

EAST DUBUQUE CITY COUNCIL

261 Sinsinawa Avenue
East Dubuque, IL 61025

MONDAY

May 6, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Please Stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

1. 19-0501 Call to Order – Acting Mayor Robey

2. 19-0502 Speakers from the Floor:

Tristan Oberbroeckling is working on his Eagle Scout Program – Installation of Mobile Library at the 6th Street Playground. City Manager Herrig asked Tristan to bring in his plans and we would work with him.

3. 19-0503 Motion to Accept the Resignation of Kirk VanOstrand, Alderman Ward I of the City of East Dubuque Jo Daviess County, Illinois / Acting Mayor Robey, Interim City Manager Herrig

Alderman Made a Motion to Accept the Resignation of Kirk VanOstrand, Alderman, Ward I of the City of East Dubuque, Jo Daviess County, Illinois **ROLL CALL** 4 ayes (Arling, Degenhardt, Havner, Robey) Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

4. 19-0504 Official Oath for Newly Elected Officials / Attorney Terry Kurt

Mayor Robey asked City Attorney Kurt to swear in new officials:

Mayor VanOstrand
Alderman Degenhardt, Ward I
Alderman Pearson, Ward II
Alderman Stelpflug, Ward III
Alderman Werner, Ward III

Sergeant Mickey Huseman was sworn in as Acting Police Chief and Joan Mai was sworn in as Treasurer for the City of East Dubuque. Congratulations to all newly elected officials.

5. 19-0505 Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Appointment of City Clerk to Fill Unexpired Term Due to Vacancy in the Position / Mayor VanOstrand, Interim City Manager Herrig

Mayor VanOstrand would like to Appoint Pamela McCarthy to fill the position of City Clerk to Fill Unexpired Term Due to Vacancy in the Position. No one ran for the position. Pam has shown interest in the position and visited City Hall a number of times. She has shown the interest to serve our community and has the desire to serve our citizens.

Alderman Stelpflug made a Motion to Approve Appointment of Pamela McCarthy to fill the position of City Clerk to Fill Unexpired Term Due to Vacancy in the Position, seconded by Alderman Arling. **ROLL CALL** 5 Ayes (Arling, Degenhardt, Pearson, Stelpflug, Werner). Motion carried.

6. 19-0506 Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Appointment of Alderman for Ward I to Fill Unexpired Term Due to Vacancy in the Position / Mayor VanOstrand, Interim City Manager Herrig

Alderman Pearson Made a Motion to Appoint Ron Shireman for Alderman Ward I to Fill Unexpired Term due to Vacancy in the Position, seconded by Alderman Arling. City Manager Herrig explained that under 65 ILCS 5/3.1-30-5(a) the Mayor may appoint with approval of the council.

Mayor VanOstrand would like to Appoint Delbert Belken as Alderman for Ward I to Fill Unexpired Term Due to Vacancy in the Position **ROLL CALL** 2 Ayes (Degenhardt, Werner) 3 Nays (Arling, Pearson, Stelpflug). Motion defeated. Council members stated they would defeat any action without their motion being accepted.

Attorney Terry Kurt explained that under 65 ILCS 5/3.1-30-5 the law provides that the rejected appointee, or any other qualified person, may, by appointment of the Mayor assume the position as a temporary officer until the council and the mayor agree on a permanent appointee. Mayor VanOstrand is temporarily appointing Delbert Belken to the Office of Alderman Ward I. Attorney Kurt administered the oath.

7. 19-0507 Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize the Mayor to Enter Agreement Between City of East Dubuque and JoCarroll Energy Inc. / Mayor VanOstrand, Interim City Manager, Jesse Shekleton

The Agreement is to allow Jo Carroll to install fiber in city right of ways. The goal is to enhance internet service to the whole community. Alderman Degenhardt Made a Motion to Authorize the Mayor to Enter Agreement Between City of East Dubuque and JoCarroll Energy Inc., seconded by Alderman Arling. **ROLL CALL** 5 Ayes (Arling, Belken, Degenhardt, Pearson, Stelpflug), 1 Abstain (Werner) Motion carried.

