

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

APRIL 7, 2019

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 6:00 P.M. with proper notice having been given.

The City Council Meeting was held via remote attendance by Zoom Meeting by the public due to the Governor's Executive Order regarding COVID-19 and the relaxing of the Open Meeting Act requirements. Public comments are being taken remotely via Zoom Meetings during the meeting.

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 March 17, 2020, the minutes of the Public Hearing held on March 17, 2020, and the minutes of the Closed Meeting/Executive Session held on March 3, 2020 be approved as printed.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Mayor Kahl explained that the City Council Meeting is being live streamed via Zoom Meetings and that those wishing to make public comments need to raise their hand if they wish to make public comments. He explained that three items are being pulled from the agenda. Those include:

- Adoption of Ordinance Number 4493 on its Second Reading – (ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR FROM THE FIRST DAY OF MAY A.D. 2020 TO THE LAST DAY OF APRIL A.D. 2021);
- Adoption of Resolution Number 1920-124 on its Second Reading - Resolution to approve the Working Cash Budget for the Fiscal Year from the first day of May A.D. 2020 to the last day of April A.D. 2021; and
- Adoption of Resolution Number 1920-131 - Resolution regarding temporary increase in number of Firefighters on the Fire Department for the City.

Mayor Kahl stated if there was anyone who wanted to speak on any items on the agenda item to raise their hands on Zoom Meetings 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 Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move to adopt a consent agenda consisting of items numbered 1 through 3 as listed on the agenda for this meeting to be considered by omnibus vote.

Item Number 1 – Adoption of Resolution Number 1920-136 – Resolution to Approve Payment of the Schedule of Bills Listed on Schedule Number 22 in the amount of \$2,848,421.50.

Item Number 2 – Adoption of Resolution Number 1920-122 on its Second Reading – Resolution approving the purchase of light fixtures related to the Public Safety Parking Lot Lighting Upgrade Project from Springfield Electric Supply Company in the amount \$6,360.16.

Item Number 3 – Adoption of Resolution Number 1920-125 on its Second Reading – Resolution approving the City's purchase of pipe and other main installation materials for the Farmdale Road Water Main Extension Project from Core & Main in the amount of \$10,331.95.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Items numbered 1 through 3 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.

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Item Number 2 – Adoption of Resolution Number 1920-122 on its Second Reading – Resolution approving the purchase of light fixtures related to the Public Safety Parking Lot Lighting Upgrade Project from Springfield Electric Supply Company in the amount \$6,360.16. (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.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4494, hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SELLING PROCESS BY SEALED BID FOR CITY-OWNED SURPLUS REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 136 JOHNSON STREET IN THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS 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 Hill explained that the ordinance is for the sale of surplus city property that the City wants to return to productive use. The City will use a sealed bid process for the sale of this property.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 4494 be adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 1920-128 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Decker; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1920-128 hereto attached, a Resolution Authorizing the Selling Process for City-Owned Surplus Real Estate located at 127 Canterbury Court in the City of East Peoria, Illinois, be hereby approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 1920-128 having been read once by its title and having laid on the table for no less than one week for public inspection, be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Hill explained that the ordinance is for another sale of surplus city property that the City wants to return to productive use. The City will use a realtor to the sell the property and a minimum bid of at least 80% of the appraised value is required.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 1920-128 be duly adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 1920-123 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1920-123 hereto attached, a Resolution to Approve the Acquisition of an Ice Machine for Asian Carp Fishing Operations on the Illinois River, be hereby approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 1920-123 having been read once by its title and having laid on the table for no less than one week for public inspection, be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Hill explained that this is the second reading on the acquisition of an ice machine that will be used for Asian Carp fishing. He explained that there is a contingency that if certain funds are not received to pay for the acquisition of the ice machine then the ice machine will not be acquired.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 1920-123 be duly adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 1920-133 by Commissioner Hill; **WHEREAS**, the owner of Parcel No. 01-01-32-414-008 (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; and

WHEREAS, the City of East Peoria (“City”) has objected to the change in assessed value; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Review has affirmed the assessment originally assigned to the Property; 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 currently pending before PTAB;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT the Attorney for the City is hereby authorized and directed to obtain an appraisal for the Property and petition for leave to intervene in the proceeding involving the assessment of the Property, which proceeding is identified as Docket No. 2019-00080.001-C-3 currently pending before the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move that Resolution No. 1920-133 be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Hill explained that this appeal is for the Kroger property where the owner is appealing the property taxes. He explained that this is a significant request where the City should intervene.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 1920-133 be duly adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 1920-134 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1920-134, hereto attached, a Resolution Regarding Reinsurance Carrier for the City's Group Health Insurance Plan (Approving Reinsurance Coverage with Reunion Health Services Inc. for 2020-2021 fiscal year), be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 1920-134 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 Hill explained that this resolution is a recommendation from the City's Group Health Insurance Committee for the reinsurance carrier and that the bid being approved is the most competitive bid that was received.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 1920-135 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1920-135, hereto attached, a Resolution Regarding Preferred Physician and Hospital Network for the City's Group Health Insurance Plan, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 1920-135 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 Hill explained that this resolution is another recommendation from the City's Group Health Insurance Committee. This is the most competitive bid, and it is an agreement with UnityPoint Health.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 1920-137 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1920-137, hereto attached, a Resolution Regarding the Prescription Drug Benefit Manager for the City's Group Health Insurance Plan, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 1920-137 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 Hill explained that this resolution is to approve a Master Services Agreement that allows the City to leverage with other cities and receive better savings. It provides an eight percent savings. Mayor Kahl commended the City's Group Health Insurance Committee on their work on the Committee.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 1920-132 by Commissioner Decker; **WHEREAS**, Tazewell County (the "County") annually provides a grant (the "Grant") to help fund the curbside recycling program operated by the City; and

