

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 8, 2013
MINUTES**

Rock Island City Council met in regular session at 6:45 pm in Council Chambers of Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen Charles O. Austin III, Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones and Joy Murphy. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis.

Introductory Proceedings

Mayor Pauley called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Alderman Austin gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of April 1, 2013.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 1, 2013 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Rock Island Police want to remind people that a new ordinance is in effect during the late-night hours downtown. The Mayor added that persons between ages 17 and 20 years, between the hours of 12 midnight and 3:00 am Monday through Sunday, will not be permitted to loiter, congregate, or remain in public areas of the Great River Plaza. "Now that Spring has arrived, we anticipate increased traffic downtown. This will be the first warm weather since the new ordinance took effect on December 31, 2012, and we want to remind people that it is on the books," states Chief Jeff VenHuizen. Mayor Pauley stated that this new ordinance is designed to stop congregating or loitering. It is not intended to discourage individuals 17 to 20 years of age from visiting businesses or residents.

Mayor Pauley stated that this is one last reminder that Tuesday, April 9, 2013 is the Consolidated General Election. Remember voting is your right and responsibility, so please get out and vote. Mayor Pauley indicated that the polls will be open on Tuesday from 6:00 am until 7:00 pm. It was noted that for more information about voting locations, contact the Rock Island County Clerk Election Department at (309) 558-3571 or go to www.rockislandcounty.org.

Mayor Pauley advised that the City of Rock Island Public Works Department will begin the Spring Fire Hydrant Flushing Program on Monday, April 15th at 7:00 am. Crews will be flushing hydrants for approximately a four week period. Mayor Pauley indicated that the purpose of this program is to help maintain water quality standards and the fire protection system. The Mayor added that citizens may experience brief periods of discolored water or low pressure, which is normal during flushing operations. It was noted that questions may be directed to the Public Works Department at (309) 732-2200.

Mayor Pauley stated that Night of 1000 Dreams Trivia Night will be held Friday, April 12th at Jumer's Casino & Hotel. Doors open at 6:00 pm. This year marks the 25th Anniversary - and it is going to prove to be a great night of food and fundraising! Mayor Pauley indicated that the event will showcase a sampling of signature dishes from some of the finest restaurants in the QC and you could have a chance at winning the Grand Prize - A Rock Star Vacation Package! It was noted that entry tickets are \$20.00 per person and include a "taste" of the vendors. Mayor Pauley advised that the main beneficiaries of Night of 1000 Dreams are the students in the Rock Island-Milan School District. For reservations, call the development office at (309) 793-5950 ext. 2006 or ext. 2019.

Agenda Item #7

Proclamation declaring April 9, 2013 as National Service Recognition Day.

Mayor Pauley stated that Mr. Ed Mitchell was not at the meeting yet to accept the proclamation. Mayor Pauley commented that Mr. Mitchell is a two-time winner of the award. Mayor Pauley stated that he will wait to see if Mr. Mitchell comes to the meeting and at that time, he will read the proclamation or he will wait until the end of the meeting to read the proclamation.

Agenda Item #8

CLAIMS

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to accept the following reports and authorize payments as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

- a. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of \$36,930.53 to Harris Computer Systems for the annual software maintenance contract for Northstar.
- b. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of \$21,250.73 to Harris Computer Systems for the annual software maintenance contract for Harris/MSGovern.

Agenda Item #9

Claims for the weeks of March 22 through March 28 in the amount of \$632,357.84 and March 29 through April 4 in the amount of \$516,657.63.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to allow the claims. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #10

Payroll for the weeks of March 18 through March 31 in the amount of \$1,276,201.09.

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to allow the payroll. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #11

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2013 Brick Street Replacement Program, recommending the bid be awarded to Centennial Contractors of the Quad Cities in the amount of \$68,750.00.

It was moved by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to award the bid as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget, recommending increasing the TIF #3 North 11th Street Fund in the amount of \$135,000.00.

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the budget adjustment as recommended.

Discussion followed. Alderman Conroy clarified that Council is just approving an adjustment to the budget and not approving the expenditures of the TIF.

City Manager Thomas responded that is correct.

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder advised that Council has already approved the development agreement with the developer.

After discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget, recommending increasing the TIF #1 Downtown Fund in the amount of \$15,000.00.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the budget adjustment as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget, recommending increasing the TIF #1 Downtown Fund in the amount of \$28,000.00.

Alderman Jones moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to approve the budget adjustment as recommended.

Discussion followed. Alderman Conroy advised that he would like more information on the history of this item.

At this time, Alderman Conroy moved to defer Agenda Item #14 for one week, Alderman Austin seconded. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Note: Agenda Item #14 will be on the April 15th Agenda for Council consideration.

