

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

**September 18, 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 Gary R. Densberger, Commissioner Timothy J. Jeffers, and Commissioner John P. Kahl.  
Absent: Commissioner Daniel S. Decker.

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 August 21, 2018, the minutes of the Special Meeting held on August 24, 2018, and the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 4, 2018 be approved as printed.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Mayor Mingus proclaimed September 17-23, 2018 as "Support Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities Week". He presented the proclamation to Mr. Wygle from the Knights of Columbus.

Mayor Mingus proclaimed September 23-29, 2018 as "Child Passenger Safety Week".

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.

Charlie Morgan came up to the podium and asked about what the city is going to do with the roundabout. Commissioner Jeffers stated that there was a previous presentation where a study was done and PPUATs funding is being received for part of the project. The location of the roundabout is by the Camp Street and River Road intersection. Mr. Morgan inquired as to whether a traffic study had been done. Director of Public Works, Dennis Barron, explained that a traffic study had been done by Midwest Engineering. Mr. Morgan explained that he believes that a roundabout does not belong by the Springfield Road and E. Washington Street intersection.

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 9 as listed on the agenda for this meeting to be considered by omnibus vote.

Yeas: Commissioners 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 9 listed on the Consent Agenda be hereby approved and adopted, the items numbered 2 through 9 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.

I Item No. 1 – Adoption of Resolution No. 1819-068 – Resolution to Approve Payment of the Schedule of Bills No. 9 in the amount of \$1,719,067.56. (Adopted by omnibus vote)

Item No. 2 – Adoption of Ordinance No. 4413 on its Second Reading (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.) (Adopted by omnibus vote)

Item No. 3 – Adoption of Ordinance No. 4414 on its Second Reading (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.) (Adopted by omnibus vote)

Item No. 4 – Adoption of Ordinance No. 4415 on its Second Reading (AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SUBDIVISION PLAT FOR PROPERTY OFF OF PINE STREET). PINs: 05-05-11-100-004 and 05-05-11-100-007 (Adopted by omnibus vote)

Item No. 5 – Adoption of Resolution No. 1819-059 on its Second Reading – Resolution Approving a Right-Of-Way and Pole Attachment Agreement with Mobilitie, LLC. (Adopted by omnibus vote)

Item No. 6 – Adoption of Resolution No. 1819-061 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 2017. (Adopted by omnibus vote)

Item No. 7 – Adoption of Resolution No. 1819-057 on its Second Reading - Resolution authorizing the appropriation of \$245,000 of 2019 Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the purchase of Road Salt. (Adopted by omnibus vote)

Item No. 8 – Adoption of Resolution No. 1819-060 on its Second Reading – Resolution Requesting Permission for Temporary Closure of State Maintained Roadways for a Public Event for the Festival of Lights Parade on November 17, 2018. (Adopted by omnibus vote)

Item No. 9 – Adoption of Resolution No. 1819-062 on its Second Reading – Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Peoria, Illinois for Procurement of Body-Worn Cameras and Program Development. (Adopted by omnibus vote)

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried and the items adopted by omnibus vote designation.

Resolution No. 1819-064 by Commissioner Densberger, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1819-064, hereto attached, a Resolution accepting the lowest responsible bid from Crescent Electric Supply Company for the Levee District Decorative Lighting Upgrade Project in the amount of \$19,920.00, be approved, and that this Resolution No. 1819-064 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 this is part of the ongoing process that city is doing in make the city more efficient. He explained the energy savings and the payback time of the project.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 1819-065 by Commissioner Densberger; **WHEREAS**, EP Downtown LLC, the owner of the following Parcel Nos.:

01-01-32-205-010

01-01-32-205-013

01-01-32-205-016

(the “Property”) has filed a complaint with the Tazewell County Board of Review (the “Board of Review”) for the purpose of challenging the assessed value assigned to the Property for tax year 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the owner of the Property has appealed the decision of the Board of Review to the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board (“PTAB”); and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the City to intervene in the proceedings related to the Property currently pending before PTAB;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT** the City Attorney is hereby authorized and directed to petition for leave to intervene in the proceedings involving the assessment of the Property, which proceedings are identified by the following Case Nos. currently pending before the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board:

2017-00761 (01-01-32-205-010)

2017-00762 (01-01-32-205-016)

2017-00763 (01-01-32-205-013)

Motion by Commissioner Densberger, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; Mr. Mayor, I move that Resolution No. 1819-065 be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Densberger explained that this resolution allows the City Attorney to intervene in the appeal.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 1819-065 be duly adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 1819-063 by Commissioner Jeffers, seconded by Commissioner Densberger; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1819-063, hereto attached, a Resolution Approving Engineering Services Contract with Midwest Engineering Associates for Water Filtration System Upgrade at North Main Water Treatment Plant, be approved, and that this Resolution No. 1819-063 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 explained the need for design work needed to improve the plant. Costs are estimated at around \$29,000.

