

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

SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

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.

Motion by Commissioner Mingus, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 15, 2023 and the minutes of the Special Meeting for a Working Session held on August 15, 2023 be approved as printed.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Mayor Kahl proclaimed September 3-9, 2023 as "Support Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities Week." Mayor Kahl introduced Mr. Jim Weigle and Mr. Jerry Campen from the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Weigle and Mr. Campen thanked the City council and explained that all of the money stays in the East Peoria metro area. The money goes toward Special Education in the East Peoria school districts, the Children's Home, Special Education Association of Peoria County, IL ("SEAPCO"), the Central Illinois Riding Therapy, and the Heart of Illinois Down syndrome organization.

Mayor Kahl proclaimed September 11, 2023 as "Patriot Day." Mayor Kahl read the proclamation and asked people to observe a moment of silence beginning at 8am.

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 2324-075 – Resolution to Approve Payment of the Schedule of Bills Listed on Schedule Number 8 in the amount of \$4,916,741.43.

Item Number 2 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2324-059 on its Second Reading - Resolution Approving Change Order with Otto Baum Company, Inc. for Phase II of the Pinecrest Drive Pavement Patching Project.

Item Number 3 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2324-058 on its Second Reading - Resolution Accepting the Proposal from North Star Place Branding + Marketing for Community Branding Services for the City.

Item Number 4 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2324-060 on its Second Reading – Resolution Approving the Purchase of Equipment and Software and Approving Managed Service Agreement with HEART Technologies, Inc. related to Shared Electronic Storage Refresh Project.

Item Number 5 – Adoption of Resolution Number 2324-061 - Resolution Approving Memorandum of Understanding Between the City and the International Association of Fire Fighters Local No. 1498 Regarding Paramedic Bonus at Time of Hire.

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.

Item Number 1 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2324-075 – Resolution to Approve Payment of the Schedule of Bills Listed on Schedule Number 8 in the amount of \$4,916,741.43. (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. 4742 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG CENTER STREET, NEAR ITS INTERSECTION WITH RICHLAND 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 is purchasing property in the W Washington Street TIF District. These parcels are being purchased from Cullinan Properties Ltd. and the purchase price is \$300,000.

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. 4744 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 105 ILLINI DRIVE IN THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS) 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 for an accessory structure. It is a corner lot where there are two front yards. There is a shed that would technically be in the front yard. At their meeting, the Zoning Board of Appeals (the "ZBA") voted 7-0 to recommend approval of the proposed Special Use with the following conditions: (1) removal of the large, overgrown bush in the front yard; (2) installation of the landscaping as shown in the submitted plan; and (3) the shed may be placed not closer to Highview Road than the house next door at 1116 Highview Road.

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. 4745 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 410 PEKIN AVENUE IN THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS) 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 special use for an accessory structure that is a pergola. As it is identified as an accessory structure, this would be a third accessory structure on the property since a detached garage and shed already exist. Where the pergola is proposed, staff does not see any negative impacts to neighboring property owners should this pergola be constructed. At their meeting, the ZBA voted 7-0 to recommend approval of the proposed Special Use with the following conditions: (1) allow the pergola as proposed and (2) permit a six-foot privacy fence be constructed on the west edge of the existing concrete slab as shown on the site plan.

