

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

**MAY 4, 2021**

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.

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 April 20, 2021 be approved as printed.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Mayor Kahl presented an award of recognition to City Attorney Dennis Triggs for his 37 years of exceptional dedication to the City of East Peoria as Corporation Counsel. Mayor Kahl explained that he has been the calm and reason behind good decisions that have been very important and have advanced East Peoria to put the City where it is at today. He explained that City Attorney Triggs is retiring as Corporation Counsel and Scott Brunton will be taking his place. Previous Mayors, Mayor Mingus, Mayor Ranney, Mayor Dodson, Mayor Dobbelaire, and Mayor Giebelhausen, along with Mayor Kahl made comments regarding City Attorney Triggs' tenure with the City and expressed gratitude and thanks for his service to the City and good luck wishes in his retirement. Those comments included emphasizing City Attorney Triggs' strength, outstanding work, dedication, and being a positive change agent for the City. They explained that the City would not have progressed without him. They also thanked City Attorney Triggs' wife for her support and dedication. Mayor Kahl explained that Dennis Triggs would continue to work on a few projects with the City.

Mayor Kahl proclaimed May 15, 2021 as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" and May 9-15, 2021 as "Police Week". He presented the proclamation to Deputy Chief of Police Horn.

Mayor Kahl proclaimed May 16-22, 2021 as "Emergency Medical Services Week". He presented the proclamation to Assistant Fire Chief Decker. Commissioner Mingus thanked the Fire department for their hard work and dedication.

Mayor Kahl proclaimed May 16-22, 2021 as "National Public Works Week". Mayor Kahl presented the proclamation to Superintendent of Streets Ric Semonski with the Public Works Department.

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.

Commissioner Hill explained that a item was going to be removed from the consent agenda. 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 2 through 6 as listed on the agenda for this meeting to be considered by omnibus vote.

Item Number 2 – Adoption of Ordinance Number 4570 on its Second Reading - (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2125 EAST WASHINGTON STREET IN THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS.) (Special Use to allow the siting of a used car dealership on property zoned "B-3, Business Service District".)

Item Number 3 - Adoption of Ordinance Number 4571 on its Second Reading - (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2101 COLE STREET IN THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS.) (Special Use for an additional accessory building on property zoned "R-2, One Family Dwelling District".)

Item Number 4 - Adoption of Ordinance Number 4572 on its Second Reading - (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1343 EAST WASHINGTON STREET IN THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS.) (Special Use to allow outdoor storage and outdoor placement of equipment on property zoned "B-3, Business Service District".)

Item Number 5 - Adoption of Ordinance Number 4568 on its Second Reading - (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 9 OF THE EAST PEORIA CITY CODE REGARDING PEDDLERS, BROKERS AND ITINERANT MERCHANTS.)

Item Number 6 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2021-139 on its Second Reading - Resolution authorizing the approval of an Agreement with Susteen LLC for purchase of new mobile forensic equipment, training, and software for the East Peoria Police Department that includes a Grant from Susteen LLC to assist in the costs of the purchase.

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 2 through 6 listed on the Consent Agenda be hereby approved and adopted, the items numbered 2 through 6 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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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. 2122-007 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that the claims as listed on Schedule No. 24 be allowed. Mr. Mayor, I, move that the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to issue orders on the Treasurer for the various amounts, totaling \$1,896,350.54, and the schedule of bills be hereby adopted as presented.

Commissioner Hill explained that There was a credit removed from Mutual Wheel Company which resulted in \$224.08. There are no new expenditures. The new total is \$1,896,350.54.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Mingus declared the motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4573 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, CHAPTER 16.1 OF THE EAST PEORIA CITY CODE TO UPDATE THE NAME OF THE EAST PEORIA DOWNTOWN OVERLAY DISTRICT) 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 commented on the overlay district being renamed previously. There is another section in the City Code that needs to be changed to maintain consistency with the name, and this amendment does that.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2122-002 by Commissioner Decker, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2122-002, hereto attached, a Resolution Approving Maintenance Service Agreement for Storm Water Pump Backup Generator Stations with Cummins Inc. in the amount of \$10,246.65, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2122-002 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 commented on the generators and receiving bids. This is the lowest bid. The other bid received was for \$17,676.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2122-001 by Commissioner Decker, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2122-001, hereto attached, a Resolution Approving the Purchase of an Asphalt Hopper Box Component to Repair the Street Department Hot Box Patcher from Cummings, McGowan & West Inc. in the amount of \$10,900, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2122-001 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 commented on the purchase being for the repair of the Street Department Hot Box Patcher.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2122-003 by Commissioner Sutherland, seconded by Commissioner Decker; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2122-003, hereto attached, a Resolution Approving Transition Agreement with Valley View Knolls Water Company for Transfer of Water Service to the City, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2122-003 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 Planning and Community Development, Ty Livingston, gave an overview on the project. He explained that the City has been working with the properties to be added. As soon as Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("IEPA") approves the transition, new pipes, fire hydrants, and other related items will be installed. The financing will be through a Special Service Area. Residents can either pay up front or spread the payment over a ten-year timeframe. The City is trying to keep costs down to residents.

