

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

FEBRUARY 19, 2019

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

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

The invocation was given by Commissioner Jeffers.

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

Motion by Commissioner Kahl, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 5, 2019; the minutes of the Special Meeting for Working Session held on February 5, 2019; and the minutes of the Special Meeting for Working Session held on February 12, 2019 be approved as printed.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

The City Clerk explained that the City received a document from IDOT regarding - Illinois Department of Transportation Compliance Review #67 covering receipt and disbursement of Motor Fuel Tax funds by the city for the period beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2017. The document needs to be presented to the City Council for receipt and filing.

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

Rachel Oedewaldt came up to the podium and inquired about whether the \$550,000 is enough for street maintenance and whether more would be spent on streets. Commissioner Decker hopes that more is put in and explained that the \$550,000 is not enough. He explained he would like \$1,000,000 but really would like \$3,000,000 depending on how much can be pulled out of the budget. Commissioner Densberger explained that there is another budget discussion the next Tuesday.

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE:

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

Motion by Commissioner Densberger, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; Mr. Mayor, I move to adopt a consent agenda consisting of items numbered 1 through 4 as listed on the agenda for this meeting to be considered by omnibus vote.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Densberger, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Items numbered 1 through 4 listed on the Consent Agenda be hereby approved and adopted, the items numbered 2 through 4 having been read once by their title and having laid on the table for no less than one week for public inspection be adopted as presented.

Item No. 1 – Adoption of Resolution No. 1819-123 – Resolution to Approve Payment of the Schedule of Bills No. 19 in the amount of \$2,143,540.64. (Adopted by omnibus vote)

Item No. 2 – Adoption of Resolution No. 1819-113 on its Second Reading – Resolution authorizing a \$5,000 contribution for Illinois High School Association March Madness Tournament Experience from Hotel Motel Tax Funds. (Adopted by omnibus vote)

Item No. 3 – Adoption of Resolution No. 1819-115 on its Second Reading – Resolution accepting the low bids regarding the W. Washington Street Improvements (from Main to the RR tracks) Project to R.A. Cullinan & Son, Inc. for paving/overlay improvements and Tazewell County Asphalt for inlet improvements and authorizing an engineering agreement with Patrick Meyer & Associates regarding the Project. (Adopted by omnibus vote)

Item No. 4 – Adoption of Ordinance No. 4424 on its Second Reading (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 9 OF THE EAST PEORIA CITY CODE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 10 PERTAINING TO THE REGISTRATION OF VACANT AND FORECLOSED PROPERTIES).
(Adopted by omnibus vote)

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

Nays: None.

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

Motion by Commissioner Densberger, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4425 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 5, CHAPTER 7 OF THE EAST PEORIA CITY CODE PERTAINING TO PARKING REQUIREMENTS) be read at length by the Clerk, and that said Ordinance No. 4425 be accepted on its first reading, and be hereby adopted as presented.

The City Clerk read the ordinance at length.

Commissioner Densberger commented on the ordinance changes and explained that the parking requirement previously was too great, and this lessens that amount. There is less demand on spaces and it has been a good development tool to allow the developer to determine the parking needed for the business. Director of Planning and Community Development, Ty Livingston, explained that a minimum is needed but that the amount previously required was too high.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 4425 to be duly adopted as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Densberger, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4426 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF CENTENNIAL DRIVE RIGHT-OF-WAY ADJACENT TO PHEASANT RUN 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.

Director Livingston explained that this next to a multifamily development being constructed and the vacation allows for a third building to be constructed.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 1819-119 by Commissioner Densberger, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1819-119, hereto attached, a Resolution Approving Software Licensing Agreement for the City's Geographical Information System (GIS System), be approved, and that this Resolution No. 1819-119 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 Densberger commented on the GIS mapping system and the uses throughout the city. Commissioner Kahl explained that the cost for the agreement is \$25,000 each year for three years.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 1819-124 by Commissioner Densberger, seconded by Commissioner Decker; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1819-124, hereto attached, a Resolution Appointing Good Energy, L.P. as Agent and Consultant for Purchasing Supply of Natural Gas for City-Owned Facilities, be approved, and that this Resolution No. 1819-124 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 Densberger explained that this resolution and the next resolution go together and are for the purchasing of the supply of natural gas for city-owned facilities through a consortium of communities. Director of Buildings and Inspections, Robert Cole, explained that this is an opportunity to look at a natural gas consortium purchase program to seek savings on natural gas. There are around sixteen other communities joining. These consortium programs have worked well in the electrical supply arena, and this allows the city to get a better rate on natural gas. It is estimated that there may be up to \$10,000 savings per year.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 1819-125 by Commissioner Densberger, seconded by Commissioner Decker; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1819-125, hereto attached, a Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Service Agreement with the Lowest Responsible Bidder for the Supply of Natural Gas for City Facilities, be approved, and that this Resolution No. 1819-125 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.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 1819-121 by Commissioner Densberger, seconded by Commissioner Decker; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1819-121, hereto attached, a Resolution Approving the Lowest Responsible Bidder for EastSide Centre Parking Lot Lighting Upgrade to LED Project with Springfield Electric, be approved, and that this Resolution No. 1819-121 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 Densberger explained that this is an energy saving project. Director Cole explained that technology has changed allowing the opportunity to having greater energy efficiencies and savings. This project includes the main lot and four lighting fixtures for the soccer fields. He explained the difference in the LED lighting to distribute the light ensuring it provides adequate light distribution for the parking lot. Director Cole believes the upgrade will improve the lighting and the safety in the parking lot. Payback is estimated at under four years.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 1819-114 by Commissioner Decker, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1819-114 hereto attached, a Resolution allocating of \$550,000 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the 2019 Street Maintenance Program and authorizing an Engineering Agreement with Patrick Meyer & Associates for the Street Maintenance Program, be hereby approved, and that this Resolution No. 1819-114 having been read once by its title and having laid on the table for no less than one week for public inspection, be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Decker commented on this resolution and explained that all of the City Council would like to spend more money on streets. He commended Public Works in using the monies allotted to streets efficiently to maintain roads. The funds are Motor Fuel Tax funds to be expended on roads. He would like at least \$1,000,000 to be spent on roads this year but he would like more.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 1819-114 be duly adopted as presented.

