

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

MAY 3, 2022

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 April 19, 2022 be approved as printed.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Mayor Kahl proclaimed May 15, 2022 as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" and May 11-17, 2022 as "Police Week". Mayor Kahl presented the proclamation to the Chief of Police Brodrick and thanked him and the officers for the work that they do every day.

Mayor Kahl proclaimed May 15-21, 2022 as "Emergency Medical Services Week". He presented the proclamation to Acting Fire Chief Robert Zimmerman III. He thanked the Fire Department for everything that they do every day. Commissioner Mingus thanked the Fire Department and shared that he feels it is the best Fire Department in the area and the State.

Mayor Kahl proclaimed May 15-21, 2022 as "National Public Works Week". He presented the proclamation to Water/Wastewater Superintendent Cord Crisler and thanked him and all the Public Works employees for all that they do every day. Commissioner Decker commented on the tremendous job that Public Works employees do for the street, water and sewer departments. Commissioner Sutherland commented on the Public Works employees working through all weather conditions and showed appreciation for all of them.

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 2223-010 – Resolution to Approve Payment of the Schedule of Bills Listed on Schedule Number 24 in the amount of \$1,998,119.30.

Item Number 2 - Adoption of Ordinance Number 4647 on its Second Reading – (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3009 MEADOW AVENUE IN THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS) – (Special Use to allow for placement and construction of an accessory structure on the Property at a location that is past the front plane of the main residential structure and has a different façade than the residential structure.)

Item Number 3 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2122-143 on its Second Reading - Resolution Approving Service Agreement with TWM, INC. for Assistance with the City's Geographical Information System (GIS System).

Item Number 4 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2122-146 on its Second Reading – Resolution approving the purchase of Twenty New Jet Ports for the East Port Marina from Sport Port.

Item Number 5 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2122-139 on its Second Reading - Resolution approving the purchase of a New Dump Truck for the Street Department from Henderson Products, Inc.

Item Number 6 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2122-140 on its Second Reading - Resolution approving the purchase of a new TYMCO Model 500x Regenerative Air Street Sweeper for the Street Department from TYMCO, INC.

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 2223-010 – Resolution to Approve Payment of the Schedule of Bills Listed on Schedule Number 24 in the amount of \$1,998,119.30. (Adopted by omnibus vote)

Item Number 2 - Adoption of Ordinance Number 4647 on its Second Reading – (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3009 MEADOW AVENUE IN THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS) – (Special Use to allow for placement and construction of an accessory structure on the Property at a location that is past the front plane of the main residential structure and has a different façade than the residential structure.) (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. 4645, hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF EXCESS CITY PROPERTY AT 307 ELMWOOD STREET IN THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA) 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 Hill explained that this is for the sale of city-owned property at 307 Elmwood Street in East Peoria. The City is selling the property to turn the property back to a better use. There is a house and a storage building on the property. The City received a full-priced offer of \$5,500 plus \$500 for closing costs.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 4645 be adopted as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4646, hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF EXCESS CITY PROPERTY AT 112 KENNEDY COURT IN THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA) 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 Hill explained that this sale includes the same buyer as 307 Elmwood Street, and this sale amount meets the minimum requirement of 80% of the assessed value of the property at \$13,000. The buyer will also pay \$500 in closing costs.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 4646 be adopted as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4648, hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF CHESTNUT DRIVE RIGHT-OF-WAY) 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 Hill explained that this ordinance along with the next two ordinances go together. He explained that Mr. and Mrs. Overcash are requesting the vacations or right-of-way and the right-of-way dedication in order to create an entrance off of Cimmeron Drive for their property to run an event center. There were some neighbor complaints with one being that the access to the property be from Cimmeron Drive instead of off of Chestnut Drive. This and the next two ordinances relate to this access. The second ordinance, Ordinance Number 4649 relates to property between Mr. and Mrs. Overcash's property and a neighbor's property that is being split between the Mr. and Mrs. Overcash and the neighbor. These two ordinances deal with vacation of portions of right-of-way, and there is a small acceptance of property for right-of-way dedication. Mr. and Mrs. Overcash were given a Cimmeron Street address so that the property will be accessed from Cimmeron Drive.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 4648 be adopted as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4649, hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF ARROWHEAD LANE RIGHT-OF-WAY) 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 Hill explained that this property is adjacent to the last residential property and the parking lot of the Overcash property.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 4649 be adopted as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4650, hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ACCEPTANCE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION FOR ADDITION TO CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR CHESTNUT DRIVE) 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 Hill explained that this ordinance is for the right-of-way dedication to support the turnaround at the end of the street to separate the parking lot from the roadway.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 4650 be adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 2223-004 by Commissioner Decker, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2223-004, hereto attached, a Resolution Approving 2022 Street Maintenance Program Contracts for Sealcoating, Heat Scarification, Spray Patching, Fog Coating Work, and Engineering Services Associated with said Program, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2223-004 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 resolution supports part of the spending for the street maintenance program this year and that the resolution is approving R.A. Cullinan & Son, Inc. for Sealcoating in the amount of \$360,667.54; American Asphalt Surface Recycling, Inc. for Heat Scarification in the amount of \$435,823.80; D&D Pavement Solutions for Spray Patching in the amount of \$87,685.00; and Porter Brothers for Fog Coating in the amount of \$70,410.05. These projects are using Motor Fuel Tax funds and there are other projects. He looks forward to this and coming years to see improvements in streets.

