

MINUTES
WORKING SESSION
CITY COUNCIL
401 WEST WASHINGTON STREET
EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS

January 16, 2018

Mayor Mingus called the Working Session of the City Council of East Peoria, Illinois to order at 5:30 P.M. with the meeting having been properly noticed.

Upon the roll being called the following answered present: Mayor Mingus, Commissioners Decker, Densberger, Jeffers, and Kahl.

Absent: None.

Mayor Mingus explained that no final action would take place by the City Council at the meeting. He explained that the purpose of the meeting is to have a Working Session regarding discussion on Rental Registration. He turned the discussion over to Commissioner Densberger. Commissioner Densberger discussed neighboring communities having rental registration programs and the benefits of such rental registration programs. He turned the discussion over to Director of Planning and Community Development, Ty Livingston.

Director Livingston introduced LaToya Brown, Housing Authority Director, Robert Cole, Director of Buildings & Inspections, and Deputy Fire Chief John Knapp. Director Livingston discussed the possible rental registration program and wanting feedback from the City Council to move forward with the information for drafting regulations. Director Livingston discussed logistical issues when ownership contact information is not available to the City. Several aspects will be proposed for the rental registration program, including education and inspection components. Director Cole discussed issues with rental properties not being up to code and safety issues. There may be proposed incentives for attending training, as well as inspections which are anticipated to be done on a three-year rotation. Director Livingston discussed utilizing Housing Authority staff for the program and discussed staffing needs.

Commissioner Kahl is an advocate for a rental registration program with an informational piece upfront.

Commissioner Decker discussed the benefits of the program and discussed incentives for the education piece of the program. There may be difficulty in determining all rental units in the City, and the City will likely need to go out into the field to determine which units are rentals.

Commissioner Jeffers recommended a pilot or just moving forward with the project.

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

Motion by Commissioner Densberger, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; Mr. Mayor, I move you that we adjourn the meeting.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:57 P.M.

_____/s/ Morgan R. Cadwalader

Morgan R. Cadwalader, City Clerk