



MINUTES

MOLINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall, 619 16th Street
Saturday, December 1, 2018

Council Meeting: The City Council meeting came to order at 7:11 a.m. The Council met in special session in the Committee of the Whole Room at City Hall.

Pledge: The Council and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: Alderman Schoonmaker gave an Invocation.

Roll Call: Roll call was taken with Mayor Acri, Aldermen Rodriguez, Parker, Wendt, Potter, Turner (electronic), Schoonmaker, Waldron and Berg present. Absent: None.

Alderman Tuner left the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Alderman Schoonmaker left the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Agenda:

1. Strategic Planning. Mayor Acri began the meeting with a review of Guidelines for Effective Council Relations: seek to understand one another's perspective; honor one another in public and protect each other in their absence; focus on issues, not personalities; seek honesty and integrity in all deliberations and interactions.

GovHR consultant Mark Peterson initiated icebreaker and team building exercises, explaining that successful team work takes out-side-of-the-box thinking with a focus on the team. How can an effective body become more effective through communication, collaboration, and problem solving? There was discussion of one-on-one private conversations during Council meetings, and it was suggested that COW meetings take place in the COW Room. Although this was done and discontinued in the past, it was the consensus of Council that this could be done effectively by reconfiguring the room layout, and adding amplification.

Adding quarterly strategic planning work sessions at different locations within the community was discussed. Work sessions would begin with an informational presentation by staff. It was acknowledged that additional meetings/work sessions should be added before the annual meeting calendar is approved. Mayor Acri indicated that she would like to begin attending Monday morning staff directors' meetings. Expediency of staff's response to questions and action requests by Council was discussed. Council indicated that the Go Request application works well. The need for an internal process for reporting and feedback was discussed. Mayor stated that a void of Council understanding of what is going on in the City exists. Focus should be placed on the specific areas/departments where the breakdown is occurring. Peterson stated that asking a question of staff is okay, but directing action is not, rather this needs to go before Council. The City Administrator should always be kept in the loop. Brevity on the Council floor is important. Once a decision is made, Council members must support it and move on. There was discussion of directors having laptops at meetings for easy access to needed/requested information. Council discussed access to and response from department directors seven (7) days a week, with staff response, and plan of action, within four (4) hours.

2020 Goal: Financially Strong City with Cost-Effective Services

*Collaboration of shared and professional services with neighbors

*5-year budgeting

Pension strategy

Health insurance cost savings

*QComm 911

Grant strategy

2020 Goal: Strong Local Economy – The Confidence to Invest

Navigate I-74 timeline

*Main Street Commission (by June 2019)

*Avenue of the Cities/7th Street Olde Towne/Uptown

Other populations

Business outreach

Airport industrial parkway

2020 Goal: Upgrade City Infrastructure and Facilities

Wi-Fi community

Alleys, sidewalks, streets

South slope WWTP

*Red water

*Indoor gym facility, swimming pool, common partnership with park board

2020 Goal: Moline – A Great Place to Live

Comp Plan

*Bridge Footprint – I-74 realignment

Streetscaping – Façade

Northside Bike Path

Bluff Neighbors

South Airport Residential

Neighborhood stabilization

*Priority

Work Session Prioritization:

#1: I-74 Bridge realignment, footprint, timeline and navigation

#2: Main Street Commission/collaboration of shared and professional services with neighbors

#3: Avenue of the Cities/Olde Towne/Uptown

Interest/Action

Interest: Build relationship between elected officials and staff

Action: Establish a committee/plan event

Assigned: Aldermen Berg and Rodriguez

Interest: COW Agenda action items should be supported with three unbiased (3) options.

Action: Information, including redlines, should be provided to Council 36 hours prior to meeting/Council deliberation.

Assigned: Aldermen Waldron and Potter

Interest: Use of the COW room for COW meetings

Action: Work through sequence and amplification

Assigned: Mayor Acri and Alderman Parker

Interest: Google doc escalation of issues/ Constituent issue policy

Action: Establish criteria and document

Assign: Aldermen Schoonmaker and Wendt

Interest: Standardize complaint communication (assignment and resolution)

Action: Direction from Doug

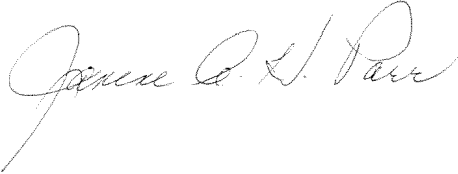
Assign: Mayor Acri and Alderman Turner

2. Enterprise Zone Amendment. There was no discussion.

On motion of Alderman Berg, seconded by Alderman Wendt, Council adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is on December 4, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Janine A. H. Parr".

Janine A. H. Parr
City Clerk