



# MINUTES

## MOLINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall, 619 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tuesday, February 18, 2014

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**Council Meeting:** The City Council meeting came to order at 6:36 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.

**Roll Call:** Roll call was taken with Mayor Raes, Aldermen Knaack, Parker, Bender, Brown, Schoonmaker, Liddell and Acri present. Absent: Alderman Turner.

### **Items on Consent:**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Committee-of-the-Whole and Council meeting minutes of February 11, 2014, and January Financial Report.

### **Second Reading Ordinances**

#### **1. Council Bill/General Ordinance 3003-2014**

An Ordinance amending Chapter 2, "ADMINISTRATION," of the Moline Code of Ordinances, by repealing Section 2-2200(c) in its entirety and consecutively renaming the remaining subsections of Section 2-2200.

### **Resolutions**

#### **2. Council Bill/Resolution 1022-2014**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a contract with Peterson Parking Lot Striping, Inc. for Project # 1191, 2014 Pavement Marking Program, in the amount of \$152,151.25.

#### **3. Council Bill/Resolution 1023-2014**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a contract with Fischer Excavating, Inc. for Project #1184, 48<sup>th</sup> Street Reconstruction, 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Avenues, in the amount of \$1,125,808.62.

#### **4. Council Bill/Resolution 1024-2014**

A Resolution authorizing the Chief of Police to execute a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement for the period of March 10-14, 2014, between the City of Moline and the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) to allow police officers who are members of the area Special Response Team (SRT) to attend an upcoming training session sponsored by ILEAS.

#### **5. Council Bill/Resolution 1025-2014**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a Right to Use Agreement with National Cart Advertising, LLC Services to provide garbage cart lid advertising on approximately 1,900 City garbage carts.

#### **6. Council Bill/Resolution 1026-2014**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Agreement for Sale of Real Estate Agreement with James R. Miller for property located at 1221 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Moline, Illinois, also referred to as 1217-1219-1221 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Moline, Illinois.

**Omnibus Vote:** Alderman Knaack, seconded by Alderman Parker, moved to approve and adopt, by omnibus vote, these items. Motion carried on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Aldermen Knaack, Parker, Bender, Brown, Schoonmaker, Liddell and Acri; nays: none.

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

### **First Reading Ordinances**

#### **7. Council Bill/Special Ordinance 4004-2014**

A Special Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a three-year agreement with Retail Strategies, LLC for the purpose of market analysis, strategic planning and retail recruitment within the City of

Moline, Illinois; and authorizing City staff to begin work upon the execution of the agreement and to do all things necessary to implement said retail recruitment program.

**8. Council Bill/Special Ordinance 4005-2014**

A Special Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Development Agreement between the City of Moline and Macerich South Park Mall LLC for the South Park Mall Redevelopment project and to execute any necessary agreements referenced therein; and authorizing all appropriate City officers and staff to do all things necessary to complete each of the City's responsibilities pursuant to said agreement.

**Motion for Consideration:** Alderman Knaack, seconded by Alderman Brown, moved to consider council bill 4005-2014. Motion failed on roll call with the following vote: ayes: Knaack, Parker, Bender, Brown and Schoonmaker; nays: Aldermen Liddell and Acri

**Council, Staff and Citizen Comments:**

Alderman Brown thanked Dick Potter and the Historic Preservation Commission for the work put into the report concerning the John Deere Collectors Center/Davis Building.

Alderman Liddell read the attached documentation concerning his objections to the SouthPark Mall Development Agreement.

David Anderson, 2412 31<sup>st</sup> Street A, read the attached documentation concerning his FOIA requests and other comments.

On motion of Alderman Knaack, Seconded by Alderman Parker, Council adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is on February 25, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,



Tracy A. Koranda  
City Clerk

I was asked the question during this process... "Why wouldn't I want Macerich to be eligible to collect TIF monies in excess of our standard 15% of the total invested amount of the project?"

At the time I didn't have the opportunity to give my answer. Well here are some of the things that give me pause about this deal. I'm going to start with some big picture things that I tend to think are relevant here.