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. 4747 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING REGULATIONS IN TITLE 5 OF THE EAST PEORIA CITY CODE REGARDING FENCING IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS) 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 is for a code change to allow for wire fences. One proposal is to allow wire panel fences in the front yard. As it stands, these types of fences are prohibited by code. However, city staff have seen some attractive examples of these fences and the change here attempts to make that distinction to allow them under certain conditions. Also, staff received some calls regarding privacy fences where the posts extend beyond the top of the fence panel. It is unclear if this offers any benefit other than having the fence installer avoid an additional cut. The proposal here would be to either cut them off below the fence panel (not visible from the exterior) or to finish them with some sort of topper or lighting.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2324-068 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Decker; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2324-068, hereto attached, a Resolution Accepting Low Bid from Lonewolf Concrete, INC. for the EastSide Centre Fitness Center Sidewalk Replacement Project, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2324-068 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 project. He explained that there are several resolutions regarding maintenance improvement projects at EastSide Center. This is the sidewalk in front EastSide Centre Fitness Center from the entrance extending to the first gate. He explained that this was the low bid from Lonewolf Concrete, Inc. at \$49,870. There were two other bidders: (1) C&G at \$88,647 and (2) Miller and Sons at \$85,250. This is to continue the improvements that are part of the capital plan up at EastSide Centre.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2324-069 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2324-069, hereto attached, a Resolution Accepting Low Bid from Krumholz Brothers Landscaping, Inc. for the EastSide Centre Soccer Fields Drain Tile Installation Project, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2324-069 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 improvement of the parking lot. For many years, much of the Soccer Parking Lot was loose gravel. In September of 2017, the City invested in the facility and asphalted that area of the lot. Six years later, it is now time to preserve that investment and move forward with crack fill, sealing, and restriping the Soccer lot. However, prior to doing so, Pat Meyer & Associates recommended that the City add drain tile spanning roughly 700 feet to help catch the water and moisture that falls from the Soccer Fields prior to getting to the asphalt. Following a rainstorm or running irrigation, moisture will seep from the fields for several days. Currently, the cracks in the parking lot are too wet and full of moisture to even begin crack sealing. This drain tile installation will prevent roughly 90% of the moisture that runs off into the parking lot. After meeting with contractors and Pat Meyer, the City is recommending to install the French drain prior to the reinvestment into the asphalt.

Mayor Kahl explained that there were two and this was the low bid in the amount of \$24,000.

Commissioner Decker commented on the roadway showing signs of deterioration and there being problematic areas that will need to be dealt with.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2324-070 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2324-070, hereto attached, a Resolution Accepting Low Bid from Tazewell County Asphalt CO., INC for the EastSide Centre Soccer Parking Lot Crack Fill & Seal Project, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2324-070 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 gravel portion of the Soccer Parking Lot (80% of the lot) was asphalted in September of 2017. At the same time, the City crack filled and sealed the existing asphalted area (20% of the lot). The new portion of the lot has never been sealed. 6 years later, it is now time to preserve that investment and move forward with crack fill, sealing, and restriping the Soccer lot in its entirety (roughly 130,000 square feet). This bid includes 2 coats of parking lot sealer, which should provide longevity to the upgrade. Only the crack fill and sealing portion are being approved. The striping portion of the bid is not recommended within this memo. The Department of Tourism and the City have budgeted to complete concrete, sidewalk, and parking lot upgrades in the capital plan over the next few years. This would be part of step one of that process for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Tazewell County Asphalt Co., Inc. came back with the low bid for this project at EastSide Centre in the amount of \$29,984.92. There was another bid that was higher from another bidder.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2324-071 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Decker; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2324-071, hereto attached, a Resolution Accepting Lowest Responsible Bid from Koener Electric, Inc. for the Labor for the Riverfront Park Lighting Upgrade Project, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2324-071 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 lighting project with the purchase of the lighting poles was previously approved by City Council. This is for the labor for the project accepting the lowest responsible bid from Koener Electric Inc. for \$17,500. There was one other bid received.

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. 4746 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING THE FIRST MONDAY IN MAY A.D. 2023) 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 the City has incurred some additional expenses for the current 2023-2024 fiscal year that were not anticipated when the 2023-2024 Appropriation Ordinance was approved in March 2023. The provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code allow for the adoption of a Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance when a municipality has available cash reserves or receives unanticipated revenues from new revenue sources or above prior estimated revenues from regular revenue sources. The City has sufficient funds in cash reserves to fund these additional expenses that will be incurred during the 2023-2024 fiscal year, and this Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance provides the City with the required authority to use the City's cash reserves for funding these additional expenses. There are additional audit expenses (Municipal Audit Fund), preliminary engineering service expenses for new Police Department facility (Police Department), and development project load for multi-use development in the Levee District (W. Washington Street TIF).