8. 19-0508 Discussion and Possible Action on 2020 Water System Improvement Project / Mayor VanOstrand, Interim City Manager Herrig, Marc Ruden, IIW

IIW Engineers and Sharon Pepin have been looking at options to improve the water system for East Dubuque. Tonight several options were presented for a Phase I project which include: addressing inadequate pressure for extended water main, identifying two streets with numerous water main breaks; booster station for water tower or new water tower. Equalizing water pressure would also include two pressure reducing valves be abandoned and installation of five new pressure reducing valves. Desoto and Oxford have had numerous water main breaks that would be taken care of including replacement of road surface and any sewer system improvements as needed. A booster station option would be built next to the existing tower which is 55 years old and in questionable longevity. A new water tower would be placed at a higher elevation with options to loop current system. There could be a Phase II and Phase III in the future to make all the improvements we need. Questions asked: what property owners have been approached to purchase land for a new water tower, what are we doing about water quality, do we have to move immediately in purchase of land. Sharon Pepin will apply for a Forgiveable Loan Program for this project. The loan is for \$2 million project with 75% forgiveable.

Alderman Arling Made a Motion to Proceed with 2020 Water System Improvement Project, seconded by Alderman Degenhardt. **ROLL CALL** 6 Ayes (Arling, Belken, Degenhardt, Pearson, Stelpflug, Werner). Motion carried.

9. 19-0509 Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Proposal for Professional Services with the City of East Dubuque, Illinois and IIW P.C. for East Dubuque Fire Department Project No. 19078 / Mayor

VanOstrand, Interim City Manager Herrig, IIW P.C.

The Fire and Ambulance Department have aging trucks and buildings. During the budget discussions we wanted to make considerations for their needs and asked for a proposal for a new building to house any new vehicles. IIW is presenting a proposal for a conceptual floor plan, rendering and SOPC for the client. The proposal is \$25,000 in design fees for \$5,000 if they are accepted for the final design of the building. Alderman Arling would like a meeting with the fire department to find out what they need.

Alderman Arling Made a Motion to Table Proposal for Professional Services with the City of East Dubuque, Illinois and IIW P.C. for East Dubuque Fire Department Project No. 19078, seconded by Alderperson Stelpflug. **ROLL CALL** 6 Ayes (Arling, Belken, Degenhardt, Pearson, Stelpflug, Werner) Motion carried.

10. 19-0510 Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Reappointment of Attorney Terry Kurt, Hammer Law Firm, P.O.C. for Legal Services from May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020 / Mayor VanOstrand, Interim City Manager Herrig

Alderperson Pearson would like to look at other options and Alderperson Stelpflug would like bids before making an appointment. Want comparisons of services from several offices before making a decision. City Manager explained the importance of working with a firm familiar with municipal government. Will Attorney Kurt remain as our law firm until an appointment has been made. He agreed as a sworn officer of the court to represent us.

Alderperson Pearson Made a Motion to Table Reappointment of Attorney Terry Kurt, Hammer Law Firm, P.O.C. for Legal Services from May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020, seconded by Alderman Arling. **ROLL CALL** 6 ayes (Arling, Belken, Degenhardt, Pearson, Stelpflug, Werner) Motion carried.

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

11. 19-0511 Consent Agenda (City Council Minutes 4-15-2019, Public Safety Report(s), Warrants, Zoning, and Correspondence)

Alderman Arling Made a Motion to Approve City Council Minutes 4-15-2019, Public Safety Report(s), Warrants, Zoning and Correspondence, seconded by Alderperson Stelpflug. **ROLL CALL** 6 Ayes (Arling, Belken, Degenhardt, Pearson, Stelpflug, Werner) Motion carried.

12. 19-0512 Staff Reports: Interim City Manager, Mayor Report, Alderman Report

Mayor VanOstrand asked to hold staff reports so we can proceed with Special Recognition of Elected Officials

13. 19-0513 Adjourn

Alderman Degenhardt Made a Motion to Adjourn, seconded by Alderman Arling. **ROLL CALL** 6 ayes (Arling, Belken, Degenhardt, Pearson, Stelpflug, Werner) Motion carried.

Alderman Degenhardt presented an award to Steve Robey, Breanna Arling, Larry Havner, and John Digman for their service as elected officials for the City of East Dubuque. Small reception followed.

Loras Herrig, City Manager