- 1) Our economic system needs to provide for the well-being of all citizens, not just the well-being of the big corporations and the super-rich. The pendulum has swung way too far in the direction of the corporations.
- 2) Last year corporations in this country took in record profits – as in all-time high profits compared to GDP.
- 3) Yet they are not hiring and they are not sharing those record profits with workers, as demonstrated by flat to declining wages in the US since 2000.
- 4) So the average tax-payer is getting squeezed by their employers with flat to declining real wages that don't keep up with inflation. Then they get hit again by having to foot the bill for corporate capital investments via TIF and other economic incentives. This is not a sustainable model.
- 5) We are going to kill the golden goose. We are going to wipe out the middle class. These same employees that aren't see wage increases and are having to pay additional taxes to subsidize economic development are the same people that the corporations want coming into their stores to buy their products.
- 6) Elected bodies, such as this one, and regulators are here to try and protect the balance needed for a sustainable capitalistic economy. We are here to protect the much needed balance so that the corporations, who by their very nature are only concerned with adding to their bottom line, do not take more than their fair share.
- 7) In our country we rely on property taxes to support critical infrastructure such as roads and bridges. Taxes support law enforcement and fire protection. These are all things that corporations benefit from. How can customers drive to your mall if not for the roads and other public infrastructure that rely on these tax revenues? The workers can't afford continued tax increases? How about investing some of those record profits in our community without coming hat-in-hand to the taxpayers? After all if the business model is viable that should be all the incentive you need.
- 8) How do you expect to have well educated young people that have the skills to obtain high-paying jobs of this new economy? When the tax revenue that is supposed to be marked for our schools gets added to record bottom-lines instead via these incentives? These are the same people that you need spending their money on goods at your malls. This doesn't sounds sustainable to me.

So when I asked for the 15% cap to be implemented in this deal per our standard and I heard things like:

That doesn't apply in this case. Or. We will never get to the 15% so there's no point in putting it in. I have to ask myself why is it such a big deal if we add that language to the agreement then? If we truly have no chance at hitting the 15% why is there such a strong pushback against its inclusion?

In this case we don't even have any financial analysis or pro-formas as to what we are actually agreeing to. All we have are fancy pictures.

How much is it going to cost to build the new entrance on John Deere Road? How much is Macerich going to invest in this project and how much are they going to get back? These are basic questions that nobody seems to know the answer to.

In my opinion this is as close to a blank check as I have seen in my time here.

email to:

yiperdoo@yahoo.com

To: Moline City Council  
From: David Jay Anderson, 2412 31<sup>st</sup> Street A, Moline  
Re: Complaints, in writing  
Date: 2, 18, 2014

David Jay Anderson  
completed 2:18. 2014  
7:50 am.

ORIGINAL

- 1) I was lied to. My evidence is my statement previously recorded at this council and my letter Dated Feb. 12, 2014
- 2) 21<sup>st</sup> street A, specifically 2412, has so poor water quality that water is very cloudy and less than full pressure @ 75%. I have, hopefully on record, described the <sup>lack of</sup> poor water flushing at our shared fire hydrant, two years.
- 3.) I am officially requesting a Freedom of Information ACT (FOIA) for myself regarding the Police report on February 17, 2014, @ 10:00 am at 2412 31<sup>st</sup> Street A, Moline.  
I am stating, under oath, that this Officer might not have taken a full report. I hope to correct that report, send it to my few neighbors and inquire of knowledge about this accident. I was told immediately upon <sup>his</sup> arrival he intended to do less.
- 4.) I am officially requesting, before an FOIA request, the status of the water in ~~the~~ dead end streets I seem to recall being referred to by Moline Officials, lately, and within @ a year. There might be a p.m. in the roads on the map to the left in Council Chambers Room present. If possible, I will notify the public or neighbors if there is sufficient evidence of a problem, because I love my neighbors.
- 5.) separation of Church and State. I propose an end to Prayers invoking Jesus Christ at Moline State of the City Meetings.

Thank You, David J. Anderson