

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

FEBRUARY 15, 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 6:07 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 February 1, 2022, the minutes of the Special Meeting for a Working Session held on February 1, 2022, and the minutes of the Special Meeting for a Working Session held on February 8, 2022 be approved as printed.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

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 Mingus; Mr. Mayor, I move to adopt a consent agenda consisting of items numbered 1 through 7 as listed on the agenda for this meeting to be considered by omnibus vote.

Item Number 1 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2122-108 – Resolution to Approve Payment of the Schedule of Bills Listed on Schedule Number 19 in the amount of \$2,107,451.55.

Item Number 2 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2122-095 on its Second Reading - Resolution authorizing and directing the payment of an invoice in the amount of \$20,000 to the Fon du Lac Park District for Security Detail at the Winter Wonderland Lighted Display from November 2021 to January 2, 2022.

Item Number 3 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2122-098 on its Second Reading – Resolution approving the Festival of Lights Storage Buildings Door Replacement Project by Cleary Buildings in the amount of \$11,974.

Item Number 4 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2122-100 on its Second Reading – Resolution approving Proposal for the Oakwood Lift Station Pump Replacement Project from Electric Pump in the amount of \$90,920.

Item Number 5 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2122-096 on its Second Reading - Resolution Approving the Purchase of Annual Ammunition Supply for the Police Department from Ray O'Herron Co. Inc. and Kiesler Police Supply.

Item Number 6 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2122-102 on its Second Reading – Resolution Approving the Outfitting of the New Ford F150 for the Police Department by Federal Signal dba Pulse Technologies in the amount of \$9,821.35.

Item Number 7 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2122-104 on its Second Reading - Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and the County of Tazewell for Animal and Rabies Control Services.

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 7 listed on the Consent Agenda be hereby approved and adopted, the items numbered 2 through 7 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 2122-108 – Resolution to Approve Payment of the Schedule of Bills Listed on Schedule Number 19 in the amount of \$2,107,451.55. (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.

Resolution No. 2122-105 by Commissioner Decker; WHEREAS, Brad Lovell has been continuously employed by the City from November 5, 2001 through February 10, 2022, most recently occupying the position of Streets Driver in the Department of Public Works; and WHEREAS, Brad Lovell announced his intention to retire from employment effective at the end of his shift on February 10, 2022; and WHEREAS, the City is appreciative of the long and continued service provided by Brad Lovell; and WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to execute the attached Separation Agreement;

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

Section 1. The above recitals are found to be true and correct.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Separation Agreement with such changes as the Mayor, in his sole discretion, may decide are in the best interest of the City of East Peoria.

Motion by Commissioner Decker, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; Mr. Mayor, I move that Resolution No. 2122-105 be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Decker explained that Brad Lovell has worked with the City since 2001. The Mayor and Commissioners congratulated Mr. Lovell and wished him luck in retirement.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 2122-105 be duly adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 2122-106 by Commissioner Decker, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2122-106, hereto attached, a Resolution Approving Settlement Agreement and Release of Claims (Foster v. City of East Peoria (Case Number 20-L-32)), be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2122-106 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.

City Attorney Bruton explained that this is a settlement agreement that involves property owners regarding ownership of a retaining wall in the front of their property. The parties have reached a settlement agreement whereby the owners will be paid \$60,000 and release the City from all further claims in this matter. The City's insurance carrier has agreed to pay half (\$30,000) of this settlement. In addition to receiving a release of all claims from the property owners, the property owners will be granted outright ownership of this retaining wall and will be required to repair and replace the retaining wall, while being responsible into the future for all upkeep, maintenance, and repair of this retaining wall.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2122-107 by Commissioner Mingus, seconded by Commissioner Decker; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2122-107, hereto attached, a Resolution approving the Outfitting of Twenty-Three Police Department Explorer Squads with Push Bumpers by Federal Signal dba Pulse Technologies, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2122-107 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 resolution outfits 23 Explorers that do not currently have push bumpers at a cost not to exceed \$19,435.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

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.

Tom Hulting came up to the podium and explained about an observation he has about the southbound lane of Illini Drive that he feels is wash boarding. He explained that he feels both lanes are wash boarding; however, the southbound lane is really affected. The lane is slipping.

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

Mayor Kahl then asked for comments from Council.

Commissioner Decker commented on the possibility of a winter storm coming. He explained that there are a lot of factors that could affect the severity of the potential sotrm. Please keep an eye out for communications from the City regarding parking bans or travel advisories if the storm is bad enough.

Commissioner Sutherland feels that a community pool is necessary. He thinks that the Park District feels that a pool is not profitable. He explained that that does not feel like a correct reason. He feels that a pool is necessary for the community. He does not like children going to other towns to visit a community pool.

Mayor Kahl congratulated the 7th Grade Boys Basketball team from Central Junior High on their 2nd Place 4A State win last week. He explained that Park District needed a massive amount to repair Splashdown. The Park District would need to raise taxes or shut the pool down. It was a unanimous decision at the time the decision was made to close Splashdown. Mayor Kahl explained that communities do not make money on pools. He feels that the community would like a pool. He commented on there being difficult decisions and that he wishes that the Park District would contemplate constructing a new pool. He does not know if there are future plans by the Park District to construct a pool.

Motion by Commissioner Sutherland, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move you that we adjourn until Tuesday evening, February 22, 2022 at 4:00 P.M.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

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