

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 22, 2013  
MINUTES**

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 6:15 pm in City Council Chambers at Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen Charles O. Austin III, David Conroy, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones and Joy Murphy. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Human Resources Director John Thorson, other City staff and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Alderman Terry M.A. Brooks I was absent.

At this time, various staff and others left Council Chambers and returned after the Executive Session concluded.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to recess to Executive Session on matters of Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 6:16 pm. Alderman Brooks was absent.

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:29 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Foley to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

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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 15, 2013.**

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 15, 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 Martin Luther King Center's A.C.T.I.V.E. (Aging Citizens Taking Interest in a Variety of Experiences) Club is having their 30<sup>th</sup> annual style show on Sunday, May 5, 2013 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center's Ida Robinson Banquet Room, located at 630 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Island. The Mayor added that this year's theme is: "Breezing into Spring." It was noted that adult tickets are \$5.00 and children under 12 years are \$3.00. Please join us for fashion, fun and refreshments!

Mayor Pauley stated to browse over 6,500 square feet of clothes, toys, dishes, furniture, trinkets and more at the Rock Island Parks & Recreation Spring Community Garage Sale on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at Upper Longview Park. Shop the sale from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, stopping for a bite from the Hy-Vee grill. Mayor Pauley stated that for more information, call (309) 732-7275. Rain date for the sale is Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. For inclement weather call the rain line at (309) 732-RAIN (7246) to check event status.

Mayor Pauley indicated that Keep Rock Island Beautiful and The Downtown Rock Island Arts & Entertainment District invite you to participate in the Annual Downtown Clean Up Day. We need your help! Please help us beautify our community and enhance our surroundings. The Mayor stated to meet on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am on the first floor of the City parking ramp located on Third Avenue between 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Streets. The Mayor commented that complimentary coffee, juice and donuts, water and cleaning supplies will be provided. It was noted that projects will include sweeping, weeding and general clean up. Please call Carolyn Fuller at (309) 786-1334 or The District at (309) 788-6311 to volunteer.

Mayor Pauley advised that Balanced Body Chiropractic is celebrating new ownership and welcoming the first business to The Goldman Family Block in The District with a ribbon cutting on Friday, April 26, 2013 at 4:00 pm at 1614 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Rock Island. The Mayor added that Balanced Body Chiropractic provides quality chiropractic care to families and individuals of all ages in the Quad Cities community. They strive to improve one's quality of life through chiropractic care that is unique to the individual's needs.

Agenda Item #7

**Proclamation declaring April 26, 2013 as Arbor Day.**

Mayor Pauley read the proclamation. Interim Public Works Director Randy Tweet accepted the proclamation. Mr. Tweet thanked the Mayor and Council for the proclamation and stated that Rock Island has been a tree city for 22 years. Mr. Tweet advised that Arbor Day is celebrated each year by planting a tree in a different location in the City. Mr. Tweet added that this year, a tree will be planted at Longfellow School on Friday, April 26, 2013 at 9:30 am. Mr. Tweet invited everyone to the tree planting.

**Note: The Mayor stated that the following Proclamation was inadvertently missed from the Agenda.**

**Proclamation declaring the month of May as Motorcycle Awareness Month.**

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation. A representative (no name given) of the Blackhawk A.B.A.T.E. Chapter of Illinois accepted the Proclamation and thanked the Mayor and Council for the proclamation.

**Agenda Items #8, 9, 10, 11 and 12**

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinances for removing a handicapped parking space at 504 7<sup>th</sup> Street; establishing a handicapped parking space at 2615 5½ Avenue; removing a handicapped parking space at 501 9<sup>th</sup> Street; removing a handicapped parking space at 3111 9<sup>th</sup> Street; and establishing a loading zone on 9<sup>th</sup> Street in front of the property at 2850 9<sup>th</sup> Street. 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 #8

**A Special Ordinance removing a handicapped parking space at 504 7<sup>th</sup> Street.**

Agenda Item #9

**A Special Ordinance establishing a handicapped parking space at 2615 5½ Avenue.**

Agenda Item #10

**A Special Ordinance removing a handicapped parking space at 501 9<sup>th</sup> Street.**

Agenda Item #11

**A Special Ordinance removing a handicapped parking space at 3111 9<sup>th</sup> Street.**

Agenda Item #12

**A Special Ordinance establishing a loading zone on 9<sup>th</sup> Street in front of the property at 2850 9<sup>th</sup> Street.**

Agenda Item #13

**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 \$69,000.00 to the Rock Island County Sheriff's Office for the City's share of the OSSI Records Management System software annual maintenance.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #18 in the amount of 689,630.54 to Civil Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Wet Weather Treatment System project.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 and final in the amount of \$61,362.97 to Valley Construction for services provided for the 2012 Asphalt Street Milling and Patching Program project.

Agenda Item #14

**Claims for the week of April 12 through April 18 in the amount of \$455,096.70.**

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Austin 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 #15

**Payroll for the weeks of April 1 through April 14 in the amount of \$1,285,442.25.**

It was moved by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Foley 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 #16

**Report from the Information Technology Department regarding the annual purchase of computer replacement equipment from the Hewlett-Packard Company in the amount of \$50,000.00.**

Alderman Foley moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to approve the purchase as recommended and authorize payment. 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 bids for the 2013 Joint Sewer Lining Phase 1 project, recommending the bid be awarded to SAK Construction, LLC. in the amount of \$196,524.44.**

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Conroy to award the bid as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin stated that this is another thing the City did with five other communities and it is effective cost savings for all involved.

