

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

**JUNE 20, 2023**

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 June 6, 2023 be approved as printed.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Mayor Kahl read a proclamation regarding 4th of July Celebration and Observance. Mayor Kahl explained that the Carle Health Red, White & Boom is occurring on July 4<sup>th</sup> on the river.

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 Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move to adopt a consent agenda consisting of items numbered 1 through 6 as listed on the agenda for this meeting to be considered by omnibus vote.

Item Number 1 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2324-033 – Resolution to Approve Payment of the Schedule of Bills Listed on Schedule Number 3 in the amount of \$1,658,227.76.

Item Number 2 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2324-019 on its Second Reading – Resolution Approving an Agreement with Sikich LLP for Audit Preparation Assistance Services.

Item Number 3 – Adoption of Resolution Number 2324-023 on its Second Reading – Resolution Approving the Purchase of a Mud Cat MC 115D Dredge and Mud Cat TLR Trailer for Eastport Marina from Ellicott Dredge Technologies, LLC.

Item Number 4 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2324-022 on its Second Reading – Resolution Approving Adjustment to Salary for Fire and Police Commission Members.

Item Number 5 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2324-017 on its Second Reading - Resolution Approving the Purchase of a New 2022 Ford F-250 for the Water Department from Uftring Ford, Inc. in the amount of \$55,268.00.

Item Number 6 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2324-020 on its Second Reading – Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Payment of an Invoice from Hoerr Construction, Inc. for Seasons Drive Emergency Sewer Repair Project in the amount of \$183,699.36.

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 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.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4730 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING BID FOR SALE OF CITY-OWNED SURPLUS REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 349 PARK AVENUE IN THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, 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.

Commissioner Hill explained that the City recently offered five lots for sale via sealed bid. The property at 349 Park received an offer from David Hale. His offer is \$800. Along with the offer, the purchaser must also pay \$500 in costs associated with the sales process. In conjunction with the costs associated with this sales process, he has provided a cashier's check to the City in the amount of \$1,300.

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 Ordinance No. 4731 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING BID FOR SALE OF CITY-OWNED SURPLUS REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 345 EDMUND STREET IN THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, 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.

Commissioner Hill explained that this another property involved in the sealed bid process. The property at 345 Edmund received an offer from Sam Griffin & Leslie Siebenthal. Their offer is \$800. In conjunction with the costs associated with this sales process, he has provided a cashier's check to the City in the amount of \$1,300.

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 Ordinance No. 4732 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 300 WALNUT DRIVE 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.

Commissioner Hill explained that this is a petition for special use to allow an additional accessory structure on this property (7,000 sf). The exterior is proposed to be cedar. As this property (comprised of 2 parcels even though only one is identified for this case) is more than 22 acres, along with the building's placement, no negative impacts from it upon neighboring properties are anticipated. He explained that based upon the property that this will sit far back, and the Zoning Board of Appeals did not feel that it would have negative impacts on neighboring properties.

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 Ordinance No. 4734 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE FOR OPERATING A SMOKE SHOP ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1818 MEADOW 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.

Commissioner Hill commented on the location of the property on Meadow Avenue. It is proposed to be a smoke shop that will have tobacco products and paraphernalia.

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 Ordinance No. 4735 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 114 GLENRIDGE DRIVE 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.

Commissioner Hill commented on this special use being for a corner lot that has two front yards. Due to limitations on the lot a special use is required. There is a fence being required in what is considered the side yard.

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 Ordinance No. 4736 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2487 WASHINGTON ROAD 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.

Commissioner Hill explained that the petition here is to rezone this property to single family residential as it currently contains an existing home and detached garage. The property is eligible as it's greater than 25,000sf and adjacent to other similarly zoned (R-2) parcels. The request here is driven by the desire to sell the property to a buyer that wishes to utilize the property as a residence. Changing the zoning to single family addresses any non-conformance issues should the property be significantly damaged at some point in the future.

