor Kahl called the Public Hearing to order with proper notice having been given. Mayor explained the purpose of the public hearing is to review and receive written and oral Public Comments on the Proposed Annual Appropriation Ordinance and Proposed Working Cash Budget for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022. Mayor Kahl turned the discussion over to the Director of Finance Jeff Becker. Director Becker presented the proposed Appropriation Ordinance and proposed Working Cash Budget for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022. He explained that the Appropriation Ordinance which is the maximum that the City can spend. The total for the Appropriation Ordinance is \$113,629,025. He explained that the Working Cash budget is a more realistic number of what the City expects to spend. Director Becker explained the difference between the two.

Mayor Kahl explained that the City Council would be voting to approve the budget on its first reading at the meeting tonight with a second reading to follow at the next Regular City Council Meeting on April 20, 2021.

Mayor Kahl stated if there was anyone in the audience who wanted to speak or make comments on the proposed Appropriation Ordinance or Proposed Working Cash budget to come to the podium. There was no response. Mayor Kahl explained that if anyone wanted to make comments later during the Regular City Council Meeting on the proposed Appropriation Ordinance or Proposed Working Cash Budget that they could do so.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; Mr. Mayor, I move that to adjourn the Public Hearing and reconvene the Regular Meeting.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and the Regular Meeting reconvened at 6:04 P.M.

Upon return to the Regular Meeting, those present were the following: Mayor John P. Kahl, Commissioner Daniel S. Decker, Commissioner Mark E. Hill, Commissioner Seth D. Mingus, and Commissioner Michael L. Sutherland.

Absent: None.

Mayor Kahl explained that a brave 3-year-old East Peoria resident named Brigham Landwehr is battling Stage 4 Neuroblastoma, a highly aggressive form of cancer. He read and presented a special Proclamation to Brigham's grandparents proclaiming April 7, 2021 as "Brigham Landwehr Day" and urging each individual in the Community to take time to not only cherish the moments that we have with loved ones, but to also acknowledge all those, such as Brigham Landwehr, who are inspirational in their efforts to make their families, our community, and our world a better place. Mayor Kahl expressed thoughts and prayers to brave Brigham and his family.

Motion by Commissioner Mingus, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 16, 2021 and the minutes of the Special Meeting for a Working Session held on March 16, 2021 be approved as printed.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

City Council received and filed the Illinois Department of Transportation Compliance Review #69 covering receipt and disbursement of Motor Fuel Tax funds by the city for the period beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2020.

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 6 as listed on the agenda for this meeting to be considered by omnibus vote.

Item Number 1 – Adoption of Resolution Number 2021-135 – Resolution to Approve Payment of the Schedule of Bills Listed on Schedule Number 22 in the amount of \$2,821,669.45.

Item Number 2 – Adoption of Ordinance Number 4559 on its Second Reading - (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PROVISION OF THE EAST PEORIA ZONING CODE TO ADDRESS SHORT-TERM RENTAL PROPERTY.)

Item Number 3 - Adoption of Ordinance Number 4560 on its Second Reading - (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 617 FONDULAC DRIVE IN THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS.) (Special Use for a short-term rental use for residential property zoned "R-1, One Family Dwelling District".)

Item Number 4 - Adoption of Ordinance Number 4561 on its Second Reading - (AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 105 SANFORD STREET IN THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS.) (Changing the zoning classification of the Property from "M-3, Manufacturing District, Transitional" to "R-4, Multiple-Family Dwelling (Residential) District".)

Item Number 5 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2021-121 on its Second Reading - Resolution allocating \$875,000 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the 2021 Street Maintenance Program and confirming and approving 2021 Engineering Extension Agreement with Patrick Meyer & Associates and associated rate of compensation for engineering services related to the 2021 Street Maintenance Program.

Item Number 6 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2021-117 on its Second Reading - Resolution Approving an Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for Route 116 Roadway and Signal Improvement Project.

