



MOLINE COW/COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

6:00 PM

City Hall

Council Chambers - 2nd Floor

619 16th Street

Moline, IL 61265

Committee-of-the- Whole Call to Order

Attendance

PRESENT: Mayor Sangeetha Rayapati (*Chair*)
Alderman Scott Williams (*Ward 1*)
Alderman Alvaro Macias (*Ward 2*)
Alderman Matt Timion (*Ward 4*)
Alderman Sam Moyer (*Ward 5*)
Alderman Mike Waldron (*Ward 7*)

ABSENT: Alderman Mike Wendt (*Ward 3*)
Alderman Pat O'Brien (*Ward 6*)
Alderman James Patrick Schmidt (*Alderman At-Large*)

STAFF: Bob Vitas, City Administrator
Janine Hollembaek Parr, City Clerk
Darren Gault, Chief of Police
Jeff Snyder, Fire Chief
Carol Barnes, Finance Director
Eric Griffith, Parks Recreation Director
Bryon Lear, Library Director
Tony Loete, Director of Utilities
Michael Doi, Director of Public Works
Leah Miller, Human Resources Director
Michael Schenk, Interim City Engineer
David Rowatt, Information Technology Manager
K.J. Whitley, Community Development Manager
Travis Noyd, Deputy Fire Chief
Matthew Taylor, Firefighter/Paramedic
Joshua Morrall, Firefighter/Paramedic
Fire personnel, family and friends

OTHERS: Margaret Kostopulos, Corporation Counsel
Craig Mack, Plan Commission Chairman
Butch Trevor, Plan Commissioner
David Talbot, CTC Technology & Energy

Oath of Office

Oath of office for probationary appointment of Joshua Morrall to the rank of Firefighter/Paramedic, effective May 16, 2022.

Oath of office for probationary appointment of Matthew Taylor to the rank of Firefighter/Paramedic, effective May 16, 2022.

Oath of Office for appointment of Michael Doi to the position of Director of Public Works, effective May 23, 2022.

Board Appointments

Mayor's reappointment of Tilford Flowers to the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners for a full 3-year term to expire May 31, 2025

Mayor's reappointment of Jeff Nelson to the Quad City Civic Center Authority for a full 3-year term to expire May 31, 2025

Mayor's reappointment of Diane Sommers, Wayne Smith and Gary Koeller to the Library Board for full 3-year terms to expire May 31, 2025

Proclamation

A Proclamation from Men's Health Network to declare June 2022, as "Men's Health Month"

Public Comment

The Clerk read emailed public comments:

- Chris Mathias, 2816 36th Street, encouraged enforcement of the Zoning Code, referencing Section 35-3112(c), regarding landscaping requirements pertaining to the Planet Fitness remodel of the former Best Buy property at 4401 16th Street.
- Alderman Mike Wendt acknowledged a successful RFP process for alternative broadband service to the entire City and expressed support of the installation of an all-underground network. Alderman Wendt queried if ARPA funds were earmarked for other environmental best practices besides water fountain replacement in parks and trails. Regarding agenda item 20.1, Council Bill 3010-2022, Alderman Wendt urged the Council to table the issue until pond maintenance is better understood. Alderman Wendt encouraged the Council to direct staff to continue enforcement of the Zoning Code and propose better and clearer language.

Presentation

High Speed Fiber Optic Broadband Recommendation. David Talbot, CTC Technology & Energy, provided an overview of the memo and matrix in the agenda packet. Of the 5 responses received from the City's Request for Proposals (RFP), two were strong, and it is recommended that the City proceed with negotiations with both Metronet and Windstream. There was discussion. Windstream would put all fiber underground over two years, and they would be signing people up while the work is being done. Negotiations would be conducted by CTC President Joann Hovis. The RFP sought for the provision of 6 strands of fiber, all underground. Windstream is able to do that; however, Metronet's installation would be mostly aerial. After negotiations, the City would choose one company with which to do business. Typically, the existing service provider, Mediacom, would continue to provide service, and hopefully at a higher level. Alderman Waldron, seconded by Alderman Williams, moved to direct staff to engage CTC to enter into negotiations with the two companies as recommended. Motion passed unanimously.

Questions on the Agenda

There were no questions on the agenda.

COW Agenda Items

9.1 A Resolution approving the use of Foreign Fire Tax Funds up to \$23,000 towards the refurbishment of the Moline Fire Fighter's Memorial Stone as recommended and approved by the Foreign Fire Tax Board at the April 12, 2022 meeting. Over the last several years, the current Moline Fire Fighter Memorial site, located on Ben Butterworth Parkway along River Drive, has fallen into disrepair. Currently, there is no public access to the names of the firefighters who have served the Moline Fire Department. There are approximately 130 names on the memorial board at Central Fire Station; however, it is not easily accessible and does not allow for frequent visits. The refurbishment will consist of replacing the small sign with a permanent

memorial stone indicating the purpose of the site. In addition, all past members of the department will have their names engraved on a brick in the memorial site. Moving forward, when a firefighter passes away the name will be added to the site in an ongoing process. The \$23,000 will cover the cost of the granite and engraving of the memorial stone. A motion was made by Alderman Moyer to approve. Seconded by Alderman Waldron. Motion passed unanimously.