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 Ordinance No. 4737 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON EAST WASHINGTON STREET IN THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS (NEW PARCEL LOCATED IMMEDIATELY TO THE WEST OF THE PROPERTY WITH A STREET ADDRESS OF 4200 E. WASHINGTON STREET IN EAST PEORIA.)) 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 is a petition to permit a new location for Kullscape – just to the west of their existing location along Washington Street (a new address will be forthcoming). The proposal is to initially move the materials over to this property with construction of a main building with a retail front end next year. The request here is to allow outdoor storage of landscaping materials, mostly within defined bins, and to only pave areas accessible to the public.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2324-025 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2324-025, hereto attached, a Resolution approving Laserfiche Software Licensing Renewal for the City with ICC Community Development Solutions in the amount of \$17,432.20, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2324-025 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 Laserfiche is the electronic document storage system that the City uses, and this resolution is to approve for the renewal of the license.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2324-027 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Decker; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2324-027, hereto attached, a Resolution Accepting Audit Services Proposal for Preparing the City's Annual Financial Audits for the 2023 Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2023, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2324-027 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 agreement being for auditing services. The costs have gone up from last year's audit services. Commissioner Hill explained that this is a fee for the fiscal year ending 2023 audit. He commented on the costs of the audit being more than \$40,000 last year's cost.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2324-029 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2324-029, hereto attached, a Resolution Approving Microsoft Software Licensing Renewal for the City, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2324-029 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 resolution being the Microsoft Software Licensing Renewal that happens every year with the cost for fiscal year 2023-24 being \$38,815.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2324-030 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Decker; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2324-030, hereto attached, a Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Purchase of Geotextile Tubes from Geo-Synthetics Systems LLC for Eastport Marina, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2324-030 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 tubes being used to store the dredged materials from the Marina. Those tubes are then set aside until they dry. He commented on the costs of the tubes. Mayor Kahl explained that the City is hoping to begin dredging in late July or early August.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Decker, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4733 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION OF THE BRIARGATE ROAD AND VERMONT STREET RIGHTS-OF-WAY THAT PROVIDE ACCESS TO TALL OAK APARTMENTS) 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 that the owner of Tall Oak Village has approached the City regarding the vacation of the right of way (R-O-W) adjacent to this property. In working with the team in Public Works, there's no strategic value for the City to retain ownership here but we do want to make sure the property owner of 2322 Washington Road continues to enjoy access to their property off the portion of Briargate which is to be vacated.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2324-026 by Commissioner Sutherland, seconded by Commissioner Decker; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2324-026, hereto attached, a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Water Main Pipe and Related Materials for the Kerfoot Street Water Main Replacement Project, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this

Resolution No. 2324-026 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 is a large project. He commented on the location of the project going down Kerfoot Street. This is a project that will begin soon. Commissioner Sutherland commented on the costs of Julie locates now being charged to the City.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2324-028 by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS THAT a permit for a public exhibition of fireworks be held on July 4, 2023 (rain date July 5, 2023) to Midwest Communications, Inc./Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc. in connection with the 4th of July Fireworks (Carle Health Red White and Boom) in East Peoria, Illinois BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the \$30.00 license fee required by Section 3-4-6 of the City Code be hereby waived. AND THAT THIS RESOLUTION NO. 2324-028 BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Commissioner Mingus, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move that Resolution No. 2324-028 be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Mingus commented on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Red White and Boom event and this being the public exhibit of fireworks permit for that event.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 2324-028 be duly adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 2324-031 by Commissioner Mingus; WHEREAS, former Chief of Police Rich Brodrick was the City's representative on the Tazewell County Emergency Telephone Systems Board; and

WHEREAS, Mayor John P. Kahl recommends the appointment of Deputy Chief of Police, David Catton, to now serve as the City's representative on the Tazewell County Emergency Telephone Systems Board; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the Mayor's recommendation, the City desires to appoint Deputy Chief of Police David Catton as the City's representative on the Tazewell County Emergency Telephone Systems Board to replace the City's representative position that was most recently held by the former Chief of Police Rich Brodrick;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT Deputy Chief of Police David Catton is hereby appointed as the City's representative on the Tazewell County Emergency Telephone Systems Board.

