

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

APRIL 2, 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 Densberger; Mr. Mayor, I move that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 19, 2019 and the minutes of the Public Hearing held on March 19, 2019 be approved as printed.

Yeas: Commissioner Decker, 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 on the agenda to come to the podium and state the matter or matters to be discussed.

Mr. Yudel Dryer came up to the podium and expressed concerns over open burning. He would like to see an end to burning leaves in the City. He commented on yards catching on fire, smoke issues, and alternative to burning, including raking and grinding up leaves.

Don Norbits came up to the podium and expressed concerns over open burning. He inquired as to when the city is going to stop allowing burning in the city and implored City Council to think about how to do it. He believes the city should ban burning and think about how to do it.

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 3 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 Kahl; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Items numbered 1 through 3 listed on the Consent Agenda be hereby approved and adopted, the items numbered 2 through 3 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. 1819-148 – Resolution to Approve Payment of the Schedule of Bills No. 22 in the amount of \$1,822,617.15. (Adopted by omnibus vote)

Item No. 2 – Adoption of Resolution No. 1819-135 on its Second Reading – Resolution authorizing and directing the payment of an invoice in the amount of \$15,000 to the Fon du Lac Park District for Security Detail at the Winter Wonderland Lighted Display in November and December 2018. (Adopted by omnibus vote)

Item No. 3 – Adoption of Resolution No. 1819-134 on its Second Reading – Resolution accepting and Approving Low Bid for the Gate Replacement and Installation Project at Oakwood Water Treatment Plant from Peoria Fence Company in the amount of \$11,236. (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. 4430, hereto attached, (ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR FROM THE FIRST DAY OF MAY A.D. 2019 TO THE LAST DAY OF APRIL A.D. 2020) 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 Densberger commented on the ordinance and explained that it sets spending limits for the city.

Commissioner Decker explained that he would be voting no. He commented that he will be voting no not because he does not disagree with the budget but that he feels the new council has time to pass the budget and should have an opportunity to look at it and make choices for the budget that they are going to work under.

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

Nays: Commissioner Decker.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 4430 be adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 1819-133 by Commissioner Densberger, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1819-133 hereto attached, a Resolution to approve the Working Cash Budget for the Fiscal Year from the first day of May A.D. 2019 to the last day of April A.D. 2020, be hereby approved, and that this Resolution No. 1819-133 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 Densberger explained that the budget is balanced. He commented on the amount appropriated for streets however, he explained that it is not enough. The City can live within its means.

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

Nays: Commissioner Decker.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 1819-133 be duly adopted as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Densberger, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4429, hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN PROPERTY COMPRISING A PORTION OF AUER PARK.) (transferring property to Fon du Lac Park District) 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 Densberger commented on the ordinance and the Park District making better use of the property.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 4429 be adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 1819-137 by Commissioner Densberger, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1819-137 hereto attached, a Resolution Regarding Reinsurance Carrier for the City's Group Health Insurance Plan (Approving Reinsurance Coverage Contract with Excess Risk Reinsurance Inc. for 2019-2020 fiscal year), be hereby approved, and that this Resolution No. 1819-137 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 Densberger explained that this is for catastrophic coverage.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 1819-137 be duly adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 1819-138 by Commissioner Densberger, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1819-138 hereto attached, a Resolution Regarding Renewal of Group Term Life Insurance Policy for City Employees with Standard Insurance Company, be hereby approved, and that this Resolution No. 1819-138 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 explained that due to his employment and out of an abundance of caution he will abstain on this and a few other items this meeting.

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Commissioner Decker.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 1819-138 be duly adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 1819-139 by Commissioner Densberger, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1819-139 hereto attached, a Resolution Approving a Contract with Optimum Health Solutions for assisting with the Employee Wellness Program, be hereby approved, and that this Resolution No. 1819-139 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 Densberger commented on the employee wellness program and keeping employees healthy.

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Commissioner Decker.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 1819-139 be duly adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 1819-149 by Commissioner Densberger, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1819-149, hereto attached, a Resolution Regarding Revisions to the City's Group Health Insurance Plan effective May 1, 2019, be approved, and that this Resolution No. 1819-149 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 changes to the plan.

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Commissioner Decker.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 1819-150 by Commissioner Densberger, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1819-150, hereto attached, a Resolution Regarding the Prescription Drug Benefit Manager for the City's Group Health Insurance Plan, be approved, and that this Resolution No. 1819-150 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 resolution and agreement.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 1819-151 by Commissioner Densberger, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1819-151, hereto attached, a Resolution Regarding Employee Contribution Rates for the City's Group Health Insurance Plan, be approved, and that this Resolution No. 1819-151 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 costs going up. He explained that there is an insurance committee made up of representatives from each department and administration. He explained that most companies enforce an additional fee for spouses that have insurance offered at their work and choose to go on their spouse's plan.

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Commissioner Decker.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 1819-145 by Commissioner Densberger, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1819-145, 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, 2019 and ending on April 30, 2020, be approved, and that this Resolution No. 1819-145 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 the resolution provides for a 1.75% increase across the board for non-union staff and provides for a \$20,000 for increases due to job classification and performance.

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Commissioner Decker.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Densberger, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4431 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL) 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 personnel policy manual changes.

