

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

AUGUST 7, 2018

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 Special Meeting for a Working Session and Regular Meeting both held on July 17, 2018 be approved as printed.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Mayor Mingus proclaimed August 2018 as "Duck Race Month" for The Center for Prevention of Abuse. Mayor Mingus presented the proclamation to Carole Myrna, president of the organization. Carole Myrna came to speak about the Duck Race. She thanked the City Council and City for their support of The Center for Prevention of Abuse. 30th annual duck race and it is the oldest duck race in the country. August 25, 2018 beginning at noon with the race beginning at 2p.

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. 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 Kahl; 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. 1819-043 – Resolution to Approve Payment of the Schedule of Bills No. 6 in the amount of \$3,843,347.12. (Adopted by omnibus vote)

Item No. 2 – Adoption of Resolution No. 1819-039 on its Second Reading – Resolution approving Electric Service Agreement with Homefield Energy for Street Lighting. (Adopted by omnibus vote)

Item No. 3 – Adoption of Resolution No. 1819-037 on its Second Reading – Resolution Approving the Purchase of Equipment and Software and Approving Managed Service Agreement related to Electronic Storage for Police Department Squad Video Cameras in a total amount not to exceed \$102,860.72. (Adopted by omnibus vote)

Item No. 4 – Adoption of Resolution No. 1819-038 on its Second Reading - Resolution Approving Backup Server Solution with Heart Technologies Inc. for the City's Computer and IT Network. (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.

Resolution No. 1819-046 by Commissioner Densberger, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1819-046, hereto attached, a Resolution approving and authorizing the payment of an Invoice from Midwest Engineering Associates, Inc. for Engineering Work related to Plans and Specifications for Festival of Lights Electrical Upgrade Project in the amount of \$12,522.20, be approved, and that this Resolution No. 1819-046 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 of Tourism and Special Events, Doug McCarty, discussed the project and costs and energy savings.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 1819-047 by Commissioner Densberger, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1819-047, hereto attached, a Resolution authorizing a contract for Festival of Lights Electrical Upgrade Project with AMP Electrical Services, Inc. in the amount of \$134,000, be approved, and that this Resolution No. 1819-047 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 of Tourism and Special Events discussed the project.

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 Ordinance No. 4408 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 3 OF THE EAST PEORIA CITY CODE TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF CLASS A LIQUOR LICENSES AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY) be read at length by the Clerk, and that said Ordinance No. 4408 be accepted on its first reading, and be hereby adopted as presented.

The City Clerk read the ordinance at length.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 4408 to be duly adopted as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Densberger, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4407 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A REFERENDUM ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA SHOULD ADOPT THE MANAGERIAL FORM OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT) be read at length by the Clerk, and that said Ordinance No. 4407 be accepted on its first reading, and be hereby adopted as presented.

The City Clerk read the ordinance at length.

Commissioner Densberger discussed the ordinance and question. He discussed the difference in government.

Commissioner Decker discussed his opposition to the ordinance.

Commissioner Jeffers discussed the ordinance.

Commissioner Kahl discussed his opposition to the ordinance.

Mayor Mingus discussed the commission form of government.

Yeas: Commissioners Densberger and Mayor Mingus.

Nays: Commissioners Decker, Jeffers, and Kahl.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion failed.

Resolution No. 1819-050 by Commissioner Decker; **WHEREAS**, the City has received a petition requesting a binding referendum on the question of whether or not the City of East Peoria should retain the commission form of government; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid petition demonstrates that a portion of the community is interested in exploring an alternative form of municipal government; and

WHEREAS, in order to encourage a full and complete public discussion on the merits of retaining the commission form of municipal government and to ascertain the will of the majority voting, it is in the best interest of the City to submit by way of a binding referendum the question of retaining the commission form of municipal government to the voters for their consideration at the next general election;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:

Section 1. It is hereby authorized and directed that there shall be submitted to the citizens of the City of East Peoria, as authorized by Article VII, Section 11 of the Constitution of Illinois and Section 4-10-1 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/4-10-1), by binding referendum at the next general election the question of whether the City of East Peoria shall retain the commission form of municipal government.

