

**MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, IL**

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

MARCH 19, 2019

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

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

Nays: None

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried and the Regular Meeting recessed to hold a public hearing at 6:02 P.M.

Mayor Mingus called the meeting to order with proper notice having been given.

Those present were the following: Mayor David W. Mingus, Commissioner Daniel S. Decker, Commissioner Gary R. Densberger, Commissioner Timothy J. Jeffers and Commissioner John P. Kahl.

Absent: None.

Mayor Mingus explained that we are in the public hearing and explained the purpose of the meeting is to hold a public hearing on the proposed Annual Appropriation Ordinance and proposed Working Cash Budget of the City of East Peoria from May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020 and receive public comments on those items. Commissioner Densberger commented on the budgeting process including several meetings prior to this evening's public hearing to get to the appropriation ordinance and estimated budget that we have tonight. He explained that streets are a huge priority and the city was able to come up with \$1,240,000 for streets. He explained that it is a tight budget.

Bill Anderson came up to the podium to speak regarding a concern about a resolution passed on March 5, 2019 which affects the budget and he stated allows the incoming city council to choose whether the Mayor will be a part-time or fulltime position. He explained that he is here because a prior resolution passed, and Ordinance No. 2777 which he feels seems to allow an incoming board to change the wages of a sitting Mayor. In other words, an incoming council gets to choose whether the Mayor is fulltime or part-time during an elected officials' term of office and those positions carry different salaries. He stated that state law indicates that you cannot increase an elected officer's salary while they are in office or within 180 days before getting elected office. He stated that can have you have automatic increases, such as Consumer Price Index increases or having other benefits that are automatic.

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

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

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

Nays: None

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried and the Regular Meeting reconvened at 6:09 P.M.

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