



# MINUTES

## MOLINE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall, 619 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tuesday, March 12, 2013

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**Council Meeting:** The City Council meeting came to order at 6:56 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 Welvaert, Aldermen Knaack, Parker, Raes, Turner, Schoonmaker, Liddell and Acri present. Absent: Alderman Brown

### **Items on Consent:**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Committee-of-the-Whole and Council meeting minutes of March 5, 2013.

### **Resolutions**

#### **1. Council Bill/Resolution 1042-2013**

A Resolution declaring the following seized and forfeited vehicles as surplus property: 1999 Cadillac Eldorado VIN# 1G6EL12Y5XU615560; 2003 Chevy Tahoe VIN# 1GNEK13Z23J210993.

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

### **Council, Staff and Citizen Comments:**

Mayor Welvaert stated that there is legislation being discussed at the State level that would drastically reduce the amount of funding received by the City of Moline through the "Local Governmental Distributive Funds." Mayor encouraged the Council and residents to contact Senator Mike Jacobs and Representatives Pat Verschoore and Mike Smiddy and urge them to vote against such legislation.

Michael P. Waldron, Public Works Director, stated that with the recent abundant rain on top of all of the snow, potholes are appearing on many City streets. Crews are out filling and repairing daily. Additionally, the Rock River is at flood stage and has already crested.

Lew Steinbrecher, City Administrator, indicated that Senator Mike Jacobs, at a recent legislative meeting, expressed a lack of sympathy toward municipal government. Mr. Steinbrecher also urged contact with legislators encouraging them to vote against the reduction of the LGDF as the City of Moline could potentially lose up to \$900,000 from the General Fund when the initial budget forecast is already at a \$1.2 million deficit for 2014.

Alderman Acri commended the Moline Police and Fire Departments for the rapid and professional response to her home due to a gas leak.

Alderman Liddell said that a resident in the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward has contacted him regarding a dangerous curve in a street that has resulted in numerous accidents involving cars crashing into the resident's house. The Traffic Committee has discussed this situation and has not been able to come to a viable solution. Alderman Liddell, seconded by Alderman Schoonmaker, made a motion to direct staff to provide a presentation on this situation. Motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Liddell also expressed disagreement with the State Legislators for ongoing attempts at reducing local funding.

Trudy McLaughlin, Bi-State Motorcycle Awareness Council, requested that the fees for police services be waived for the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Bi-State Motorcycle Awareness Ride scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 2013.

Gary Schimmel, Bi-State Motorcycle Awareness Council, indicated that participation in the Awareness Ride has decreased over the last several years and he believes that it is attributed to the cost associated with participating in the event. Mr. Schimmel stated that the event had been free of charge in past years but due to the cost of police services, a fee is now being charged to offset those costs. Mr. Schimmel urged Council to waive fees.

Bruce Powell, Bi-State Motorcycle Awareness Council Treasurer, stated that the cost of police services is approximately \$3000 for all of the cities involved, except Davenport, who doesn't charge for police services. Last year's participation was approximately 300 motorcycles which was down from approximately 1500 in years past.

**Executive Session:**

Alderman Knaack, seconded by Alderman Raes, moved for Executive Session, for the purpose of discussion of Property Acquisition-5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (5). Motion carried on roll call with the following vote: Ayes: Aldermen Knaack, Parker, Raes, Turner, Schoonmaker, Liddell and Aciri; nays: none.

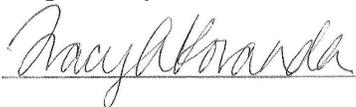
City Council convened in Executive Session at 7:12 p.m.

Council reconvened in open session at 7:18 p.m.

On motion of Alderman Knaack, seconded by Alderman Raes, Council adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is on March 19, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,



Tracy A. Koranda  
City Clerk