Dennis Barron explained the upgrade and filters that are needed to be planned for the upgrade otherwise there will be an emergency repair needed with costs being higher. The useful life of the filters is past, and this resolution is the beginning piece of the project. This project will likely come forward in the next few years.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 1819-066 by Commissioner Jeffers, seconded by Commissioner Densberger; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1819-066, hereto attached, a Resolution Approving Supplemental Engineering Services Contract with Midwest Engineering Associates for Camp Street / River Road Intersection Improvements (Roundabout), be approved, and that this Resolution No. 1819-066 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 explained that this is the preliminary engineering and Resolution No. 1819-067 is for the construction engineering of the project. He explained that Midwest Engineering presented information on the roundabout that was proposed. The project is planned for a multilane roundabout. The current intersection is not working well.

Rob Culp from Midwest Engineering came up to the podium. He explained that the project was selected for PPUATS funding because of the need and proposed improvement benefit. The community recognizes it as a benefit. The Supplemental Engineering is for an environmental subcontractor and appraisal process to get all the requirements for IDOT.

Commissioner Densberger commented on use of the current roundabout at West Washington Street. He explained that roundabouts are highly efficient if individuals know how to use them. He stressed the need for signage that explains to those driving on how to use the roundabout.

Commissioner Kahl explained that he is not a fan of roundabouts because of the use of the current roundabout at West Washington Street. He does not support a roundabout at the bottom of Springfield Road. He has reservations and concerns about the location of where the roundabout is planned at Camp Street and River Road. He commented on the congestion of traffic and the current intersection at Camp Street and River Road not working. He explained that he has struggled with his decision. He explained that his gut is telling him no but at the end of the day sometimes you do not make decisions based on personal opinion. He is supporting the resolution with great caution.

Mayor Mingus commented on reading articles that indicate roundabouts are safer. He asked Mr. Culp if he believed those articles. Mr. Culp commented that they are safer.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 1819-067 by Commissioner Jeffers, seconded by Commissioner Kahl; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1819-067, hereto attached, a Resolution Approving Construction Engineering Services Contract with Midwest Engineering Associates for Camp Street / River Road Intersection Improvements (Roundabout), be approved, and that this Resolution No. 1819-067 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 explained that this resolution is for the construction engineering for the project and commented on the PPUATS funding that will be received for the project. He discussed the PPUATS process and the scale of the project.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 1819-069 by Commissioner Kahl; **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF FIREFIGHTERS ON THE EAST PEORIA FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**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**, it is anticipated that one of the fire department members will retire from the East Peoria Fire Department in the near future; and

**WHEREAS**, the East Peoria Fire Department would like to begin the hiring process as soon as possible so that the new probationary firefighter may attend the upcoming Fire Academy in October;

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the City of East Peoria to temporarily increase the total number of individuals holding the rank of firefighter on the East Peoria Fire Department from 30 to 31; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the City that after the fire department member's retirement, the City of East Peoria decrease the total number of individuals holding the rank of firefighter on the East Peoria Fire Department from 31 to 30;

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

**Section 1.** Effective immediately, 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-One Firefighters
- F. One Paid on Call Firefighter

**Section 2.** The Fire Chief is hereby authorized and directed to notify the Police and Fire Commission of the temporary increase in firefighters and to request the Police and Fire Commission to undertake the process of appointing a probationary firefighter to fill the position hereby created.

**Section 3.** Effective on the retirement of the fire department member, 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

Motion by Commissioner Kahl, seconded by Commissioner Densberger; Mr. Mayor, I move that Resolution No. 1819-069 be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Kahl explained that one member on the fire department has expressed his desire to retire in probably a matter of months. The goal is to swear in the new firefighter on October 1, 2018 so that they can attend the October 15, 2018 academy. This will allow the new firefighter to be in place by the time the retirement comes around.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 1819-069 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. There was no response.

Mayor Mingus then asked for comments from Council.

Commissioner Jeffers commented on the Honor Flight that some of firefighters are assisting with.

Commissioner Kahl explained that CodeRED is available which can be accessed on the City's website. You can click on what you want to receive messages pertaining to and there are a variety of messages. The fire department has been working with A-21 to Fight Human Trafficking. There is a Walk for Freedom scheduled for October 20, 2018. The walk will start at the Peoria Fire Central House and end at the East Peoria Fire Central House.

Information can be obtained on the East Peoria Fire Department Facebook page. He expressed concern over the severity of Human Trafficking. He explained that the Holiday Inn Express staff have done training with their staff on what to look for in regard to human trafficking. The Cruise-In from 4-7 this Saturday, September 22, 2018. IESA State Baseball tournament is scheduled for September 27 and 28 at EastSide Centre. The Moms Who Care Walk is scheduled for Saturday, September 29 with proceeds going to the Moms Who Care Program at the high school. JDRF Annual Fundraiser in the Levee District on September 30, 2018.

Mayor Mingus thanked the Beautification Commission on their volunteerism. The East Peoria Historical Society had their ice cream social. He read comments on the passing of Barbara Doerring who was 94. Barbara and her husband Jim founded the East Peoria Historical Society and made a gift to the community of the Doerring Homestead on Pekin Avenue. He expressed thanks for the commitment that Barbara made to the community and condolences to her family.

Motion by Commissioner Jeffers, seconded by Commissioner Densberger; Mr. Mayor, I move you that we adjourn until Tuesday evening, October 2, 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 6:37 P.M.

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