Motion by Commissioner Mingus, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move that Resolution No. 2324-031 be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Mingus explained that this resolution is to appoint Deputy Chief of Police Dave Catton as one of the City's two representatives on the Tazewell County ETSB Board. Mayor Kahl explained that the other representative position for the City is help by the Fire Department.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 2324-031 be duly adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 2324-032 by Commissioner Mingus; WHEREAS, the City has previously entered into an intergovernmental agreement (the "Agreement") with Pekin, Washington, Morton, Tazewell County, the Tazewell County Sheriff's Office, and the Tazewell County Emergency Telephone Systems Board for 911 dispatch centers serving Tazewell County; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Agreement, the Parties established an intergovernmental agency named TC3 for the purpose of providing 911 dispatch services in Tazewell County; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides that TC3 is to be governed by a Governance Board and that daily operations of TC3 are to be managed by an Operations Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement further provides that the Governance Board and Operations Committee are each to be comprised of representatives of municipalities that entered into the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Agreement creating TC3 and associated Bylaws for TC3, the City of East Peoria has two seats on the Governance Board and two seats on the Operations Committee; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the Mayor's recommendation, the City desires to appoint Deputy Chief of Police David Catton as one of the City's representatives on the TC3 Operations Committee to replace the City's representative position that was most recently held by David Horn;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT Deputy Chief of Police David Catton is hereby appointed as one of the City's representatives on the TC3 Operations Committee.

Motion by Commissioner Mingus, seconded by Commissioner Decker; Mr. Mayor, I move that Resolution No. 2324-032 be adopted as presented.

Commissioner Mingus explained that this is for the appointment Deputy Chief of Police Dave Catton to TC3 Operations Committee.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 2324-032 be duly adopted as presented.

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.

A resident that lives on the 700 block of Highview Road came up to the podium to express concerns over speeding traffic and the amount of traffic on Highview Road. The resident explained that they need help slowing down traffic on high view road and to lessen traffic on high view road coming from ICC. He explained that he lost a dog that was hit by a car and his grandchild was almost hit. He is concerned that someone will get hurt.

Commissioner Sutherland commented on there being no access to Illinois Community College until Highview Road was added. He explained that he is afraid that this cannot be undone.

Commissioner Decker explained that he wants to do a study to see if the speed should be lowered. He feels that speeding is an issue.

Mayor Kahl explained that the Police Department has a speed trailer that can be used to look at traffic speed.

Mr. Rayman Kull came up to the podium and expressed concern regarding the ditch on the properties that are next to the one he runs a business on. He explained that when you go to the west of his business property there are overgrown willows and Canadian thistles. He explained that he mows up to the property that he has business on. The other part has not been mowed. He feels that it needs to be attended. Mayor Kahl explained that he will investigate the issue; however, he explained that it is Illinois Department of Transportation property. He explained that it is frustrating because it is IDOT does not maintain its rights-of-way often.

The resident of 801 Highview Road came up to the podium to express concern regarding Highview Road. He explained that Highview Road is a unique road, and he lived on Highview Road for two years. He has seen several accidents in two years. He feels that the issue is a behavioral issue rather than a structural issue. The resident read statistics on survival rates that individuals have when they are hit a varying rates of speed with the higher speed accidents have a smaller chance of survival. He explained that he no longer walks along the road and that he has almost been hit on the road. He feels that speeding and the amount of traffic is bringing down the value in the homes in the area. He commented on the sound, chemicals from braking, and emissions that come along with increased traffic along the roadway. He gave examples of ways to reduce traffic speeds including, (1) the presence of police officers; having permanent radar signs (that he estimates to be around \$4,000 to \$5,000 and include solar options). He implores the City to take those actions into account to help reduce speeds. He explained that if he would have known about the amount of traffic, he may have reconsidered purchasing the property. He asked the City Council to come and take a look at the traffic near his home.

Mayor Kahl thanked the residents for voicing concerns and bringing solutions. Mayor Kahl explained that they will review the issue.