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 6 listed on the Consent Agenda be hereby approved and adopted, the items numbered 2 through 6 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 Number 1 – Adoption of Resolution Number 2021-135 – Resolution to Approve Payment of the Schedule of Bills Listed on Schedule Number 22 in the amount of \$2,821,669.45. (Adopted by omnibus vote)

Item Number 2 – Adoption of Ordinance Number 4559 on its Second Reading - (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PROVISION OF THE EAST PEORIA ZONING CODE TO ADDRESS SHORT-TERM RENTAL PROPERTY.) (Adopted by omnibus vote)

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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. 4562 hereto attached, (ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR FROM THE FIRST DAY OF MAY A.D. 2021 TO THE LAST DAY OF APRIL A.D. 2022) 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 appropriation ordinance sets the legal limit that the City can spend over the fiscal year. It is \$113,629,025. He commented on the Appropriation Ordinance itemizing the funds beginning the A funds.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-127 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2021-127, hereto attached, a Resolution to approve the Working Cash Budget for the Fiscal Year from the first day of May A.D. 2021 to the last day of April A.D. 2022, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2021-127 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 is for the working cash budget that was discussed earlier in the public hearing, and there is great detail in the budget. He commented on revenue shortages from the pandemic and the total budget being \$83,385,382 in expenses. The document includes the revenues and expenses along with percentage increases and decreases from the previous year. There were some increase due to the reductions from the year before regarding the pandemic.

Commissioner Decker commented on the reductions from last year. He explained that he has a level of comfort this year due to budget reductions that were done last year. He commented on the difficulty anticipating unknown revenues and expenditures. He commented on working on the details of the budget and trying stretch street maintenance dollars. Recycling was discussed. He commented on the concerns about the costs of recycling, and he feels that the costs are lesser than they were a year ago. He explained that there have been discussions about recycling and recycling costs are included in the budget. Recycling will likely begin in May; however, a public notice will come out with more information. It was never the intention to get rid of recycling but to get through the pandemic. He explained that there has not been a date set for the Cleanup Week.

Commissioner Mingus commented on the cuts made to the budget last year and that the city is not back to normal. However, the City is better than it was last year. He will be supporting the budget.

Mayor Kahl commented on this year being a challenging time. He thanked staff, employees, and City Council. He explained that there were decisions made one year ago that were not popular but necessary. The budget had to be cut and services still needed to be done. The City Council approved a five-year capital plan that had to be put on hold and departments had to cut expenses by 15%. The City lived within its means the past year. The 2021-2022 Budget is a balanced budget. This budget does include some capital improvements and budgeted items that were included in the 5-year Capital Budget Plan. It is not a perfect budget, and it is not a pre-covid budget level. Recycling is included in the budget with costs estimated at \$329,000 for bringing the truck back online, bringing a person back, and the tipping fees. The services the City provides for Fire, Police, solid waste, recycling, and many other items are paid for through the general fund. He discussed the City being one of ten other taxing bodies. He explained what is paid for through the property taxes which includes pensions, audit costs, street lighting, unemployment costs, civil defense, and worker's compensation insurance. The City is trying to do what is best for the City. Revenues are still projecting to be lower than pre-covid numbers, and the city is hopeful that they will be more. A notice regarding recycling will be coming soon. He explained the importance of an educational component to the recycling to inform residents of what can be recycled because not everything can be recycled. The schedule will be every other week and is set to begin May 3.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4563 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SUBDIVISION PLAT FOR PROPERTY OFF OF OAKWOOD ROAD) 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 location of the property that is behind Avondale. There are two tracks of land that the owners are consolidated, and the property is being replatted. The property is being split amongst family, and there are no plans currently for the property. There is a recommendation by Zoning Board of Appeals with a 4-0 vote to approve.

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 Ordinance No. 4564 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ACCEPTANCE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION FOR PORTION OF EAST OAKWOOD ROAD) 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 ordinance goes along with the previous resolution. The surveyor discovered that a part of the property is part of a current right-of-way that is Oakwood Road. This dedicates that portion of property as right-of-way.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4565 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF EXCESS CITY PROPERTY AT 118 LOREN STREET) 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 acquired property after the City demolished a structure last year. The price is \$3200 for the lot, and the purchasers will pay \$500 for closing costs. This sale will put the property back into use.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-134 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2021-134, hereto attached, a Resolution to approve the salaries, wages, and employee benefits for certain non-union employees of the City of East Peoria for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2021 and ending on April 30, 2022, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2021-134 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 the annual salary resolution. All employees did not receive a raise last year, and this takes into account that with the increase this year. Nonunion employees will be receiving a 3.5% increase (1.75% for each year). There is also \$20,000 for merit raises. Commissioner Decker explained that with his position as an employee in the Fire Department that he will be abstaining on this and the next seven items.