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Commissioner Decker.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 1819-146 by Commissioner Densberger, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1819-146, hereto attached, a Resolution Approving Purchase of Firewall Equipment for the City's Computer and Information Technology (IT) Network, be approved, and that this Resolution No. 1819-146 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 resolution and need for the upgrade of the city's firewall.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 1819-143 by Commissioner Densberger, seconded by Commissioner Decker; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1819-143, hereto attached, a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a new 2018 Ford F150 4x4 Pickup Truck for the Tourism and Special Events Department from Morrow Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$28,980, be approved, and that this Resolution No. 1819-143 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 the vehicle is needed for EastSide Centre crew.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 1819-142 by Commissioner Decker, seconded by Commissioner Jeffers; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1819-142, hereto attached, a Resolution authorizing the purchase of 624 96-gallon Wheeled Carts from Wastequip, LLC at a cost of \$33,442.55 for the Public Works Solid Waste/Recycling Program, be approved, and that this Resolution No. 1819-142 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 quote and purchase. Commissioner Kahl voiced concerns about senior citizens opting out of the program when the toters are too large and take up too much space. He has concerns with purchasing this many large size toters when the city still has several hundred on hand. Commissioner Decker commented on the risk of the smaller toters potentially falling into the truck, and they cannot be pulled back out of the truck. Director of Public Works Dennis Barron commented on the number of toters sold and ordering one truckload of toters at a time. Commissioner Decker encouraged people to get the smaller ones; however, the city cannot replace them if they do fall in the truck. Commissioner Decker explained that they will look to see if there are the possibility of using the smaller trucks without the potential for the toters falling into the truck.

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

Nays: Commissioner Kahl.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 1819-141 by Commissioner Decker, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1819-141, hereto attached, a Resolution approving a proposal from Hoerr Construction, Inc. to slip line storm sewer main in the vicinity of 219 Briarbrook Drive in the City of East Peoria, be approved, and that this Resolution No. 1819-141 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 storm sewer line. Director Barron explained the storm sewer is being sliplined to prevent further issues. This process allows the city to take the existing line and add life to the line instead of replacing the line. Commissioner Jeffers commented on a wastewater sewer line being sliplined in that area as well.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 1819-144 by Commissioner Decker, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1819-144, hereto attached, a Resolution Approving the 2019 Street Maintenance Program Contracts for Sealcoating, Heat Scarification, Spray Patching, GSB-88 Polymer Emulsion Work, Overlay, and Engineering Services Associated with said Program, be approved, and that this Resolution No. 1819-144 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 roadwork being completed and explained he would like more money to be spent on roads. He explained that in the past if the city finds more money for streets, the contractors will generally charge the same prices from the bid. Commissioner Kahl inquired as to whether there is a list of the streets that need repair. Commissioner Decker commented on some of the streets that are in need of repair and the high costs of those repairs. Patrick Meyer stated that there is a listing of the streets that are being repaired that can be provided. Patrick commented the schedule of different processes for street repair and the likely schedule for each.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, 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.

Bob Sinks came up to the podium and inquired about the truck purchase for EastSide Centre. Director of Tourism and Special Events, Doug McCarty, explained that the truck is for people to drive in taking care of the sixty plus city-owned sites/properties. The crew works all over the city. Mr. Sinks inquired about the toters and whether he can get a blue lid to change on existing toters. He was informed that that cannot be done. Director Barron commented on being able to switch from one color lid to another with the new toters.

Commissioner Decker explained that these are different toters than the ones before. There are replaceable lids available at Public Works. The older toters do not replacement lids if under the 10 year warranty.

Rachel Oedewaldt came up to the podium and inquired about who to talk to about cleaning out the storm drains in Richland Farms. She explained that last year when it rained a lot some streets began flooding where they haven't flooded in the past. Commissioner Decker commented on leaves getting in the drains and clogging them. He explained that Public Works can take a look at the storm drain.

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

Mayor Mingus then asked for comments from Council.

Mayor Mingus read a letter of resignation submitted by Commissioner Densberger that is effective Friday, April 5, 2019. Mayor Mingus explained that he accepted the resignation with regret.

Commissioner Decker expressed gratitude and thanks to Commissioner Densberger for his service, honesty, and integrity.

Commissioner Jeffers expressed thanks to Commissioner Densberger for his service to the city and school board and wished him well. He commented on the sales tax capital fund that was adopted during his term.

Commissioner Kahl expressed gratitude and thanks to Commissioner Densberger for his service, honesty, and integrity. He explained that Commissioner Densberger rarely expresses his personal opinion; however, when he does express his opinion it has great meaning. He thanked his wife, Jana, for supporting Commissioner Densberger in his service.

Mayor Mingus expressed gratitude and thanks to Commissioner Densberger for his service, honesty, his voice of reason, and looking after the best interests of the city. He thanked his wife, Jana, for supporting Commissioner Densberger.

Commissioner Densberger commented on his service to the school district and city council. He explained that he thinks the biggest accomplishment is the school sales tax sharing. He is proud of where East Peoria has come. He thanked city council and staff. He is moving on to a new adventure in life and explained that he will be back from time to time.

Rick Swan came up to the podium and expressed thanks and explained that the schools, community, and businesses owe Commissioner Densberger a great deal and the city would not be where it is without Commissioner Densberger.

Motion by Commissioner Jeffers, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; Mr. Mayor, I move you that we adjourn until Tuesday evening, April 16, 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 6:51 P.M.

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