Commissioner Mingus commented on speed bumps and inquired about the residents opinion on speed bumps. One of the residents explained that he feels that it would make it more inconvenient for the ICC drivers. However, he explained that speed bumps increase maintenance on the road and it may lower the property values. He explained that Grandview Drive uses speed bumps and speed tables. The resident feels that they should investigate lower cost options such as police presence and radar signs.

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 speed humps and concerns with speed humps and speed bumps. There are concerns with a driver losing control when going over speed humps and bumps. He explained that he is willing to look into anything. In the past, the City sought a PPUATS project that would make the road better. However, he explained that it is not eligible for PPUATS due to it not being regional enough in nature. Commissioner Decker explained that they will look into the Highview Road traffic concern and the concern regarding the ditch on East Washington Street. He asked everyone to come and enjoy the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks event in East Peoria and commented on the excellent job they do in moving traffic after the event. He commented on the electrical aggregation.

Mayor Kahl explained that legally they cannot give a recommendation, but when the City can do is provide the information on the electrical aggregation.

Commissioner Hill commented on the speed on Highview Road explaining that he would be open to look at things to help. He commented on the electrical aggregation. He explained that the letter did not have the City of East Peoria logo and that the letter is from Energy Harbor who is the energy provider that is locked in through December of 2025. He explained the history of the municipal aggregation program that has saved citizens over \$7 million. The aggregation rate is hedging against the volatility in the energy market, as no one knows what will happen with the energy market. There was a time that the City did not have an energy aggregation deal for a time due to the volatility in the market. In the next year until around June 2024 for the energy aggregation, there will be 9.95 cents per kilowatt hour charge. Ameren has a 7.78 cents per kilowatt hour from June 2023 through September 2023. There is no published rate for Ameren's winter rate that is October through April of next year. People have a choice to stay in the municipal aggregation program or they can choose their own electrical supplier. Ameren is only the delivery of the electricity. Ameren does, however, offer a rate from the open market. If you want to opt out, you cannot get back into the program until next June 2024, and the person will have to arrange for who is their electrical supplier. There are different ways to opt out that can be done now through June 26, 2023. The electrical aggregation rate that is locked in is the 9.84 cents per kilowatt hour and there is an additional capacity rate that affects everyone that can change and will be added to the 9.84 cent rate. The new rates goes into effect in July 2024. Commissioner Hill invited everyone to attend that East Peoria Farmers Market that occurs every Friday from 4pm to 7pm on the Levee District Promenade. He



congratulated the June 2023 Paul Peterson Bright Spot Award winners: Business - St. Peters Evangelical Church, 200 Cole Street; Springfield Road Area - Ronald and Vickie McDonald; Illini Drive Area - Denis and Shelby O'Flaherty; Sunnyland/Robein/Washington Road Area - Rebecca Howard; Richland/Pekin Avenue Area - Gary Biggs; and Meadow Avenue Area - Michael and Deborah Broshears. The winners will receive a bright spot sign to place in their yard. The next Paul Peterson Bright Spot Award entry deadline is July 10.

Commissioner Sutherland commented on sidewalks in the City and neighborhoods that do not have sidewalks. He explained that he is going to get with the City ask if they were to put a sidewalk where would they put it in. He will then put a sidewalk in and hopes that neighbors will connect to the sidewalk. He commented on property owners not owning all of the property in their front yard. Commissioner Sutherland explained that he would like to see participation to make getting sidewalks in neighborhoods doable. He believes a speed radar sign may be a good idea to use on Highview Road, and he thinks it should be the first and likely the cheapest option. Commissioner Sutherland commented on retail thefts and explained that the big box stores, generally, do not prosecute retail thefts. He commented on having ring doorbells and other cameras on his property that he explained the police are welcome to this camera information.

Commissioner Mingus wished his daughter Jolie a Happy 14<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Mayor Kahl explained that Energy Harbor, the energy supplier for the energy aggregation for this contract is out of Ohio. He explained that residents have nothing to do unless they want to opt out of the energy aggregation. If someone chooses to opt out, the deadline is June 26, 2023. He discussed the three ways to opt out.

Motion by Commissioner Sutherland, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; Mr. Mayor, I move you that we adjourn until Tuesday evening, July 18, 2023 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 7:14 P.M.

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