

El Paso City Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes

August 30, 2021

## Important Notice

**This meeting will be held with Council Members and the Mayor at the El Paso City Hall at 125 West Front Street.**

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**Pursuant to law, a small amount of public can also still attend the meeting in person at El Paso City Hall. The Governor of Illinois Executive Order for size of groups and social distancing will still be enforced. We would encourage anyone wanting to attend the meeting, to do so electronically. If you are having issues or have questions, please contact us at the number below, prior to the meeting. (309) 527-4005.**

A regular meeting of the El Paso City Council was called to order by Mayor JW Price on August 30, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Council Members present: Moore, Brucker, Kilpatrick and Barker. Mool arrived at 7:35.

Absent: Staulcup and Clerk, David Fever.

Present in person: Chief Montemurro; Treasurer, Linda Hass; Director of Public Service, Barry Kauther; Operations Supervisor, Casey Jones; Parks & Rec Director, Colton Scott; Attorney Jim Stoller, Kim Kearney, Jennie Kearney, Erin Pearson, Heather Leman & Tracy Krammer.

Also present via Zoom application: Administrative Assistant, Sandee Kessinger; Karen and Tom.

The Mayor reported that the meeting is being recorded.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Brucker and seconded by Kilpatrick to approve the agenda as presented. A voice vote was taken of all ayes.

Register of Bills: The register of bills in the amount of \$33,548.59 as of August 30, 2021 were presented. Motion by Brucker and seconded by Moore to approve the Register of Bills. A voice vote was taken of all ayes.

Public Comments: None.

New Business:

Resolution #2021-1 regarding compensation paid under as Internal Revenue Code 125 Plan as IMRF earning. Motion made by Brucker and seconded by Barker to approve Resolution 2021-1. A voice vote was taken of all ayes.

Resolution #2021-2 the Project CDBG Grant #18-248652 through Woodford County. By resolution, the City of El Paso would eliminate the Main Street and Elm Street project (\$101,988.84) and pay the difference from the estimate and bid amount (\$34,854.98) for the Front Street Sidewalk Project. Motion by Kilpatrick and seconded by Brucker to accept the resolution. A voice vote was taken of all ayes.

Discussion of the current and future status of nuisance animals in El Paso. We have had many complaints about feral and stray cats. Erin Pearson of The Cats of Woodford County presented a proposal to trap cats, get them any needed medical attention and either return them, offer them up for adoption or relocate them. A meeting will be set up between Kauther and Pearson to discuss The Cats of Woodford County managing the cat population in El Paso.

The Council discussed the proposed dates for Council Meeting dates for 2022. Changes will be made and the list sent back out to the Council.

Director of Public Service Report:

Highway Chevrolet is being purchased and will be called McGrath Highway Chevrolet. The new owners would like to install a new flagpole to fly what they believe will be the largest flag in Illinois. This request will need to go to the Zoning Board.

COVID is picking back up again and the city employees will be expected to begin wearing masks again when necessary.

The Engineers will be meeting with Kauther and Jones later this week about the Front St. sidewalk. Once Kauther gets their drawings, he will start having meetings with the business owners.

McGrath Highway Chevrolet will be receiving the tax break incentive that was originally agreed upon with Rebbec Motor Company. There is still 3 years left on that agreement.

Mayors Report:

Congratulations to Parks & Rec Director, Colton Scott for being appointed to the ISU Recreation Administration Advisory Council.

City Council Comments: None

Staff Reports:

Police Chief Montemurro:

Calls this month have decreased from the past few months.

Operations Supervisor, Casey Jones:

Finished up spray patching last week. Motor Fuel Tax work should start after the Corn Festival. Staff is working on getting things ready for the Corn Festival. Water Dept. fixed a leak on 4<sup>th</sup> and Sycamore Streets last week. Not much work has been done with camera in the sewer lines this past month but most of the south side of town and part of the north side of town are finished. No major problems have been found yet.

Parks & Rec Director, Colton Scott:

The dog park fence has been slow getting installed due to lack of material. Benches, trash cans and bag stands have been ordered for the park. Kauther will be checking into the Interstate Service Signs to see if we can add a sign for the dog park in hopes to bring travelers into our town. Soccer and girls' basketball are underway. There is a league that wants to use our ball fields for possibly 6 weekends next summer for a tournament. They will pay to rent the fields and could bring in possibly 15-30 teams.

City Clerk Report: None

City Attorney Report: None

Motion by Brucker and seconded by Moore to adjourn to executive session. A voice vote was taken of all ayes. Executive Session will begin at 8:05 PM and no vote is expected afterwards.

The regular session resumed at 9:20 PM. Motion to adjourn by Moore and seconded by Brucker to adjourn. A voice vote was taken of all ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandee Kessinger  
Administrative Assistant