Mayor Kahl explained that the Police Station is from the 5-year capital plan. The City is moving up the initial \$500,000 this fiscal year instead of the next fiscal year.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2324-067 by Commissioner Decker, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2324-067, hereto attached, a Resolution Requesting Permission for Temporary Closure of State Maintained Roadways for a Public Event for the Festival of Lights Parade on November 18, 2023, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2324-067 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 this is a yearly resolution as the city needs to request that the state maintained roads be closed for the Festival of Lights Parade.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2324-074 by Commissioner Decker, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2324-074, hereto attached, a Resolution Accepting Lowest Responsible Bid from Verardo Construction LLC for the Edmund Street Sidewalk Installation Project, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2324-074 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 the grant that is being used for this sidewalk project. This ensures helps with the safety of people coming from Cedar Street Bridge area along Edmund street.

Mayor Kahl explained that the Federal Transit Administration had approved funding in an amount. He commented on the safety that the sidewalk will provide.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2324-064 by Commissioner Sutherland, seconded by Commissioner Decker; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2324-064, hereto attached, a Resolution Accepting and Approving the Proposal from Hoerr Construction, Inc. for the Johnson Street, Prospect Avenue, and Hilltop Court Sanitary Sewer Main Slip Lining Project, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2324-064 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 he is on the city council with the goal of laying pipe. He wants the city to get 12,000 – 14,000 linear feet of either water or sewer pipe laid each year. He explained that he is not a fan of slip lining. However, sometimes it is the best fix for a sewer main. The sewer main on Johnson, Prospect and Hilltop are reaching the end of their effective life expectancy and are requiring lining. Hoerr Underground has provided a proposal under the Master Service Agreement (“MSA”) for the rehabilitation of these sewer mains. This quote covers the installation of around 3234 feet of lining and around 43 feet of lateral installments for a total of \$119,107.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2324-065 by Commissioner Sutherland, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2324-065, hereto attached, a Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Payment of an Invoice from Foremost Industrial Technologies for Emergency Repair of Wastewater Plant 1 Storm Pump in the Amount of \$18,001.15, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2324-065 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 contractor that does good quality work at a reasonable price. The Storm pump at plant 1 was malfunctioning and needed repaired asap. The pump motor was pulled, inspected, repaired and re-installed. This price includes crane rental parts and labor for the expedited repair. He commented on people putting their storm water into the sanitary. There is more that is being pumped compared to cities of similar size.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2324-066 by Commissioner Sutherland, seconded by Commissioner Decker; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2324-066, hereto attached, a Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Purchase of Pipe and Accessories Needed for the Valley View Water Main Replacement Project, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2324-066 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 project involves taking citizens off a private well and onto the city's water. Commissioner Sutherland commented on the timeline for the project. There have been delays due to the IEPA, rain, and being behind in projects. Those residents are on city water now and are happy with their water. Core & Main submitted proposals to supply the material for the Valley View Water Main replacement project at a cost of \$259,346.20. This project will replace the water main on Avondale Rd and Oakwood Rd and renew the water services to each home served on these roads.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2324-073 by Commissioner Sutherland, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2324-073, hereto attached, a Resolution Accepting and Approving the Proposal from Municipal Well & Pump for the Well Number 11 Rehabilitation Project, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2324-073 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 Well #11 was installed in 2007 and has not had required service since its original installation. The well motor has failed after sixteen years of continued operation and is requiring removal, replacement and cleaning. Two quotes were solicited, one from Cahoy Pump Service for \$68,325.00, and Municipal Well and Pump for \$61,230.00. The City is approving the proposal from Municipal Well and Pump in the amount of \$61,230.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2324-063 by Commissioner Mingus; WHEREAS, Garry Grugan has been continuously employed by the City from February 16, 2000 through August 14, 2023, most recently occupying the position of Assistant Chief in the Fire Department;