9.2 An Ordinance amending Chapter 20, “MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC,” of the Moline Code of Ordinances, Appendix 5 thereof, “ALL-WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS,” by removing the intersection of Nineteenth Avenue and Thirty-fifth Street. The Traffic Engineering Committee recommended at their meeting held on May 3, 2022, to leave the intersection of 19th Avenue and 35th Street only requiring traffic to stop on 19th Avenue. The all-way stop is not required at this intersection. A motion was made by Alderman Moyer to approve. Seconded by Alderman Timion. Motion passed unanimously.

9.3 An Ordinance amending Chapter 20, “MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC,” of the Moline Code of Ordinances, Appendix 5 thereof, “ALL-WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS,” by removing the intersection of Third Street and Eighteenth Avenue. The Traffic Engineering Committee recommended at their meeting held on May 3, 2022, to leave the intersection of 3rd Street and 18th Avenue only requiring traffic to stop on 3rd Street. The all-way stop is not required at this intersection. A motion was made by Alderman Moyer to approve. Seconded by Alderman Williams. Motion passed unanimously.

9.4 A Resolution authorizing the Parks & Recreation Director to purchase water fountain/bottle fill stations from Most Dependable Fountains, Inc., for the amount of \$102,551.87. The Parks & Recreation and Utilities staff seek recommendation on the use of unrestricted ARPA funding for Environmental Best Practices and the replacement of existing water fountains in the City's parks and trails to support water conservation and elimination of single-use plastic water bottles. Water Fountain/Bottle Fill stations would be purchased from Most Dependable Fountains, Inc., and installed by City staff. Unrestricted ARPA funding of \$75,000 is allocated for this project, and staff requests Council's consideration to increase that allocation to fund the entire project in the amount of \$102,551.87. A motion was made by Alderman Timion to approve. Seconded by Alderman Macias. There was discussion. Eric Griffith, Parks & Recreation Director, explained that there is unrestricted, unallocated ARPA funds to be used in addition to the \$75,000 allocated for Environmental Best Practices. Motion passed unanimously.

Informational

10.1 City Landscaping Regulations. Margaret Kostopulos, Corporation Counsel, explained that Corporation Counsel was asked to provide a legal interpretation of City landscaping regulations applicable to the Planet Fitness development, and review the definition of both non-conforming structures and non-conforming sites. It is Counsel's opinion that the Planet Fitness structure is conforming, while the site is non-conforming, because it does not currently meet the landscaping and parking requirements. Section 35-3112 addresses when a non-conforming structure or site must meet the landscaping and parking regulations and to what extent. Counsel has no reason to interpret that addressing those would turn an otherwise conforming site into a non-conforming site. Kostopulos explained that Section 35-3112(c) deals primarily with remodeling non-conforming structures. There was discussion. Council asked staff to return with proposed amendments to the ordinance that will spur property development and improvement without overly cumbersome requirements. There was agreement that landscaping and beautification remains a goal.

10.2 Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Code Amendment. Sean Foley, City Planner, reviewed a table prepared by the Plan Commission regarding ADU zoning. The Commission's recommendation is that this be allowed via a special use permit. This way, the proper review will take place, ensuring

appropriate set-backs, structure size, etc. Keeping the Zoning and Building Codes separate is also a goal. Keeping ADUs in the family is also a desire of the Commission. Discussion had. The special use permit is transferable upon sale of the property; however, Foley stated that conditions may be added, since these are considered on a case-by-case basis. In terms of utilities, each would have a separate meter and shut-off. It was discussed that gas lines, sewer lines, laterals, etc., would be addressed by the Building Division. The ADU would have a separate address. The City has control of assigning addresses. Alderman Timion, seconded by Alderman Waldron, moved to direct staff to draft an ordinance based on these recommendations. Motion passed unanimously.

10.3 Preliminary General Purpose Financial Statements for Year Ending 12/31/2021. Carol Barnes, Finance Director, presented the preliminary financial statements recently audited, to be presented June 7, 2022. No material weaknesses or compliance issues have been identified. The City is in a very good financial condition, with healthy fund balances and over \$72 million in cash investments. The budget is very tight, with an ending fund balance of \$28,984,000 and a net reserve equal to 108 days. Cash reserves are just over the policy requirement. Barnes noted that the general fund is in a very good position, highlighting fund balances and explaining that updated TIF cash flows will be distributed to Council in June. The ARPA balance reflects only funds earned to date. Barnes explained that restricted and unrestricted ARPA fund balances will fluctuate throughout the next four years. Barnes stated that the budget should be amended as quickly as possible upon completion of the audit. Inflation, currently 8.5 percent, must be factored, and ARPA funds will help offset increased expenses. Pension Obligation Bonds have paid off, shrinking the unfunded portion of Police and Fire pension liability to 9.76 and 8.83 percent respectively. It is encouraging that this gap will continue to close by 2040, when they are required to be 100 percent funded.

