



# MINUTES

## MOLINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall, 619 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tuesday, February 2, 2021

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**Council Meeting:** The City Council meeting came to order at 8:45 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:** Alderman Williams gave an Invocation.

**Roll Call:** Roll call was taken with Mayor Acri, Aldermen Williams, Parker, Wendt, Potter, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron and Berg present. Absent: None.

### **Items on Consent:**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Committee-of-the-Whole, Council and Executive Session minutes of January 19, 2021, and appointments made at Committee-of-the-Whole on February 2, 2021.

### **Resolutions**

#### **1. Council Bill/Resolution 1023-2021**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to approve and attest to an exception to the moratorium on hiring pursuant to Resolution 1051-2020 to hire a Temporary Municipal Services Crew Leader – Streets.

#### **2. Council Bill/Resolution 1024-2021**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to approve and attest to an exception to the moratorium on hiring pursuant to Resolution 1051-2020 to hire a Temporary Municipal Services Crew Leader – Parks.

**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 Waldron, Berg, Williams, Parker, Wendt, Potter, Moyer and Schoonmaker; nays: none.

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

#### **Resolutions**

#### **3. Council Bill/Resolution 1025-2021**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest to a Licensing Agreement with Endeca Estates Condos HOA to install a line of trees on the 53<sup>rd</sup> Street right-of-way at 3728 53<sup>rd</sup> Street.

**Tabled.** Alderman Parker, seconded by Alderman Schoonmaker, moved to table Council Bill 1025-2021, until staff has the opportunity to communicate with the Condominium Owners Association and report back to Council. Motion carried on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Waldron, Berg, Williams, Parker, Wendt, Potter, Moyer and Schoonmaker; nays: none.

#### **4. Council Bill/Resolution 1026-2021**

A Resolution approving a temporary amendment to the Rules and Regulations adopted by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners concerning "Chapter IV – Promotions – Police," Sections 3(a)(2) and 3(b)(3).

**Approved.** Alderman Parker, seconded by Alderman Moyer, moved to approve Council Bill 1026-2021. Motion carried on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Waldron, Berg, Williams, Parker, Wendt, Potter, Moyer and Schoonmaker; nays: none.

**5. Council Bill/Resolution 1027-2021**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest to a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Moline and the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), Lodge #77, concerning Special Duty Pay, Fire Arms Proficiency Payment.

**Approved.** Alderman Parker, seconded by Alderman Moyer, moved to approve Council Bill 1027-2021. Motion carried on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Waldron, Berg, Williams, Parker, Wendt, Potter, Moyer and Schoonmaker; nays: none.

**6. Council Bill/Resolution 1028-2021**

A Resolution amending Resolution No. 1148-2020, the budget for fiscal year 2021 for the police department, by temporarily increasing the authorized strength for sworn personnel from 81 to 83; and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to approve and attest to an exception to the moratorium on hiring pursuant to Resolution 1051-2020 to hire two police officers in March, 2021, to fill upcoming vacancies and attend the Southwest Illinois College Police Academy, which begins March 25, 2021.

**Approved.** Alderman Parker, seconded by Alderman Wendt, moved to approve Council Bill 1028-2021. Motion carried on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Waldron, Berg, Williams, Parker, Wendt, Potter, Moyer and Schoonmaker; nays: none.

**First Reading Ordinances**

**7. Council Bill/Special Ordinance 4001-2021**

A Special Ordinance removing Special Ordinance 4001-2018 from the table; and designating the Prospect Park Pavilion, located at 1580 34th Avenue, Moline, Illinois, as a locally designated landmark.

**Council, Staff and Citizen Comments:**

Members of the Council praised staff's snow removal effort during the past two weeks. Mayor Acri explained modifications of the snow removal process during that period, stating that the addition of Water/Sewer staff to the plowing crew, as well as assistance from Miller Trucking with cul de sacs, parking lots and sidewalks (after 2" of snow fall), made the greatest difference. Mayor Acri requested Council's input.

- Alderman Waldron: with any enhanced service, there is a cost. He would like to know the associated cost of the enhanced service before making a decision to make it standard procedure.
- Alderman Potter: under normal conditions, staff can handle snow removal and related decisions
- Alderman Wendt: early response is critical; staff should move forward with the changes implemented
- Alderman Parker: agreed that this was a unique snow event, but was not addressed properly during the first event. Make enhanced service the standard for the rest of the season and revisit
- Alderman Moyer: best service should be the standard – continue with enhanced service for this season
- Alderman Schoonmaker: continue the elevated level of response to protect vehicles and quality of life
- Alderman Williams: clearing roads should be a continuous goal

Alderman Parker, seconded by Alderman Wendt, moved to continue all enhanced service components in case of a snow emergency during this season. At the end of the season, staff will provide a detailed report of enhanced service costs for Council consideration. Motion passed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen

Williams, Parker, Wendt, Moyer, Schoonmaker, Waldron and Berg; nays: Alderman Potter. Water/Sewer staff will be considered back-up crew for snow removal and are not restricted to that work during a snow event.

Jeff Snyder, Fire Chief, explained that his paramedics have assisted the Rock Island County Health Department with vaccinating. Mayor Acri explained that the Rock Island County Health Department has asked the City's Public Works Department to clear snow from the TaxSlayer parking lot for a vaccination clinic this weekend. There was no opposition from Council. Darren Gault, Chief of Police, explained that the Police Department will handle traffic control for the event.

**Executive Session:**

Alderman Williams, seconded by Alderman Waldron, moved for Executive Session, for the purpose of discussion of Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees-5 ILCS 120/2(C)(1), and Pending, Probable or Imminent Litigation-5 ILCS 120/2(C)(11). Motion carried on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Waldron, Berg, Williams, Parker, Wendt, Potter, Moyer and Schoonmaker; nays: none.

City Council convened in Executive Session at 9:24 p.m.

Council reconvened in open session at 9:44 p.m.

Mayor Acri adjourned the regular Council meeting at 9:44 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is on February 9, 2021. View recorded meetings at <http://www.moline.il.us/CivicMedia?CID=9>

Respectfully submitted,



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City Clerk