Section 2. The public referendum on the question of whether the City of East Peoria should retain the commission form of municipal government shall be submitted to the citizens of the City of East Peoria at the general election to be held on the 6th day of November, 2018 in the City of East Peoria.

Section 3. The form of the question shall be clearly indicated on the ballot in the following form:

Shall the City of East Peoria retain the commission form of municipal government?	YES	
	NO	

Section 4. The form of the ballot and methods shall be as authorized and set forth in the Election Code (10 ILCS 5/1-1 *et seq.*).

Section 5. The City Clerk shall certify the question together with a certified copy of this Resolution to the Tazewell County Clerk on or before August 30, 2018.

Section 6. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

Motion by Commissioner Decker, seconded by Commissioner Jeffers; Mr. Mayor, I move that Resolution No. 1819-050 be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Decker discussed the resolution. He discussed the question. He explained that he will be in support of the resolution.

Commission Kahl stated that he will not support the resolution.

Commissioner Jeffers discussed the resolution. He discussed the aldermanic form of government. He will support the resolution.

Commissioner Densberger discussed the resolution and question. He discussed the question. There are questions about what happens regarding the aldermanic form of government.

Yeas: Commissioners Decker, Jeffers, and Mayor Mingus.

Nays: Commissioners Densberger and Kahl.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 1819-050 be duly adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 1819-040 by Commissioner Decker, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1819-040, hereto attached, a Resolution approving and authorizing the acceptance of a low bid for the Dupont Lane Approach Project from Koenig Trucking and Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$6,365, be approved, and that this Resolution No. 1819-040 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 of Public Works, Dennis W. Barron, Jr., discussed the resolution.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 1819-042 by Commissioner Decker, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1819-042, hereto attached, a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a Joint Funding Agreement between the City of East Peoria and the Peoria/Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study ("PPUATS") for the Fiscal Year 2019, be approved, and that this Resolution No. 1819-042 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 discussed the resolution and PPUATS projects in the City of East Peoria.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Commissioner Decker explained that Resolution No. 1819-051 has been pulled from the agenda.

Resolution No. 1819-041 by Commissioner Jeffers, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1819-041, hereto attached, a Resolution approving and authorizing the acceptance of the proposal for purchase of a Sewer Maintenance Camera from Coe Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$38,900, be approved, and that this Resolution No. 1819-041 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 Jeffers discussed the purchase.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 1819-049 by Commissioner Jeffers, seconded by Commissioner Decker; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1819-049, hereto attached, a Resolution approving and authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Tazewell County Consolidated

Communications (TC³) regarding Police & Fire Dispatch Services, be approved, and that this Resolution No. 1819-049 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 discussed the resolution and agreement.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 1819-048 by Commissioner Kahl; **WHEREAS**, Fire Chief Alan Servis has submitted his resignation for retirement purposes; and

WHEREAS, Chief Servis' last day of service to the Fire Department was May 15, 2018; and

WHEREAS, John F. Knapp was appointed to Interim Fire Chief of the East Peoria Fire Department following Chief Servis' last day of service and has been acting in that role since that time; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City to appoint John F. Knapp 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 John F. Knapp is hereby appointed to the office of Fire Chief of the East Peoria Fire Department effective August 16, 2018 at a base salary of \$120,675.00 per year and annual uniform allowance of \$825.00.

Motion by Commissioner Kahl, seconded by Commissioner Densberger; Mr. Mayor, I move that Resolution No. 1819-048 be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Kahl discussed the appointment. He read a statement from John F. Knapp who was not able to attend the City Council meeting.

Commissioner Decker explained that will be abstaining from this resolution and the next two resolutions due to his employment with the City of East Peoria Fire Department.

