

East Dubuque City Council
SPECIAL MEETING
City of East Dubuque
261 Sinsinawa Avenue
East Dubuque, IL 61025

Monday
July 22, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Please Stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

- 1. 19-0727** Call to Order – Mayor VanOstrand
Start Time: 6:00
Alderman Arling, Alderman Belken, Alderman Degenhardt, Alderperson Pearson,
Alderperson Stelpflug, Alderman Werner and Attorney Terry Kurt.
- 2. 19-0728** Review of Agenda – Mayor VanOstrand
Mayor VanOstrand reviewed agenda and asked if there are any speakers from the floor.
No speakers from the floor.
- 3. 19-0729** Speakers from the Floor
No speakers from the floor.
- 4. 19-0730** Discussion and Possible Action on Annexation/Growth for the City of
East Dubuque / Mayor VanOstrand, City Manager Herrig
Looking to grow the city. First area being looked at is Indian Hills subdivision, which is
mostly surrounded by the City of East Dubuque. They already have city water and other
amenities from city.
Alderman Arling wanted an explanation on what steps are needed to start
Annexation/Growth for the City.
Attorney Kurt explained there are 2 ways to do annexation/ voluntary or forced.
Voluntary annexation needs 51% of the voters residing in the proposed annexation area.
If not voluntarily annexed, the city could pursue a forced annexation. We would like to
avoid this if possible.
If the city extends sanitary sewer to the proposed area we would be able to get 45% paid
from the state. We are looking at both a gravity flow system and a grinder pump system
as options. If we install grinder pumps, they would become the responsibility of the
property owner after installation.
There are 83 property owners in Indian Hills. Would need to meet with owners to let
them know what the city is considering. This meeting would likely be in the fall.
Need to get information together for fall meeting. Looking at what their taxes would
come to and if there could be a tax abatement (2 or 3 years to get to 100% taxes) only if it
was voluntary. If forced will automatically have to pay 100% tax right away.

Would grow our city and voting base. Could be another ward in city. Wanting to move forward.

If voluntary could see it done by the end of the year. If forced could be 6 months or more.

5. **19-0731** Discussion and Possible Action on Update of Administrative Assistant Candidates / Mayor VanOstrand, City Manager Herrig
Mayor VanOstrand indicated this would be discussed in the executive session.
6. **19-0732** Discussion and Possible Action on Update of Police Chief Candidates / Mayor VanOstrand, City Manager Herrig
Mayor VanOstrand indicated this would be discussed in the executive session.
7. **19-0733** Staff Reports
Mayor VanOstrand – Need to slow down for motions so City Clerk can get it down and know who is making the motion.
City Manager Herrig – Mentioned that he had done a department meeting with the public works department. Reviewed current projects and discussed departmental issues. The employees seemed to like the meeting and requested that we do more in the future.
Aldersperson Pearson – Concern about alley on Michigan and Wyota. Lots of potholes. Asked about the roads already being worked on this year. City trying to put longer term solutions on the roads in an effort to make sure that they last. Some of the roads will be worked on with the future water projects and we might also be able to use \$400,000 in federal money that Chandra Ravada from ECIA had talked about in 7.1.19 meeting. Asked about golf carts and motorized vehicles (will be on the next agenda with Attorney Kurt checking for ordinance).
Aldersperson Stelpflug – Asked about high school kids help again during the summer (cut grass). Guys said it's a waste of their time if they are not good. Was asked if the high school does community hours.
Alderman Werner – Trees and potholes still a problem. Asked about outsourcing the grass cutting. It would be more expensive. Asked about the Lynn Kramer tree and it was still alive and they didn't want to touch if living. Also people to buy trees do not want city trees for fear of what might be in the trunk (nails).
8. **19-0734** Executive Session: Personnel 5 ILCS 120 2(c) (1) (Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline, and performance)
Motion by Aldersperson Degenhardt to go into Executive Session Personnel 5 ILCS Section 120 2(c)(1) (Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance) second by Alderman Arling **ROLL CALL:** Ayes – Alderman Arling, Alderman Belken, Alderman Degenhardt, Aldersperson Pearson, Aldersperson Stelpflug and Alderman Werner. City council returned from executive session at 7:59 pm.
9. **19-0735** Adjourn
There being no further business to come before the city council, it was moved by Belkin and seconded by Werner to adjourn. Roll Call: All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Pam McCarthy
City Clerk, East Dubuque