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Missman, Inc. for a rezoning from a R-7 (mobile home/manufactured home residence) district, R-4 (one to six family residence) district and B-4 (highway business) district to a PUD (planned unit development) district and approval of a preliminary plan and final site plan for an office/business park development at 4422, 4512 and 4520 9th Street and 4630 and 4700 11th Street.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the request as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Discussion followed. Alderman Conroy stated that this is exciting news; we are moving forward with this project.

Ms. Regina Tsosie of 1424 21st Street, Moline, IL stepped forward. Ms. Tsosie stated that this location is right near the site of the Saukenuk Village. Ms. Tsosie gave background information on the Native American settlement. Ms. Tsosie commented that there are burial grounds in this area; there are human remains along with funeral items. Ms. Tsosie stated that she does not oppose this project, but inquired upon Council that if any burial remains or artifacts are found during construction that they would be treated with respect and honor. Ms. Tsosie also asked Council to make sure that all state and federal guidelines be followed in reference to this area.

Mr. Vince Thomas of 1000 21st Street stepped forward. Mr. Thomas discussed Native American History and distributed a map of the site that Ms. Tsosie discussed. Mr. Thomas also made reference to several books related to Native Americans. Mr. Thomas also wanted to make sure that during construction this land would be treated with sensitivity.

Mayor Pauley stated that all state and federal guidelines are being followed; experts will be brought to the site and excavations will be done to see if there are any remains in this area.

Virgil Mayberry of 559 22nd Avenue stepped forward. Mr. Mayberry stated that this is Indian territory and wanted to make sure that all state and federal guidelines are followed.

Lisa Langdon of 1433 31st Street stepped forward. Ms. Langdon stated that she is a direct descendant of the Sauk and Meskwaki Indians. Ms. Langdon inquired as to whether the Native American community in the Quad City area can be notified if anything is found at the site.

Mayor Pauley advised that if anything is found; they would have to stop immediately. The Mayor added that all procedures will be followed.

Alderman Conroy stated that the City went through a situation that was similar to this when Whitewater Junction (pool) was built and followed all of the correct procedures. Alderman Conroy stated that the City wants to make sure that we do not offend anyone's history or culture and this is taken very seriously.

Alderman Conroy inquired upon Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson to explain the procedures that were followed in regards to the situation that occurred at Whitewater Junction.

Mr. Nelson stated that when some artifacts were found, the state historic group was contacted immediately. Mr. Nelson advised that they set up some very specific guidelines that had to be followed. Mr. Nelson indicated that he was contacted by several Native American Tribes. It was noted that a representative was identified for all of the tribes and he was invited to be at the site when the excavation was being done. Mr. Nelson advised that the City is required by the state to protect anything that would be found and to follow their guidelines. Mr. Nelson stated that he would expect the same process to be followed in this situation.

After discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Friendship Manor for a rezoning from a R-3 (one and two family residence) district to a PUD (planned unit development) district and approval of a preliminary and final site plan for a new residential development at 1218 and 1226 21st Avenue, 2117 12th Street and 1301 22nd Avenue.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to approve the request as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Discussion followed. Alderman Foley inquired upon Pam Myers of Friendship Manor to give an update on the project.

Ms. Myers stated that phase one of the Friendship Place project consists of 10 villas and the plan is to break ground in June and have completion and move-in by November. Ms. Myers advised that they have already reserved eight of the 10 villas and designed the marketing campaign that will start next week. Ms. Myers added that if sales continue as they have, they expect to build out phase two, which will be an additional two to four villas on the property. Ms. Myers stated that Friendship Place will be a great edition not only to Friendship Manor but to the City of Rock Island.

Alderman Foley commended all of the staff at Friendship Manor for working so hard with the neighbors on addressing any issue that came up. Alderman Foley stated that it is very exciting to see this project being completed.

After discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a request from Keep Rock Island Beautiful for permission to hang a banner for their annual Downtown Cleanup to be held on Saturday, May 4, 2013.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the request as recommended and authorize staff to hang and remove the banner. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #7

Proclamation declaring April 9, 2013 as National Service Recognition Day.

At this time, Mayor Pauley read the proclamation declaring April 9, 2013 as National Service Recognition Day. Mr. Ed Mitchell was not at the meeting to accept the proclamation.

Alderman Austin stated that his son spent two years in the AmeriCorps programs in the schools in the Seattle area and found it very rewarding.

Agenda Item #18

Other Business.

No one signed up to address Council to speak on a topic.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone when they are getting ready to go shopping, make sure to shop Rock Island first. Alderwoman Murphy added that when shopping at local businesses, the money stays in the community. Alderwoman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local.

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Agenda Item #19

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #20

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Brooks to recess to Monday, April 15, 2013 at 5:30 pm. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:11 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk