

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

SEPTEMBER 4, 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.

Commissioner Kahl explained that the minutes would be pulled for further consideration and revision and would come back at the next meeting.

Mayor Mingus read a proclamation proclaiming September 2018 as "National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month".

Mayor Mingus read a proclamation proclaiming September 11, 2018 as "Patriot Day".

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.

Don Norbits came up to the podium and expressed concern that the minutes of the last regular meeting and special meeting are not detailed enough. He explained that he felt that the minutes did not reflect what he discussed. He feels that the minutes are not detailed when there are negative comments and asked that the minutes be more detailed.

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 5 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 5 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. 1819-058 – Resolution to Approve Payment of the Schedule of Bills No. 8 in the amount of \$1,724,663.96. (Adopted by omnibus vote)

Item No. 2 – Adoption of Ordinance No. 4409 on its Second Reading – (AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 303 N SUMMIT.) (Adopted by omnibus vote)

Item No. 3 – Adoption of Ordinance No. 4410 on its Second Reading – (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 103 N SUMMIT ROAD.) (Adopted by omnibus vote)

Item No. 4 – Adoption of Resolution No. 1819-054 on its Second Reading – Resolution approving service agreement for the City's computer and IT network appliance maintenance at a total annual cost not to exceed \$11,512.00. (Adopted by omnibus vote)

Item No. 5 – Adoption of Ordinance No. 4412 on its Second Reading – (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A LOAN FOR FINANCING ACQUISITION OF RECYCLING TRUCK FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.) (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 Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4413 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19, TITLE 4 OF THE EAST PEORIA CITY CODE REGARDING THE SIZE OF PERMITTED SOLAR PROJECTS UNDER THE CITY'S SOLAR ENERGY CODE) 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 discussed the ordinance and the amendment. Director of Planning and Community Development Ty Livingston discussed the amendments.

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. 4414 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONDITIONS IMPOSED ON THE SPECIAL USE GRANTED WITH RESPECT TO PROPERTY LOCATED ON EAST WASHINGTON STREET NEAR ITS INTERSECTION WITH SUNRISE AVENUE IN THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS) 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.

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 Ordinance No. 4415 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SUBDIVISION PLAT FOR PROPERTY OFF OF PINE STREET) - PINs: 05-05-11-100-004 and 05-05-11-100-007 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 Livingston discussed the ordinance and the subdivision plat that is up for approval.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 1819-059 by Commissioner Densberger, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1819-059, hereto attached, a Resolution Approving a Right-Of-Way and Pole Attachment Agreement with Mobilitie, LLC, be approved, and that this Resolution No. 1819-059 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 discussed the agreement.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 1819-061 by Commissioner Densberger, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1819-061, hereto attached, a 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 2017, be approved, and that this Resolution No. 1819-061 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 discussed the invoice and services.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 1819-057 by Commissioner Decker, seconded by Commissioner Densberger; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1819-057, hereto attached, a Resolution authorizing the appropriation of \$245,000 of 2019 Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the purchase of Road Salt, be approved, and that this Resolution No. 1819-057 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 need for road salt for the roads for the upcoming winter season.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 1819-060 by Commissioner Decker, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1819-060, hereto attached, a Resolution Requesting Permission for Temporary Closure of State Maintained Roadways for a Public Event for the Festival of Lights Parade on November 17, 2018, be approved, and that this Resolution No. 1819-060 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.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Jeffers, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4411, hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA TO BORROW FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$57,348,000.00 FROM THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN PROGRAM FOR THE CITY'S SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECT) 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 Jeffers explained that this is the loan process to borrow funds for the Sanitary Sewer System Upgrade Project. City Administrator Jeffery A. Eder explained that the bidding of the project will come in the future.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 4411 be adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 1819-062 by Commissioner Kahl, seconded by Commissioner Densberger; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1819-062, hereto attached, a Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Peoria, Illinois for Procurement of Body-Worn Cameras and Program Development, be approved, and that this Resolution No. 1819-062 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 explained the intergovernmental agreement. Chief of Police Dick Ganschow explained the process in gaining a federal grant along with the City of Peoria and other neighboring Police Departments. He described the bidding process and Pilot Program used to test the cameras. A company has been chosen from the Pilot Program for the purchase of the body cameras. He described the process for moving forward with the purchase. Officers will be trained on the body cameras in conjunction with the City of Peoria. He stressed the importance of ensuring that support staff are ready to move forward with the footage and storage of the footage from the cameras. The costs of the purchase of the Body Worn Camera solution is \$46,567.76 over five years with an \$11,918.80 payment this year and \$8,662.20 payment due in years two through five. The Police Department is eager to move forward with the cameras.