Mayor Kahl thanked Patrick Meyer. He explained that the bid amounts are a little bit above and beyond what was allocated from MFT funds due to increases in the bids that came back. However, the bid amounts were not as much as anticipated that they might be.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2223-007 by Commissioner Decker; WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of East Peoria, Illinois (the "City"), has taken action to submit a competitive public infrastructure application under the STBG program administered by Tri-County Planning (formerly PPUATS); and

WHEREAS, the City has identified the project to resurface and improve East Grange Road as an important and necessary infrastructure project for City (the "Project"), and the Project is "shovel ready" and awaiting the necessary funding; and

WHEREAS, receipt of STBG funds is essential to allow the City to undertake the Project to resurface Grange Road from Centennial Drive to US 24, which is projected to cost an estimated \$4,246,000 at the projected time of construction in 2026; and

WHEREAS, criteria under the STBG program are such that financial participation by the City of 30% of the project costs, as the grantee, is required in conjunction with these funds; and

WHEREAS, it is projected the match required from the City will be approximately \$1,300,000 at the projected time of construction; and

WHEREAS, the City has certain monies allocated for the project with cash on hand, as needed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT the City does hereby commit funds of at least thirty percent of the total project cost from the City's motor fuel tax proceeds for use in conjunction with a STBG program.

Motion by Commissioner Decker, seconded by Commissioner Sutherland; Mr. Mayor, I move that Resolution No. 2223-007 be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Decker commented on the resolution and explained that this is a Tri-County Planning project grant. Tri-County Planning is all the local communities that come together to submit projects to be constructed later on. Although it is an expensive project, if the grant is approved the City will only have cover at least 30% of the project's construction costs. He thinks that the City should do the project correctly, and it is in the best interests of the City to utilize Tri-County Planning funds to help manage the projects that are in our community. He commented on this being a necessary project. The grants are for projects that are of regional significance. Much of the benefit will be seen by Washington residents who also use the roadway. There are Tri-County Planning projects in other communities that we use as well.

Mayor Kahl explained that this is the city's commitment to the project. This was one of seven projects that they have received. This is not a guarantee for monies.

Commissioner Hill commented on state of the roadway and that this will be a great improvement to the road.

Commissioner Mingus agreed with the need for repair of the road and will support the resolution.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 2223-007 be duly adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 2223-001 by Commissioner Sutherland, seconded by Commissioner Decker; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2223-001, hereto attached, a Resolution approving the Cooper Park Lift Station Controls Upgrade Project by Concentric Integration in the amount of \$67,240.00, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2223-001 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 for the technology for controls and automation at the lift station that will create more efficiency. Superintendent of Water/Wastewater Cord Crisler explained that the current technology being used at the lift station is out of date. This technology change will update the technology and allow for remote access and monitoring. It will also allow them to reverse the motor if there is a blockage of items such as flushable wipes.