WHEREAS, Garry Grugan announced his intention to retire from employment effective at the end of his shift on August 14, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City is appreciative of the long and continued service provided by Garry Grugan; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to execute the attached Separation Agreement;

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

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

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Separation Agreement with such changes as the Mayor, in his sole discretion, may decide are in the best interest of the City of East Peoria.

Motion by Commissioner Mingus, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move that Resolution No. 2324-063 be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Mingus explained the Grugan retired a few weeks ago. He has already begun his next endeavor. Total payout is \$42,527.07. Commissioner Decker commented on working with Grugan. He is a great communicator.

Mayor Kahl and Commissioners congratulated Assistant Chief Grugan and thanked him for his service.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 2324-063 be duly adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 2324-072 by Commissioner Mingus; WHEREAS, Daniel Decker has been continuously employed by the City from September 16, 1997 through September 27, 2023, most recently occupying the position of Assistant Chief in the Fire Department;

WHEREAS, Daniel Decker announced his intention to retire from employment effective at the end of his shift on September 27, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City is appreciative of the long and continued service provided by Daniel Decker; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to execute the attached Separation Agreement;

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

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

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Separation Agreement with such changes as the Mayor, in his sole discretion, may decide are in the best interest of the City of East Peoria.

Motion by Commissioner Mingus, seconded by Commissioner Sutherland; Mr. Mayor, I move that Resolution No. 2324-072 be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Mingus explained that Dan Decker is retiring and is starting a new endeavor. The total payout is \$19,988.94 Mayor Kahl and Commissioners wished him well and thanked him for his service.

Commissioner Decker explained that he would be abstaining from voting as the resolution relates to his separation agreement for retirement.

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Commissioner Decker.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 2324-072 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 Hill commented on the Farmer's Market ending at the end of August. He thanked Ty Livingston, Jill Peterson, and Megan Lanning for their assistance. He explained that he is looking for volunteer to be the Famer's Market Manager. Commissioner Hill announced the August winners of the Paul Peterson Bright Spot Award. They are: (1) Absolute Hair, 437 E Washington Street, (2) Lisa and Stephen Tanning, (3) Marti and Paul Bierdeman, (4) Rita Rowley, (5) Salvador Alvarez, and (6) Diana McHenry. September is the last month with September 10th being the last day to submit nominations for the September Bright Spot Award.

Commissioner Sutherland explained that there are rumors that grease is being placed in the storm sewers by two fast food restaurants. He explained that if it is true, he will seek to legally stop the unsanitary action. He commented on sewer pipe being lined along by the old community bank building on Main Street. The concrete pipe is collapsing and has caused a clog. As a result of the clog, the other work around the city must stop in order to address this collapse. Work on Kerfoot Street has been slowed due to limestone that is in the way of the boring machine. The Oakwood Road and Avondale Road project is being delayed due to the other issues in the City as well. The water main along E. Washington Street is still going on.

Commissioner Mingus explained that the Car Seat Check event is going on tomorrow at the Central Firehouse.

Mayor Kahl commented on the family entertainment center that is planned to go next to Bass Pro Shops. There was a public Facebook post from Austin Engineering about what the development by Bass Pro is to be. It is planned to be an indoor and outdoor putting course. Since the engineering firm made the announcement, Mayor Kahl felt that it was appropriate for the city to comment. Mayor Kahl explained that on September 18th the bail reform goes into effect. He explained that in East Peoria, we will do everything legally to keep people safe in the community.

Motion by Commissioner Sutherland, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; Mr. Mayor, I move you that we adjourn until Tuesday evening, September 19, 2023 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 7:05 P.M.

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