Public Comment

None.

Council Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

There was no invocation.

Roll Call

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes and Appointments

Committee-of-the-Whole, Council and Executive Session minutes of May 10, 2022, and appointments made during Committee-of-the-Whole on May 24, 2022.

Second Reading Ordinances

17.1 3007-2022 An Ordinance amending Chapter 34, “WATER AND SEWERS,” of the Moline Code of Ordinances, Section 34-4100, “PURPOSE; INTENT,” Section 34-4201 “DRAINAGE PERMITS,” and Section 34-4203 “DETENTION SYSTEM CRITERIA,” by repealing said sections in their entirety and enacting in lieu thereof new Sections 34-4100, 34-4201, and 34-4203 dealing with the same subject matter.

17.2 3008-2022 An Ordinance amending Chapter 20, “MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC,” of the Moline Code of Ordinances, Appendix 10 thereof, “PARKING PROHIBITED AT ANY TIME,” by including Thirty-sixth Avenue, on the north side, for a distance of 40 feet east of the stop sign at 41st Street.

17.3 3009-2022 An Ordinance amending Chapter 20, “MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC,” of the Moline Code of Ordinances, Appendix 4 thereof, “THREE-WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS,” by adding the intersection of Thirty-fifth Avenue and Fourteenth Street.

Resolutions

18.1 1100-2022 A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to apply for a State Highway Permit from the Illinois Department of Transportation and to execute the necessary forms in conjunction with the Quad Cities Marathon & Road Race, sponsored by the Quad Cities Running Club, scheduled for Sunday, September 25, 2022

18.2 1101-2022 Resolution authorizing the Municipal Services General Manager to sign a quote from NuSign Supply Texas, Houston, Texas, for the purchase of a HP 365 64” Print and Cut and an update to the Trafficad Software Program.

18.3 1102-2022 A Resolution authorizing the Interim City Engineer to accept a proposal for Professional Engineering Services with Fehr Graham Engineering and Environmental, Inc. for a Quiet Zone Due Diligence Report for the establishment of a Quiet Zone from 45th Street (in Rock Island) east to 55th Street, on a time and materials basis, estimated to be \$20,625.00.

Omnibus Vote

Alderman Timion, seconded by Alderman Macias, moved to approve and adopt, by omnibus vote, these items. Motion carried on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Macias, Timion, Moyer, Waldron and Williams; nays: none.

Non-Consent Agenda - First Reading Ordinances

20.1 3010-2022 An Ordinance amending Chapter 35, "ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT," of the Moline Code of Ordinances, by enacting thereto amendment of the Zoning Map, incorporated therein as Section 35-3103, regarding a request by Doric Lodge for rezoning the property at 5020 47th Avenue to R-2 (One-Family Residence).

20.2 3011-2022 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1, “GENERAL PROVISIONS,” of the Moline Code of Ordinances, by repealing Chapter 1 in its entirety and enacting in lieu thereof one new Chapter 1 dealing with the same subject matter.

Miscellaneous Business

Mayor Rayapati indicated that steps are being taken to increase safety on the I-74 pedestrian path.

Bob Vitas, City Administrator, thanked Police and Fire personnel for their work under difficult circumstances as first responders to the pedestrian-vehicular accident on the I-74 pedestrian path. Realignment of the trail is being investigated.

Mayor Rayapati shared events this week: 1) TBK Marathon kick-off; 2) Rock Island Arsenal 160-year celebration; 3) I-74 Pedestrian Path ribbon cutting.

Mayor Rayapati indicated positive feedback from work in Memorial Park and she will be seeking community feedback on the topic of Tiny Homes.

Alderman Macias shared that Mercado on 5th will kick off this week.

Alderman Waldron stated that right-of-way mowing was eliminated in some private properties during the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, the onus is on the Neighborhood Improvement Officer. Alderman Waldron asked that staff return to the practice of mowing these areas and bill property owners accordingly. City Administrator Bob Vitas indicated that staff will investigate this and report back.

Bob Vitas, City Administrator, welcomed Mike Doi, joining the City as Director of Public Works, and

thanked departing Interim City Engineer Michael Schenk for his outstanding service.

Public Comment

None.

Executive Session

Alderman Williams, seconded by Alderman Moyer, 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 Macias, Timion, Moyer, Waldron and Williams; nays: none.

City Council convened in Executive Session at 8:09 p.m.

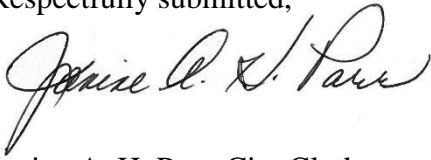
Council reconvened in open session at 8:16 p.m.

Adjournment of City Council

On motion of Alderman Williams, seconded by Alderman Macias, Council adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is on June 7, 2022. View recorded meetings at <http://www.moline.il.us/CivicMedia?CID=9>

Respectfully submitted,

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

Janine A. H. Parr, City Clerk