Commissioner Mingus explained that no nonunion and union employees took a pay increase last year.

Mayor Kahl commented on Public Works and Firefighters making concessions which involved taking no wage increase the previous fiscal year with the understanding that the City would also defer the nonunion employees raises. The City will honor its commitment that includes 3.5% increase nonunion employees. He explained that he will be abstaining from this and the following ordinance as it mentions the Mayor.

Yeas: Commissioners Hill, Mingus, and Sutherland.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Commissioner Decker and Mayor Kahl.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4566 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SICK LEAVE PROVISIONS OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL) be read at length by the Clerk, and that said Ordinance No. 4566 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 ordinance clarifying provisions and making consistent those policies across all levels. Mayor Kahl explained he would be abstaining due to the Mayor being mentioned and that this was to be brought before the City Council last year, however, it was delayed due to the pandemic. This was done to make things consistent. Mayor Kahl explained that the salary resolution does not include a salary increase for the elected officials. Elected Officials receive an increase which is the lowest of the Consumer Price Index. He clarified that he abstained from the salary resolution because it was tied to the sick leave provisions.

Yeas: Commissioners Hill, Mingus, and Sutherland.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Commissioner Decker and Mayor Kahl.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 4566 to be duly adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 2021-128 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2021-128, hereto attached, a Resolution Regarding Reinsurance Carrier for the City's Group Health Insurance Plan, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2021-128 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 reinsurance carrier renewal. The deductible is \$110,000, and there is a 15% increase over last year. Some of the increase is due to the expectation of elective surgeries that were put off the previous year being done now or in the near future and due to higher individual expenses.

Mayor Kahl explained that the insurance committee takes time to review items, and he explained that they then make recommendations regarding their review of health insurance related items.

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Commissioner Decker.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-129 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2021-129, hereto attached, a Resolution Regarding Renewal of Group Term Life Insurance Policy for City Employees, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2021-129 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 coverage of the group life insurance. The City is renewing with the Standard Insurance Company, and there was an increase in the amount due to more retirees and employees being covered.

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Commissioner Decker

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-130 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2021-130, hereto attached, a Resolution Regarding Employee Contribution Rates for the City's Group Health Insurance Plan, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2021-130 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 contribution rates going up slightly with increases being split 50/50 between the City and employees. There are two plans a Preferred Provider Organization and a High Deductible Health Plan. He commented on the increases to each category and explained that the City is continuing the \$25 per month wellness incentive and the money for the High Deductible Health Plan.

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Commissioner Decker

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-136 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2021-136, hereto attached, a Resolution Regarding the Prescription Drug Benefit Manager for the City's Group Health Insurance Plan, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2021-136 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 recommendation is to go with Rx Benefits for the Prescription Benefit Manager to receive savings. There is a three-month extension, and the change is set to begin August 1, 2021.

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Commissioner Decker.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-122 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2021-122, hereto attached, a Resolution Approving Contract with Optimum Health Solutions for Assisting with the Employee Wellness Program, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2021-122 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 test and that there is an expansion for vascular testing this year. Mayor Kahl explained that these rates are unchanged from the 2020 rates. He explained that he is happy to keep costs down and make sure that employees are healthy.

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Commissioner Decker.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-123 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Decker; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2021-123, hereto attached, a Resolution Accepting Lowest Responsible Bid from Tazewell County Asphalt Company in the amount of \$43,660 for the Public Safety Back Parking Lot Overlay Project, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2021-123 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 parking lot needing attention due to safety concerns, among other reasons for the project. There were two proposals, and the low bid came from Tazewell County Asphalt Company. He commented on the details about the overlay process..