Commissioner Hill commented on the security of the system. Superintendent Crisler explained that Heart Technologies has been working with them on the project to help ensure security measures for the system.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2223-002 by Commissioner Sutherland, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2223-002, hereto attached, a Resolution approving the Little Oakwood Lift Station Controls Upgrade Project by Concentric Integration in the amount of \$55,130.00, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2223-002 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 having issues with pumps on Oakwood Road. Superintendent Crisler explained that this technology is like the technology discussed for Resolution Number 2223-001. The technology will allow for remote access to the system and monitoring of the system. He is happy with the direction that we are going and making the process more efficient.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2223-003 by Commissioner Sutherland, seconded by Commissioner Decker; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2223-003, hereto attached, a Resolution approving the Water Treatment SCADA System Upgrade Phase 2 Project by Concentric Integration in the amount of \$517,640.00, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2223-003 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 this being more technology the Department, and this technology being a budgeted item. Mayor Kahl explained that this project is in the 5-Year Capital Plan.

Superintendent Crisler explained that this is second year of the project, and the project will get all the water plants on the same software to help make the plants operate more efficiently. He explained that this portion of the project has a larger cost and that the next portion of the project should not be as much. Once the next and final portion of the project is completed the process will be fully automated. The technology also

allows for (1) the data to be compared and analyzed; (2) system reliability; and (3) better quality of life for the plant operators.

Commissioner Sutherland explained that there will be another video that will explain the wastewater treatment.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2223-005 by Commissioner Sutherland, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2223-005, hereto attached, a Resolution accepting the Low Bid from Municipal Well and Pump for Well Number 15 Pump/Motor Replacement and Well Rehabilitation Project, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2223-005 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 asked about the water filling station located by Public Works being down while the construction of the new building is going on. Superintendent Crisler explained that the water filling station was still closed while the construction of the building is going on; however, the other two water filling stations are open.

Commissioner Sutherland and Superintendent Crisler explained that there was a well that went down and needs to get back in service. The bid from Municipal Well and Pump was the most competitive bid for the project.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2223-006 by Commissioner Mingus; WHEREAS, Fire Chief John Knapp has submitted his resignation for retirement purposes and retired early in late February 2022 using benefit time until his retirement date; and

WHEREAS, Robert Zimmerman III was appointed to Acting Fire Chief of the East Peoria Fire Department in late February 2022 following Chief Knapp's last day of active service with the City; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City to appoint Robert Zimmerman III to the office of Fire Chief of the East Peoria Fire Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT Robert Zimmerman III is hereby appointed to the office of Fire Chief of the East Peoria Fire Department effective May 9, 2022 at a base salary of \$129,626.02 per year and annual uniform allowance of \$825.00.

Motion by Commissioner Mingus, seconded by Commissioner Sutherland; Mr. Mayor, I move that Resolution No. 2223-006 be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Mingus explained that the resolution is to appoint Robert Zimmerman as Fire Chief, and he will be sworn in May 9 at 9:00 am. He congratulated Robert Zimmerman and explained that he is the youngest Fire Chief East Peoria has had.

Commissioner Decker explained that he feels that Robert Zimmerman will do a great job as Chief; however, he explained that he would be abstaining from voting due to his employment with the City.

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Commissioner Decker.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 2223-006 be duly adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 2223-008 by Commissioner Mingus, seconded by Commissioner Decker; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2223-008, hereto attached, a Resolution approving the Purchase of New Turnout Gear for the Fire Department from Municipal Emergency Services, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2223-008 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 Mingus explained that the resolution is approving the purchase of turnout gear for four new firefighters and four current firefighters.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2223-009 by Commissioner Mingus, seconded by Commissioner Decker; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2223-009, hereto attached, a Resolution approving Proposal from Flock Safety for the Automatic License Plate Reader Technology Project., be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2223-009 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 Mingus explained that this is for automatic license plate reader technology. Chief of Police Brodrick explained that it is a tool for investigations and to start the investigation right away. It is a tool that has been in existence throughout the state and has been helpful in Peoria. The City will mirror the same policy that Peoria uses.