Commissioner Sutherland commented on the current system that exists in this location deteriorating faster and faster. With the new IEPA regulations, the City anticipates it will cost around \$5,000 per property.

Mayor Kahl explained that the Board approached the City, and the City spoke with the residents at the Board's Annual Meeting. The Board took a vote to approve the transfer, and it has been a good relationship between the City and Board.

Commissioner Decker commented on the property owners paying the cost, the City will then have them as customers, and this is at the choice of the property owners in this area. He is supportive of the transfer and believe that it will be better service for the residents.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2122-004 by Commissioner Sutherland, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2122-004, hereto attached, a Resolution Approving Repair of Administrative Building Walls at Wastewater Treatment Plant Number 3 as Part of the City's Sanitary Sewer System Upgrade Project (Phase C Construction Project) by PJ Hoerr Construction and Summit Masonry in the amount of \$63,930.40, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2122-004 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 commented on the building having wall failure and this fixing this project fixing the failure. The initial cost estimate was over \$250,000. The cost of the project was \$63,930.40.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2122-005 by Commissioner Sutherland, seconded by Commissioner Decker; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2122-005, hereto attached, a Resolution Approving the Purchase of a New Skid Steer Loader for the Water and Wastewater Departments from Bobcat of Peoria Inc. in the amount of \$58,232, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2122-005 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 the City is going to start loading the City's own materials and sending them for reuse. He commented on the bids received and Bobcat being the low bid. It is never an apples-to-apples comparison because each machine has its own benefits.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2122-006 by Commissioner Sutherland, seconded by Commissioner Decker; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2122-006, hereto attached, a Resolution Approving Purchase of New Sewer Camera Truck and Associated Video Equipment and Software for the City's Public Works Department from R Now Inc. in the amount of \$191,018, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2122-006 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 the former camera van was destroyed in a car accident. This purchase is investing in camera truck that can be used as a camera. The truck also has a camera that can go up all the way through the pipes up to the building and has upgraded software.

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.

Larry Henson came up to the podium to comment on Vern Lane. He explained that the homeowners have always taken care of the lane. He is asking whether it was the City's responsibility or the homeowners responsibility to take care of the lane. Mayor Kahl asked Mr. Hensen to follow-up with Ric Semonski with the Public Works Department.

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 City Attorney Triggs being a father figure to him and thanked him for his work and dedication to the City. He commented on City Attorney Triggs' great reputation and the respect that everyone has for City Attorney Triggs and the respect that City Attorney Triggs shows others. He thanked City Attorney Triggs' family for giving up time for him to help the City.

Commissioner Hill and Sutherland expressed gratitude to City Attorney Triggs for his devotion and service to the City.

Commissioner Mingus expressed gratitude to City Attorney Triggs and commented on the respect that people have for City Attorney Triggs. He thanked City Attorney Triggs' family and explained that the City what it is today without City Attorney Triggs.

Mayor Kahl express thanked and congratulations to City Attorney Triggs and asked him if would like to come up to the podium and speak.

City Attorney Triggs came up to the podium to comment on his years of service to the City. He explained that it is has been a great role to serve the public and to be able to do so for his hometown. He believes this City Council Meeting to be his 900<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting or more. He thanked Mayor Kahl to allow him to fade into the mist as opposed to cutting the cord by continuing to work on some project with the City. He commented on working with great honorable elected officials and employees in the City. City Attorney Triggs commented on the East Peoria Historical Society and getting to work with the Historical Society.

Motion by Commissioner Sutherland, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; Mr. Mayor, I move you that we adjourn until Tuesday evening, May 18, 2021 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 7:01 P.M.