Commissioner Densberger congratulated the Police Department.

Commissioner Decker expressed concerns regarding limitations of the body worn cameras. Chief Ganschow explained camera capabilities.

Commissioner Jeffers commented on partnering with others to obtain a grant and moving forward with the purchase.

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.

Norman Sales came up to the podium to discuss an employee matter where an employee was fired for theft and later brought back to work. He explained that he has a copy of the police report and termination letter and that employee was fired for dishonesty. He stated that two employees were brought back. The second employee drove the first employee to their residence to drop off the rock. He stated that the other employee was fired for picking up garbage from their own residence that is located outside of the city limits. He stated that the second employee was fired for theft of services and coercing another employee into picking up the employee's garbage. He explained that he does not understand why he has to drag all of this information out of our city government. He explained that he did not receive Freedom of Information Act responses he requested until 12 days after his request. He stated that we need a change in the form of government because one commissioner should not be a dictator over a department. He stated that he knows at least three City Council members advised commissioner Decker not to bring these employees back in addition to the city attorney's office not to bring these employees back.

A woman came up to the podium to express concern about a resident at 314 Doering Place. She explained that she feels inaccurate comments were made by another resident at a previous city council meeting regarding a resident at 314 Doering Place and the resident having a wheelchair ramp illegally. She stated that the State of Illinois paid for the wheelchair ramp to be constructed and pays for people to tend to the resident daily. She indicated that bicycles are being stolen along with a vehicle being run over. She inquired as to what she could do to prevent the harassment of the woman. Mayor Mingus explained that if there were criminal acts she should contact the police and other matters may be a civil matter. Mayor Mingus recommended that she talk to legal counsel and the Chief of Police. Commissioner Densberger explained that code enforcement has looked into whether there were property code violations regarding the complaint of neighbors at the property. He indicated no violations were found. Commissioner Densberger also spoke with Superintendent of Street to place no parking signs in the alleyway so that everyone has access.

Bob Sinks, an East Peoria resident, came up to the podium and expressed concern over potential flooding forecasted later this week. He inquired as to whether the pumps used for flooding situations were loaned out. Superintendent of Streets Ric Semonski indicated that there is not anticipated to be as much flooding coming up from the river where pumps would be needed. Mr. Sinks inquired as to the plans for the Cullinan development at the location of the old LaConte building and any housing development planned that was discussed previously. Commissioner Densberger indicated that there were not aware of any development plan at the location of the old LaConte building and there is nothing currently active in relation to housing development that was previously discussed.

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

Mayor Mingus then asked for comments from Council.

Commissioner Decker explained that he will be absent from the next city council meeting as he will be helping at an honor flight to Washington, D.C. He reminded everyone that Clean-up Week is scheduled for the week of September 10-14, 2018 and explained some of the rules for Clean-up Week. He reminded everyone to be cognizant of placing items that are not for Clean-up Week too close to the curb during Clean-up Week and that those individuals picking up items from the curb to not pick up items at night.

Commissioner Densberger recognized the passing of Senator John McCain and his service to the country. He expressed condolences to Senator McCain's family.

Commissioner Jeffers discussed the upcoming Ice Cream Social for the East Peoria Historical Society that is scheduled for September 15, 2018 from 11 am to 2 pm at the meeting shared space at 401 W. Washington Street, East Peoria.

Commissioner Kahl reminded everyone about registering for the East Peoria Chamber Leadership School; visiting the Farmer's Market scheduled through the end of September on Fridays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; attending the free car seat checks occurring at the Fire Department tomorrow; the Fire Department selling shirts with all proceeds going to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure. He wished his wife a Happy Anniversary.

Motion by Commissioner Jeffers, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; Mr. Mayor, I move you that we adjourn until Tuesday evening, September 18, 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 6:47 P.M.

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