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-124 by Commissioner Decker, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2021-124, hereto attached, a Resolution Approving an Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for Modernization and Installation of Traffic Signal Cabinets, Controllers, Communication Equipment, and Video Detection Systems for various traffic signals along IL Route 116, US Route 24, and Washington Street, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2021-124 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 explained the project and commented on the City's portion of the costs being around \$5,313 for the modernization of the traffic signals. The modernization, among other improvements, improves time to try to decrease accidents.

Mayor Kahl explained how much the City is estimated to spend (\$5,313) versus how much the State is estimated to spend (\$596,390) on the project.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-125 by Commissioner Decker, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2021-125, hereto attached, a Resolution approving Fahey Hollow Bridge Erosion Control Project in the amount of \$14,224.50, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2021-125 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 explained that the erosion control material has been washed away and needs to be fixed. Bridges are inspected every two years, and they are extremely expensive to replace. Therefore, this is an important project to keep up the erosion on the bridge so that it can remain open. This is budgeted item.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-131 by Commissioner Sutherland, seconded by Commissioner Decker; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2021-131, hereto attached, a Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Payment of an Invoice to Stark Excavating for Faulkner Drive Erosion-Storm Pipe Work in the amount of \$15,087.93, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2021-131 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 Sutherland commented on a sewer main being exposed due to culver being was away. City employees and Stark Excavating completed the project for under \$45,000.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-132 by Commissioner Sutherland, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2021-132, hereto attached, a Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Payment of an Invoice to Stark Excavating for Culvert Installation and Erosion Control Work along Circle Drive in the amount of \$12,745.92, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2021-132 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 Sutherland commented on the project and culvert and erosion work that was needed. The City brought in its own dirt to replace dirt that had washed away, installed new culvert, and City employees did the work in conjunction with Stark Excavating. The Project will be ongoing for the next couple of years.

Mayor Kahl commended City employees and Stark Excavating and explained that there are similar areas throughout the City is trying to tackle these problems as we can do so.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-133 by Commissioner Sutherland, seconded by Commissioner Decker; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2021-133, hereto attached, a Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Payment of an Invoice to Stark Excavating for Additional Erosion Control Work along Circle Drive in the amount of \$12,106.77, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2021-133 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 Sutherland explained that this is in the same area as the previous resolution but that deals with a different culvert that needed erosion control work.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-137 by Commissioner Sutherland, seconded by Commissioner Decker; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2021-137, hereto attached, a Resolution Approving Invoice from Williams Brothers Construction for Additional Work required in Conjunction with the City's Sanitary Sewer System Upgrade Project (Phases A – C Construction Project), be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2021-137 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 Sutherland commented on an issue that came up during the construction process that caused additional work that needed to be completed. This approves the payment for the work that was completed.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-126 by Commissioner Mingus; WHEREAS, 20 ILCS 2910/1 authorizes the City of East Peoria to classify qualified members of its Fire Department as peace officers for the purpose of investigating fires or explosions which may be the result of arson or arson-related crimes; and WHEREAS, Firefighter Tyler Young has received extensive training in the investigation of arson and arson-related crimes and has satisfied all the requirements imposed by 20 ILCS 2910/1; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:

Section 1. Firefighter Tyler Young is hereby authorized and directed to investigate fires or explosions in or on behalf of the City of East Peoria.

Section 2. Firefighter Tyler Young is hereby classified as a peace officer for the City of East Peoria and as such shall possess all the powers and authority enumerated at 20 ILCS 2910/1.

Motion by Commissioner Mingus, seconded by Commissioner Hill; Mr. Mayor, I move that Resolution No. 2021-126 be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Mingus explained that this resolution gives Firefighter Young peace officer status to investigate fires and arsons. Mayor and City Council members comment a difficult job and takes a special person to be a peace officer.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 2021-126 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.

Ms. Clairann owner of 821 Highview Road came up to the podium to discuss an erosion issue that she stated she has with her property. She passed out a paper to the City regarding the issues she has. Has some papers for everyone.

