



MINUTES

MOLINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall, 619 16th Street
Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Council Meeting: The City Council meeting came to order at 7:49 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 Rayapati, Aldermen Williams, Macias, Wendt, Timion, Moyer, O'Brien, Waldron and Schmidt present. Absent: None.

Items on Consent:

Approval of Minutes

Committee-of-the-Whole, Council and Executive Session minutes of August 31, 2021, and appointments made at Committee-of-the-Whole on September 14, 2021.

Second Reading Ordinances

1. Council Bill/General Ordinance 3024-2021

An Ordinance amending Chapter 26, "POLICE," of the Moline Code of Ordinances, Sections 2101-2319, to reflect the replacement of the position of Captain with the position of Deputy Chief and remove all instances of the term "Captain".

Resolutions

2. Council Bill/Resolution 1187-2021

A Resolution declaring City-owned equipment as surplus property.

Omnibus Vote: Alderman Wendt, 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 Williams, Macias, Wendt, Timion, Moyer, O'Brien, Waldron and Schmidt; nays: none.

Items Not on Consent:

Resolutions

3. Council Bill/Resolution 1188-2021

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest to a surrounding property owners consent form granting the City's consent for a Class B liquor license to be issued for 2900 River Drive, Moline.

Approved. Alderman Wendt, seconded by Alderman Schmidt, moved to approve Council Bill 1188-2021. Motion carried on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Williams, Macias, Wendt, Timion, Moyer, O'Brien, Waldron and Schmidt; nays: none.

Council, Staff and Citizen Comments:

Alderman Williams acknowledged with appreciation the dedicated service of Moline crossing guard and 1st Ward resident Mary Shavy.

Alderman Macias shared that Mercado on Fifth will have a special celebration and scholarship fundraiser on Friday night.

Alderman Schmidt explained that the Library is engaged in the strategic planning process, with various opportunities for public input.

Mayor Rayapati shared that she will be attending an IML meeting of District Representatives and Mayors. Email communications and quarterly calls are planned.

Mayor Rayapati acknowledged the Police Department's partnership with Hy-Vee on the Coffee with a Cop event.

Mayor Rayapati shared that the City will celebrate 150 years next year. Staff has begun planning the sesquicentennial celebration, which presents a unique opportunity to draw visitors into the City.

Bob Vitas, City Administrator, explained that there have been internal discussions regarding the impact of Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2021-22 (COVID-19 Executive Order No. 88), which requires mandatory COVID-19 vaccination of first responders. The Order provides two exceptions to mandatory vaccination: religious and medical. Margaret Kostopulos, Corporation Counsel, anticipates that additional orders will be issued to address the remaining segment. Her advice is that the City has no choice but to comply with the current order. There was discussion. Testing is not an option from the order; however, the union may include that in bargaining. Staff has worked diligently to identify, and make available, testing. Mayor Rayapati explained that in her discussion with area healthcare leadership, including Unity Point, Genesis and Community Health Care, she learned that only a handful of employees have left as a result of the mandated vaccination. Alderman Wendt moved to direct staff to return on September 21, 2021, with a resolution for a voluntary extension of paid leave benefits related to COVID-19. Seconded by Alderman O'Brien. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob Vitas, City Administrator, shared that the owner of the former McKinley School building was fined \$50,000 in municipal court last week. Jon Fox, Corporation Counsel, and Brad Hauman, Neighborhood Improvement Officer, attended. Vitas will continue to keep the Council apprised of the situation.

Darren Gault, Chief of Police, shared that a First Responders Leadership Day, an initiative of the Moline Viking Club, was very successful. He thanked Alderman O'Brien for volunteering at the Bike Rodeo, which provided 51 bicycles to area children.

Executive Session:

Alderman Williams, seconded by Alderman Wendt, moved for Executive Session, for the purpose of discussion of Pending, Probable or Imminent Litigation-5 ILCS 120/2(C)(11). Motion carried on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Williams, Macias, Wendt, Timion, Moyer, O'Brien, Waldron and Schmidt; nays: none.

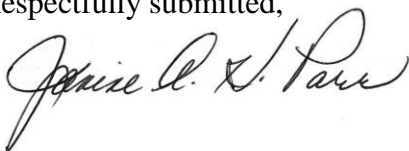
City Council convened in Executive Session at 8:18 p.m.

Council reconvened in open session at 8:28 p.m.

On motion of Alderman Wendt, seconded by Alderman Macias, Council adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is on September 21, 2021. View recorded meetings at <http://www.moline.il.us/CivicMedia?CID=9>

Respectfully submitted,



Janine A. H. Parr, City Clerk