Commissioner Decker left the meeting at 6:25 pm.

Resolution No. 1819-117 by Commissioner Kahl, seconded by Commissioner Densberger; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1819-117 hereto attached, a Resolution to approve an Employment Agreement with Steven M. Roegge to serve as City of East Peoria Chief of Police, be hereby approved, and that this Resolution No. 1819-117 having been read once by its title and having laid on the table for no less than one week for public inspection, be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Kahl commented on the employment agreement.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 1819-117 be duly adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 1819-122 by Commissioner Kahl; WHEREAS, Charles Troy Dobbelaire has been continuously employed by the City from January 17, 1990 through January 25, 2019, most recently occupying the position of Fire Lieutenant;

and WHEREAS, Charles Troy Dobbelaire has announced his intention to retire from employment effective at the end of day on January 25, 2019;

and WHEREAS, the City is appreciative of the long and continued service provided by Charles Troy Dobbelaire;

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 and City Administrator are 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 Kahl, seconded by Commissioner Densberger; Mr. Mayor, I move that Resolution No. 1819-122 be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Kahl outlined the payments to Lieutenant Dobbelaire.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 1819-122 be duly adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 1819-120 by Commissioner Kahl, seconded by Commissioner Densberger; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1819-120, hereto attached, a Resolution Approving Service Plan Agreement for the City's LUCAS Devices (Mechanical Chest Compression Devices) for the Fire Department, be approved, and that this Resolution No. 1819-120 be accepted on its first reading as read by its title, and be laid on the table for no less than one week for public inspection.

Commissioner Kahl outlined the details of the contract.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

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

Norman Sales came up to the podium to inquire about amounts that Gary Matthews owes the City. He explained that he believes that Mr. Matthews owes the City around \$180,000. Mr. Sales inquired as to why the debt is owed. Commissioner Densberger explained that the amount Mr. Sales indicated was roughly the amount owed. Commissioner Densberger explained that the amount is owed for an obligation of a corporation, but Mr. Matthews is guarantor on the loan. There are three people on the loan. Mr. Matthews is currently protected by personal bankruptcy which precludes the City from further to collect the amount from Mr. Matthews. The city has not given up trying to collect the amounts.

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

Mayor Mingus then asked for comments from Council.

Commissioner Densberger explained that Historical Society Chili Dinner is Saturday from 12p-5p at the Festival Building.

Commissioner Jeffers inquired about the solicitor going door to door asking people to switch from the aggregated residential program. Director Cole explained that residents have called or come into City Hall explaining that they feel pressured. The City cannot tell people which company to go with for electricity energy. However, he encouraged everyone to do their homework on contracts. Commissioner Kahl explained that it is important to ensure that individuals that are going door to door have a solicitor permit with the city. Director Cole commented on the savings had by individuals through the electrical aggregation program for citizens. Commissioner Jeffers commented on an employee being off work and being back to work.

Commissioner Kahl thanked Chief Ganschow for his service. Chief Ganschow thanked Mayor Mingus for his faith in him and for the entire City Council for their support for the entire Police Department. He thanked the men and women of the Police Department. He explained that it has been the highlight of his career to be their Chief and wear the uniform. He wished the very best to the officers and Chief Roegge and prayed for their safety everyday. He thanked specific office staff, command staff, and dispatch staff. Finally, he thanked the citizens of the city of East Peoria.

Commissioner Kahl explained that the East Peoria Chamber is going to host a Candidate Forum on March 1 with doors opening at 6:45 am and program beginning at 7:30 am. Contact the Chamber for tickets.

Motion by Commissioner Kahl, seconded by Commissioner Densberger, Mr. Mayor, I move that a closed meeting or executive session of the city council be held at the conclusion of this regular meeting to discuss the following matter or matters according to exceptions provided in the "Open Meetings Act" and specified as follows:

Section 2(c)(1) – The Employment, appointment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

Yeas: Commissioners Densberger, Kahl and Mayor Mingus.

Abstain: Commissioner Jeffers.

Nays: None

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Jeffers, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; Mr. Mayor, I move you that we adjourn until Tuesday evening, March 5, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:42 P.M.

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