

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

August 15, 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 Mark E. Hill, Commissioner Seth D. Mingus, and Commissioner Michael L. Sutherland.
Absent: Commissioner Daniel S. Decker.

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 Hill; Mr. Mayor, I move that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 1, 2023 and the minutes of the Special Meeting held on August 7, 2023 be approved as printed.

Yeas: Commissioner 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 6 as listed on the agenda for this meeting to be considered by omnibus vote.

Item Number 1 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2324-062 – Resolution to Approve Payment of the Schedule of Bills Listed on Schedule Number 7 in the amount of \$2,713,486.35.

Item Number 2 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2324-051 on its Second Reading - Resolution Accepting the Low Bid from RK Custom Builders, INC. for EastSide Centre Field 1 Dugout Roofs Replacement Project.

Item Number 3 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2324-052 on its Second Reading - Resolution Accepting the Low Bid from RK Custom Builders, INC. for EastSide Centre Field 7 Dugout Roofs Replacement Project.

Item Number 4 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2324-054 on its Second Reading - Resolution Accepting Bid from ATG-Ram Industries for Synthetic Turf on Eastside Centre Fields Two, Three and Four.

Item Number 5 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2324-053 on its Second Reading - Resolution Accepting the Proposal from JIMAX Landscape, LLC for the Four Corners Bell Towers Demolition Project.

Item Number 6 - Adoption of Resolution Number 2324-057 on its Second Reading - Resolution Approving an Agreement Between the City of East Peoria and the Policemen's Benevolent Labor Committee for a Four-Year Term Commencing on May 1, 2022 and Terminating on April 30, 2026.

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

Nays: None.

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

Resolution No. 2324-056 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Sutherland; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2324-056 hereto attached, a Resolution to Approve Revised Second Amendment to Development Agreement with Flaherty & Collins, Inc. for Downtown Mixed-Use Project, be hereby approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2324-056 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 Revised Second Amendment to the Development Agreement. This project has been in the making since 2018, and the agreement was signed in 2020. The biggest change has to do with the developer incentive that is now an incentive loan. The project is for 219 apartments market rate apartments with retail. The City has taken measures to protect the city. The project is going to be over a \$50,000,000 project. We foresee that this will have at least an assessed value of \$48,000,000. This will guarantee that we have a minimum equalized assessed value to ensure that the rights of the City are protected. This is a good change for the City, citizens of East Peoria, and the developer. It is anticipated that this project will bring in other developments to the area.

Mayor Kahl commented on this being excited for the project to begin. They are hoping for an early September groundbreaking.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 2324-056 be duly adopted as presented.

Resolution No. 2324-059 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2324-059, hereto attached, a Resolution Approving Change Order with Otto Baum Company, Inc. for Phase II of the Pinecrest Drive Pavement Patching Project, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2324-059 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 earlier this year the first part the Pavement Patching Project on Pinecrest began. The first project was 50% of the street repair section needed. This is for another 25% of the total needed for repair. He commented on the amount of money spent on this project that is close to \$1,100,000 million, which is what was spent in total on roads in some past years.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2324-058 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2324-058, hereto attached, a Resolution Accepting the Proposal from North Star Place Branding + Marketing for Community Branding Services for the City, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2324-058 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 an exciting project where the City had been working on a branding exercise with other taxing bodies and others in the City. This company has worked with many other communities to help with branding. The City is seeking to have a cohesive branding for the City. Mayor Kahl explained that the branding is not just about attraction; it is also about retention. He explained that people need to tell the stories that they have, and there are many positive stories. This project is a budgeted item.

Director Livingston explained that this will work well with the comprehensive plan. It will also have an outside perspective of the City. North Star Place Branding + Marketing was chosen based upon research and recommendations.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2324-060 by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Sutherland; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2324-060, hereto attached, a Resolution Approving the Purchase of Equipment and Software and Approving Managed Service Agreement with HEART Technologies, Inc. related to Shared Electronic Storage Refresh Project, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2324-060 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 purchased Shared Storage equipment and software and this is refreshing that storage equipment and software.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2324-061 by Commissioner Mingus, seconded by Commissioner Sutherland; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PEORIA, ILLINOIS that Resolution No. 2324-061, hereto attached, a Resolution Approving Memorandum of Understanding Between the City and the International Association of Fire Fighters Local No. 1498 Regarding Paramedic Bonus at Time of Hire, be approved. Mr. Mayor, I move you that this Resolution No. 2324-061 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 commented on already having a bonus of \$10,000 for those having a paramedic license at the time of hir. This memorandum of understanding allows for a \$15,000 bonus and spreads out the payments for the bonus. It also includes registered nurses that have a Pre-Hospital Registered Nurse endorsement. Chief Zimmerman explained that the Pre-Hospital Registered Nurse endorsement allows them to act as a paramedic. Applications for firefighter are available online beginning either tomorrow or shortly thereafter. There are numerous benefits to the job that Chief Zimmerman can explain should any one wish to inquire.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Mingus, seconded by Commissioner Hill; Mr. Mayor, I move you that Ordinance No. 4743 hereto attached, (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE POSSESSION OF THE EAST PEORIA POLICE DEPARTMENT) be read at length by the Clerk, and that said Ordinance No. 4743 be accepted on its first reading, and be hereby adopted as presented.

Commissioner Mingus commented on the vehicle that is no longer necessary or useful and the proposed method to sell the vehicle.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 4743 to 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.

Andrew came up to the podium and spoke about that he feels that boil orders not being communicated well. He explained that he lives in a builder where he was not informed that water was being shut off and he did not know that there was a boil order. He explained some of the crews stopped working and came back later. Andrew expressed concern that the text message from CodeRed was too generic, and the article on the news was much more specific. He feels that there can be better communication. Mayor Kahl explained that Andrew's concerns will be shared.

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

Mayor Kahl then asked for comments from Council.

Commissioner Hill explained that the Farmer's Market will be on the next two Fridays from 4pm to 7pm through the end of August.

Commissioner Sutherland asked everyone not to flush flushables, because they are not flushable. He commented on the W. Camp Street Road closure. He explained that the Avondale project will start moving in three weeks. The water main replacement on Kerfoot will be there for approximately two more week before the next part of the project begins. He commented on closures for the project that will likely last for two weeks. The Springfield water main replacement will likely begin next Spring. Commissioner Sutherland explained that the Water and Sewer Department will begin lining of the mains in the near future.

Mayor Kahl explained that he believes that only those people that are affected by boil orders will receive CodeRed alerts if they have signed up for CodeRed notifications. He wished everyone a good Labor Day Holiday weekend, as City Council will not meet until after Labor Day.

Motion by Commissioner Sutherland, seconded by Commissioner Mingus; Mr. Mayor, I move you that we adjourn until Tuesday evening, September 5, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Kahl declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:31 P.M.

 /s/ Morgan R. Cadwalader

City Clerk Morgan R. Cadwalader