Don Norbits came up to the podium and commented on open burning, pensions, and gaming revenues. He asked the City to reconsider the opening burning due to those citizens that have breathing issues. He asked about revisiting yard waste pickup as an option and explained that it will be a difficult month for him with the open burning. Don Norbits inquired as to how is the City doing on pensions. Director Becker explained that the City is 20% from last year. However, the amount is averaged over five years. The contributions should drop based on how the pensions are doing. He commented on revenues from the riverboat being down substantially and commended the City Council and employees on doing a good job with expenses.

Mayor Kahl explained that, until there is an alternate to burning, people are going to burn. He explained that people need to be respectful of their neighbors and others. He explained that he would like to prohibit burning on holidays.

Mayor Kahl commented on the Par-A-Dice Casino revenues being down and the state has not helping the casinos. There was a 60% reduction in gaming revenues and that amount has not rebounded much. The state gets 100% of sports betting.

Charlie Morgan came up to the podium and he commented on the 5-Year Capital Plan. He explained that the last time recycling was discussed there would be a report from Bloomington on costs and inquired about the report. He commented on recycling be a loss of \$329,000 to the City. Unless there is something solid in the way to do it, he feels that the City should not do recycling.

Mayor Kahl explained that the City collects the recycling, and it goes to the transfer station. It is then taken to Midwest Fiber facility in Bloomington. He explained that the City will share an educational video from Midwest Fiber on the process. Commissioner Decker explained that anyone that wants to visit the facility in Bloomington can go and see it. He commented on the video that shows the process; however, he would go to the facility with Mr. Morgan.

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

Mayor Kahl then asked for comments from Council.

Commissioner Decker commented on recycling. He explained that he simply forgot his notes on the recycling and does not want to comment until he has those notes so that he does not misspeak on the details. There is a desire to do good by all of the city elected officials that he has worked with. He commented on stormwater runoff being an issue in the City, and the good job the city has done in keeping the tax rate the same over several years. Some residents have paid less to the City in residential taxes currently than they did several years back. Everyone has done an excellent job to try to keep costs down and to seek to fix problems that are the City's responsibility to fix. He explained that police officers are going through a storm of issues based on law changes this year. He commented on the difficult job police officers face and that they may be putting their own finances in jeopardy by becoming a police officer. Their job has become more difficult every year over the past few years.

Commissioner Hill commented encouraging people with issues to call the elected officials or City Hall. The Farmer's Market is coming up and there are already ten vendors signed up. Farmer's Market with occur on Fridays from June through September.

Commissioner Sutherland commented on success of the Cars and Coffee. There is a new water salesman station that you can pay for water that will be coming online in the near future at the bottom of Centennial Drive. There is also one between Public Works and the Festival of Lights Building. You can fill up swimming pools with the water. He commented on auxiliary water meters and on the intersection of Illini Drive and E. Washington Street. He explained that a video regarding water will be coming in the near future and explained that he would like to explore having an inhouse engineer for the City. He reminded everyone not flush things that should not be flushed into the sewer.

Commissioner Mingus asked people with issues to call and/or email each elected official. Each elected officials contact information is available on the City's website. He thanked people for their comments at the City Council meeting. He reminded everyone that they can burn during the month of April; however, he asked everyone to be respectful and review the rules regarding open burning that are on the City's website. He believes that the City should investigate yard waste pickup. He commented on the City losing money on recycling; however, he feels that the community, as a whole, supports recycling. He does feel that the City needs to continue to review the costs of recycling. He commented on stormwater runoff. Commissioner Mingus reminded everyone that car seat checks are tomorrow from 1pm-4pm at Central House.

Mayor Kahl commented on litter in the City and asked people to take pride in the community and make the community a better place by taking care of litter. He commented on East Peoria being a thoroughfare for cars traveling and commented on weeds and litter. He explained that the City needs IDOT's permission to go onto their property and clean it up. There was some discussion regarding the City and IDOT working to clean up the IDOT rights-of-way that was put on hold during the pandemic. He asked people to be responsible and place trash in trashcans. Clean Sweep and the Flower Sale is coming up on May 1, 2021. He explained that tomorrow is a special day for Brigham Landwehr and asked everyone to keep their family in your thoughts and prayers.

Motion by Commissioner Sutherland, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; Mr. Mayor, I move you that we adjourn until Tuesday evening, April 20, 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 8:17 P.M.

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