WHEREAS, the County has offered to provide the Grant in the amount of \$50,852.00 for 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Grant will be disbursed under the terms of an intergovernmental agreement between the City and the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute an intergovernmental agreement between the City and the County under such terms and conditions as the Mayor in his discretion deems appropriate providing for the distribution of a curbside recycling grant in the amount of \$50,852.00 from the County to the City.

Motion by Commissioner Decker, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Resolution No. 1920-132 be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Decker explained that this resolution is for the approval of a grant that the City enters into yearly, and it helps with the curbside recycling program. Mayor Kahl explained that this grant is typically approved in November, and therefore, it is a little over due and went into effect in January 2020.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 1920-132 be duly adopted as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Decker, seconded by Commissioner Hill; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4496 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ACQUISITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY AND CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT FOR CAMP STREET AND RIVER ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT) 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 explained the ordinance and intersection improvement project. He explained that a roundabout was originally planned and that this is the new plan for the intersection that requires less right-of-way as a result of the intersection no being a roundabout.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 1920-129 by Commissioner Sutherland, seconded by Commissioner Decker; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 1920-129, hereto attached, a Resolution Accepting Third Change Order for City's Sanitary Sewer System Upgrade Project (Phase A – C Construction Project) (Change Order #3) in the amount of \$63,035.14, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 1920-129 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 Sutherland explained that this change order is for items that were found underground that the City did not know were under the ground. One of the items included high voltage lines that needed to be moved. He explained that he is pleased with the negotiations and project management. Commissioner Sutherland explained that he believes that the City will be under the anticipated change order amounts that were anticipated for the project.

Commissioner Hill explained that he asked about the project and spoke with the project manager and he will be supporting the resolution. Mayor Kahl explained that these change orders are bundled together and this one includes five items in the change order. Commissioner Decker commented on the change order process and that the nature of dealing with very old buildings will yield unknowns for underground items due to their age.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 1920-130 by Commissioner Sutherland; WHEREAS, Kevin Clark has been continuously employed by the City from December 28, 1987 through March 20, 2020, most recently occupying the position of Operator in the Water Department.

WHEREAS, Kevin Clark announced his intention to retire from employment effective at the end of the day on March 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City is appreciative of the long and continued service provided by Kevin Clark; 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 Sutherland, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move that Resolution No. 1920-130 be adopted as presented.

Commissioners Sutherland and Decker commented on Mr. Clark's outstanding integrity, skill and knowledge and wished him well in his retirement.

Mayor Kahl thanked Mr. Clark for his 32 years of service to the City and community and wished him well in his retirement.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 1920-130 be duly adopted as presented.

Mayor Kahl stated if there was anyone who wanted to speak on any items not on the agenda to raise their hand on Zoom Meetings and state the matter or matters to be discussed. There was no response.

Mayor Kahl then asked for comments from Council.

Commissioner Decker encouraged people to use remote meetings like Zoom as it is easy and promotes social distancing. He commented on making changes to the City due to the health pandemic. He commented on a situation where garbage pick-up was missed, and Commissioner Hill brought it to his attention so that it could be taken care of. He complimented Ric Semonski, Supervisor of Streets, on his work and expressed his appreciation to the efforts to ensure that those essential services that the City does are continued.

Commissioner Hill thanked the employees of the City during these unprecedented times. The Police and Fire Department have had to change their practices and practice self-safety practices as well. He recognized the Buildings Department and their cleaning changes to try to ensure everyone is safe during this time.

Commissioner Sutherland thanked Ric Semonski and Cord Crisler, Supervisors in the Public Works Department, and others in the Public Works Department. He commented on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic and expressed his wishes that everyone remains safe during this time.

Commissioner Mingus thanked City employees. He commented on the Fire Department putting themselves in harm's way and expressed gratitude for Robert Cole on his job in ensuring that cleaning services are done to provide a safe environment. He commented on the open burning ban for the health of the citizens as everyone is being encouraged to remain active outside and COVID-19 is a respiratory illness. He explained that the burn ban is not a permanent prohibition and that it will last until the situation has resolved itself.

Mayor Kahl commented on the uncertain times that everyone is facing with the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic. He explained that there a lot of people with differing opinions and asked that everyone be respectful of each other during this challenging time. Mayor Kahl thanked City employees and explained that the City will be making some tough decisions in the coming weeks and months and that everyone will be in the same boat. He commented on the term “essential business” being a vague term and to keep in mind that we want to protect the public health and safety of citizens as well as the businesses. He believes that a calm and measured approach is the best approach and explained that we will focus on getting through the next several weeks and look out for and be mindful of others during this time. He explained that this time will pass, and we will take it one day at a time. He reminded everyone to stay home to protect yourself and everyone else if you are sick, to practice good hygiene, and stay safe.

Motion by Commissioner Sutherland, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; Mr. Mayor, I move you that we adjourn until Tuesday evening, April 21, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:41 P.M.

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