Mayor Kahl explained that the funds for this were secured through Senator Koehler. The City is utilizing part of those funds for this project. The initial cost is \$48,850 with is a recurring fee of \$40,000 annually. Other municipalities around the City use this technology as well. There is a policy that was implemented for Peoria and the City will mirror that policy. He feels that this technology will benefit the region.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2223-011 by Commissioner Mingus; WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the East Peoria Police Pension Fund Board; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Mayor John P. Kahl has recommended the appointment of Deputy Chief of Police David Horn to fill the vacancy on the East Peoria Police Pension Fund Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS, THAT the appointment by Mayor John P. Kahl of David Horn to the East Peoria Police Pension Fund Board to fill the vacancy for a term beginning May 1, 2022 and ending April 30, 2024.

AND THAT THIS RESOLUTION NO.2223-011 BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Commissioner Mingus, seconded by Commissioner Hill; Mr. Mayor, I move that Resolution No. 2223-011 be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Mingus explained that the resolution appoints Deputy Chief of Police Horn to the Police Pension Fund Board. Mayor Kahl thanked Deputy Chief Horn for his willingness to serve.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 2223-011 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.

Acting Fire Chief Zimmerman stepped up to the podium and explained that he is excited to serve as Fire Chief and that it is an honor to serve. He asked those interested in being a Firefighter to submit applications and if there are any questions to contact Central House.

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

Mayor Kahl then asked for comments from Council.

Commissioner Decker explained that the East Peoria District 86 Music and Arts Festival is scheduled for Saturday from 2pm to 6pm in the Levee District Park, 400 Richland Street. Every half hour there will be different elementary schools, Central Junior High Chorus, and band. He encouraged people to come down to the Levee District to attend. He explained that he had the privilege to go on the Honor Flight on April 28, 2022. The next Honor Flight is June 2, 2022 and they get back around 10pm or so that evening. It is exciting to recognize those that fought and those that lost their lives. He commented on the veterans being in awe of the day. Those veterans that did not receive the homecoming that they deserved at their time of service are now receiving the homecoming that they deserved. There will also be two other dates for the Honor Flight later in the year.

Commissioner Hill commented on the electrical aggregation program and explained that the aggregation program did not receive a bid for its electricity. There may be letters from the current broker indicating that individuals may go back to the Ameren rate. This is due to coal plants being forced offline and not enough green energy. The energy needed outweighs the capacity and the rates will go up significantly. Green energy is not enough to replace the coal plants energy production. The electrical aggregation has saved money thus far. Saturday, May 7, 2022 is the Clean Sweep beginning at 8:00 am and is planned to last until 12:00 pm. There is also the Flower Sale for East Peoria residents at the Festival Building from 9:00 am until flowers are gone. The Farmer's Market is coming up with the first scheduled for Friday, May 20, 2022. Those interested in becoming a vendor can fill out the application form on the City's website. He looks forward to the coming Farmer's Market year.

Commissioner Sutherland commented on battery operated electrical vehicles and explained that the cars are rated on one person being in the car. Therefore, if there are more people than one in the car, the battery will need more charges. He commented on people wanting nuclear plants and it takes a lot of time to get those online. He explained that the coal plants will be shut down creating an issue. The building being built in front of the Festival Building is coming along and will be set to be completed over the next several weeks. He requested that people to ensure that their sump pumps are not attached to the sewers and to get auxiliary meters if they are filling a pool or watering.

Commissioner Mingus commented on hiring firefighters and the Emergency Medical Services ("EMS") certification bonus if they already have the EMS certification. Tomorrow from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm is the car seat check at Central House.

Mayor Kahl commented on green energy and the closure of the coal plants. He explained that there is a supply issue. He expressed concern about those filling up with gas and pay Motor Fuel Tax funds gas tax while those with electrical vehicles are not paying the gas tax to help with roads. He feels that those with electrical vehicles need to pay their fair share as those who have cars that use gas or diesel have to do. He commented on his father-in-law being diagnosed with stage 4 cancer recently and explained that it puts things in perspective. He explained that he may miss events because he will be spending time with his father-in-law.

Motion by Commissioner Sutherland, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move you that we adjourn until Tuesday evening, May 17, 2022 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 7:15 P.M.

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