



# MINUTES

## MOLINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall, 619 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tuesday, August 11, 2020

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**Council Meeting:** The City Council meeting came to order at 7:14 p.m. The Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

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

**Invocation:** There was no Invocation.

**Roll Call:** Roll call was taken with Mayor Acri, Aldermen Williams, Parker, Wendt, Potter, Moyer, Waldron and Berg present. Absent: Alderman Schoonmaker.

### **Items on Consent:**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Committee-of-the-Whole, Council and Executive Session meeting minutes of August 4, 2020, and appointments made at Committee-of-the-Whole on August 11, 2020.

### **Second Reading Ordinances**

#### **1. Council Bill/General Ordinance 3021-2020**

An Ordinance amending Chapter 20, "MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC," of the Moline Code of Ordinances, Appendix 6 thereof, "YIELD INTERSECTIONS," by repealing Twenty-first Avenue's preference over Fourteenth Street.

#### **2. Council Bill/General Ordinance 3022-2020**

An Ordinance amending Chapter 20, "MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC," of the Moline Code of Ordinances, Appendix 7 thereof, "ONE-WAY STREETS," by including an alley east of Sixteenth Street, between Eighth Avenue and Ninth Avenue traveling northbound.

### **Resolutions**

#### **3. Council Bill/Resolution 1087-2020**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Moline and County of Rock Island setting forth the terms for submitting a joint application for funding and submission of the subsequent grant application currently available through the U.S. Department of Justice 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

**Omnibus Vote:** Alderman Parker, seconded by Alderman Moyer, moved to approve and adopt, by omnibus vote, these items. Motion carried on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Berg, Williams, Parker, Wendt, Potter, Moyer and Waldron; nays: none.

### **Items Not on Consent:**

#### **Resolutions**

#### **4. Council Bill/Resolution 1086-2020**

A Resolution authorizing the City Administrator to execute a Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program for specific employees, providing a budgeting tool to aid in controlling payroll costs, thereby reducing expenditures in response to declining revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Alderman Parker, seconded by Alderman Moyer, moved to approve Council Bill 1086-2020. There was discussion. Interim City Administrator Marty Vanags confirmed changes made to the original Program include exclusion of sworn fire

and police personnel from eligibility, and a 50% of salary lump sum pay-out for eligible employees. There was discussion. Alderman Waldron stated his belief that employees will retire when eligible without the incentive. He also expressed concern for “brain drain” and reduced service and reserve levels. Alderman Potter and Williams also expressed concern. Vanags stated that best practices to address slowed revenue resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic had been investigated to position the City for long-term fiscal health. Finance Director Carol Barnes compared a similar program used in the City of Bettendorf, Iowa. For the first time in several decades, Bettendorf was faced with the inability to balance its budget without increasing the levy rate. This alternative, rather than lay-off or furlough of employees, was successful with less than a 12-month pay-back period. Motion carried on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Berg, Parker, Wendt and Moyer; nays: Aldermen Williams, Potter and Waldron.

##### **5. Council Bill/Resolution 1088-2020**

**Resolution approving the Final Plat for South-View First Addition, a two-lot subdivision to accompany the recent rezoning at John Deere Road and 41<sup>st</sup> Street.** Alderman Parker, seconded by Alderman Wendt, moved to approve Council Bill 1088-2020. Chris Mathias, Property Management Coordinator, distributed an improvement plan and bikeways map for Council’s reference. He explained that a plan exists to address watershed/stormwater detention areas once the Environmental Manager position has been filled. Referencing the bikeways map, Mathias stated that installation of a bike path along 41<sup>st</sup> Street is part of the plan. An additional 10 feet of right-of-way (ROW) would be needed along this development. There was discussion. Mathias explained that although the additional ROW does not hinder the design plan, the developer would prefer to pay into the sidewalk fund, as previously directed by Council, rather than give up the property. Alderman Wendt noted Council’s intent to move forward with the Comprehensive Plan, including plans to eventually add a bike path in that area. Alderman Wendt, seconded by Alderman Parker, moved to amend and dedicate 10-feet of ROW along said property for installation of a bike path at a later date. Ryan Wade, the project developer, expressed support for the addition of a bike path and inquired if his contribution to the sidewalk fund might then be waived. There was discussion. Motion carried on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Berg, Williams, Parker, Wendt, Potter, Moyer and Waldron; nays: none. Alderman Waldron, seconded by Alderman Moyer, moved to amend and waive the required sidewalk along 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue and any additional fees charged for that waiver in exchange for the additional 10 feet of ROW. There was discussion. Alderman Wendt opined that it is too early in the process to preemptively waive fees. If a variance is applied for, the Council would address it at that time. Motion carried on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Williams, Potter, Moyer and Waldron; nays: Aldermen Berg, Parker and Wendt. Staff will provide clarification next week as to whether sidewalk installation along 41<sup>st</sup> Street is prohibited by the state. Alderman Wendt made a motion to amend and retain the requirement for a sidewalk along 41<sup>st</sup> Street unless prohibited by the state. Seconded by Alderman Parker. Motion carried on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Berg, Parker, Wendt and Moyer; nays: Aldermen Williams, Potter and Waldron. The developer is not prohibited from requesting a variance or waiver in the future. The amended motion carried on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Berg, Williams, Parker, Wendt, Moyer and Waldron; nays: Alderman Potter.

##### **Council, Staff and Citizen Comments:**

Alderman Wendt, seconded by Alderman Parker, moved to direct staff to prepare a one to two-page explanation of the process for addressing/rectifying watershed/stormwater detention areas within the City and identification of the staff responsible for this process. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Alderman Berg, Williams, Parker, Wendt and Moyer; nays: Aldermen Potter and Waldron.

Alderman Wendt, seconded by Alderman Parker, moved to direct staff to determine how the bikeways plan might be added to the Code and projects within the City. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Alderman Berg, Williams, Parker, Wendt, Potter, Moyer and Waldron; nays: none. Interim City Administrator Marty Vanags will determine how much time this will take and report back to Council.

Mayor Acri adjourned the Council meeting at 8:14 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is on August 18, 2020. View recorded meetings at <http://www.moline.il.us/CivicMedia?CID=9>

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janine A. H. Parr".

Janine A. H. Parr  
City Clerk

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