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Commissioner Decker.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 1819-048 be duly adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 1819-044 by Commissioner Kahl; **WHEREAS**, Title 1, Chapter 5, Section 2.1 of the East Peoria City Code authorizes the City Council to determine from time to time by Resolution the number of individuals to hold each rank on the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Section 1-5-2 of the City Code created a rank of Deputy Fire Chief to be held by not more than two firefighters; and

WHEREAS, it is the best interests of the City of East Peoria to increase the total number of individuals holding the rank of Deputy Fire Chief on the East Peoria Fire Department from one to two; and

WHEREAS, the number of individuals holding ranks in the Fire Department other than Deputy Fire Chief and Firefighter shall remain unchanged;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:

Section 1. Effective on August 16, 2018, the Fire Department of the City of East Peoria shall consist of the following personnel:

- A. One Fire Chief
- B. Two Deputy Fire Chiefs
- C. Three Assistant Fire Chiefs
- D. Nine Lieutenants
- E. Thirty Firefighters
- F. One Paid on Call Firefighter

Section 2. The Deputy Fire Chief position shall be appointed in the manner provided by the City Code.

Motion by Commissioner Kahl, seconded by Commissioner Densberger; Mr. Mayor, I move that Resolution No. 1819-044 be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Kahl discussed the position and vision of Chief Knapp for the future of the Fire Department.

Commissioner Densberger and Commissioner Jeffers expressed their support of the resolution.

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Commissioner Decker.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 1819-044 be duly adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 1819-045 by Commissioner Kahl; **WHEREAS**, the City has appointed John F. Knapp as Fire Chief effective August 16, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the City has heretofore authorized the appointment of an additional Deputy Fire Chief of the East Peoria Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, as a result, there are two vacant positions of Deputy Fire Chief; and

WHEREAS, Future Fire Chief John F. Knapp seeks to appoint Assistant Fire Chief Ryan W. Beck as Deputy Fire Chief of the East Peoria Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City to appointment Ryan W. Beck as Deputy Fire Chief effective August 15, 2018; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the appointment of Ryan W. Beck as Deputy Fire Chief, there is a vacancy in the position of Assistant Fire Chief; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City to appoint Lieutenant Brett J. Brown as Assistant Fire Chief of the East Peoria Fire Department effective August 15, 2018; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the additional Deputy Chief position of the East Peoria Fire Department created heretofore, there is a vacancy in the Deputy Chief position; and

WHEREAS, Fire Chief John F. Knapp seeks to appoint Assistant Fire Chief Brett J. Brown as Deputy Fire Chief effective August 16, 2018; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these appointments, there is an opening in the position of Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, it is in best interests to appoint the next person on the eligibility list, which is Charles E. Melton II, as Lieutenant in the East Peoria Fire Department effective August 16, 2018;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:

Section 1. Ryan W. Beck is hereby appointed as Deputy Fire Chief effective August 15, 2018.

Section 2. The East Peoria Board of Fire & Police Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to appoint Brett J. Brown as Assistant Fire Chief on the Fire Department effective August 15, 2018.

Section 3. Brett J. Brown is hereby appointed as Deputy Fire Chief effective August 16, 2018.

Section 4. The East Peoria Board of Fire & Police Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to appoint Charles E. Melton II as Lieutenant on the Fire Department effective August 16, 2018.

Motion by Commissioner Kahl, seconded by Commissioner Densberger; Mr. Mayor, I move that Resolution No. 1819-045 be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Kahl discussed the promotions.

Commissioner Densberger discussed those individuals being appointed and the excellent job they do.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 1819-045 be duly adopted as presented.

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.

John Christopher came up to the podium. He discussed an alley behind him and problem that he believes they have in the area.

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

Mayor Mingus then asked for comments from Council.

Commissioner Decker discussed a band event that was held at EastSide Centre. He discussed the recycling bins, cleanup week, and the St. Jude runs.

Commissioner Densberger discussed the East Peoria Chamber of Commerce Leadership School coming up.

Commissioner Jeffers discussed the St. Jude runs and telethon.

Commissioner Kahl congratulated everyone on their St. Jude runs. He also discussed the East Peoria Chamber of Commerce Leadership School and that there is still time to register. He wished condolences to the family and friends of Sgt. Harold Berg, a WWII veteran and a two-time purple heart recipient, who recently pass away. He expressed his gratitude to Sgt. Berg for his service.

Motion by Commissioner Jeffers, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; Mr. Mayor, I move you that we adjourn until Tuesday evening, August 21, 2018 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 7:28 P.M.

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