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 #18

**Report from the Human Resources Department regarding an intergovernmental agreement with Rock Island County for providing health care services to Rock Island County employees through the City's on-site clinic.**

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Jones seconded to approve the agreement as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed. Alderman Foley advised that this really helps to keep the health care costs down. Alderman Foley added that instead of employees going to a doc in the box or the emergency room, they can come to the on-site clinic to see the on-site nurse and the nurse practitioner. Alderman Foley stated that the partnership with Rock Island County is a great thing and a great cost savings for the citizens.

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 #19

**Report from the Police Department regarding an agreement with Tri-City Electric Company for Phase II and Phase III of the 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Neighborhood Camera System.**

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the agreement as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Comments followed. Alderman Tollenaer thanked Alderman Brooks for pushing this initiative.

After comments, 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 #20

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a lease termination agreement with Jean's Platinum Stylez Beauty Supply in the amount of \$75,000.00.**

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the agreement 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 #21

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a lease termination agreement with Gyibassuk's Stores, LLC in the amount of \$58,000.00.**

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the agreement 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 #22

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a lease termination agreement with Jaded Gypsy Tattoo in the amount of \$110,000.00.**

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Jones seconded to approve the agreement 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 #23

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the College Hill Residential Development, recommending the release of the City's mortgage against the remaining College Hill residential lots in full in the amount of \$2,500.00.**

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the release as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the loan release documents.

Discussion followed. Mr. Bob Votroubek of 26 College Hill Circle stepped forward. Mr. Votroubek stated that all of the residents that have moved to the College Hill Development have done so due to the way the PUD (planned unit development) was set up and everything else. Mr. Votroubek stated that he understood that the City is working with a developer to put in \$190,000.00 to \$199,000.00 condos, villas, etc. Mr. Votroubek stated that the residents are just concerned about the City releasing the second mortgage, which the City obviously granted the developer, and based on that, it would be released if certain criteria were met, which has never been met. Mr. Votroubek inquired as to why the City is giving this away. Mr. Votroubek further discussed this issue.

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder advised that the original loan was set up as a forgivable loan. Mr. Eder added that Northwest Bank took the property back through a foreclosure process; they did not complete the full process. Mr. Eder indicated that they started foreclosure proceedings, which would have vacated the City's loan requirement. However, the developer instead of going through the complete process to save costs on both sides signed over a deed in lieu of foreclosure, which left the current loan in place. Mr. Eder pointed out that the bank told the City that they would restart the foreclosure process and completely void the City out or do it the easy way and save costs on both sides. Mr. Eder advised that the bank will give the City \$2,500.00 and this issue will be settled; this is a financial transaction.

After more discussion, Alderman Conroy advised that he has no intentions of ever voting to change the PUD. Alderman Conroy added that as far as what someone is able to do in that area as far as how the PUD was conceived and as long as they stay within those guidelines, the City's hands are tied as far as what can and can't be done. Alderman Conroy stated that he was concerned that the area maintains a certain standard because of people spending \$400,000.00 on a house. Alderman Conroy commented that he wants to make sure the residents are protected as well as the City can protect them from having something else go in that area.

Alderman Tollenaer stated that clearly that is not the plan. A person that buys a \$200,000.00 house is not the same person that buys a \$400,000.00 house. Alderman Tollenaer further discussed this issue. Alderman Tollenaer advised that he would not be supporting this item.

Council further discussed this issue.

Alderwoman Murphy agreed with Alderman Conroy in regards to the PUD (planned unit development).

Alderman Jones advised that people did invest quite a bit of money in this area. Alderman Jones added that he thinks the City needs to protect the integrity of that area. Alderman Jones stated that he would not be supporting this item.

After discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderwoman Murphy; those voting No, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Jones.

Agenda Item #24

**Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Sheila Solomon at 1309 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue to install a handicapped parking space across the street from her house since there is no parking on her side of the street.**

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the request to install a handicapped parking space on the property line between 1306 and 1310 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Discussion followed. Alderwoman Murphy inquired as to whether anyone was at the meeting to speak on this issue.

Alderman Conroy stated that this item has one more reading when it comes back in ordinance form. Alderman Conroy hoped that if there is anyone that lives on the other side of that street that has an issue that they will come forward at the next reading.

Alderwoman Murphy stated that there were two objections to this item. It was noted that Alderwoman Murphy also had questions in regards to this item.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether there was anyone to speak on this item. No one stepped forward. Mayor Pauley reiterated that there will be one more reading on this item and if anyone is interested on speaking on this item, they will need to come to the next reading.

After discussion, the motion carried with six (6) Aldermen voting Aye and one (1) Alderman voting No.

Agenda Item #25

**Other Business.**

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

Alderman Jones stated that this is the last full meeting that he and Alderman Brooks will be attending. Alderman Jones thanked everyone that he has been in contact with in the last four years. Alderman Jones added that the City is full of great citizens, staff and leadership. Alderman Jones thanked Council for their leadership and drive to improve the City.

Alderman Brooks stated that he has been on Council for approximately 16 years. Alderman Brooks advised that Council and staff has worked with him on things that were not only

important to Ward One but for citizens as well. Alderman Brooks discussed various accomplishments that he has taken part in over the last 16 years. Alderman Brooks advised that now, he will go after one of his passions, which is to work with Rev. Dwight Ford and help to build an athletic program at the King Center. Alderman Brooks thanked the Mayor, Council, City staff and citizens for believing in him.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that Cattlemen's Meat Market is located at 17<sup>th</sup> Street and 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Alderwoman Murphy added that they are open seven days a week; Sunday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and Monday through Saturday from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. Alderwoman Murphy stated that Cattlemen's popular items include; homemade beef jerky, ground chuck, rib-eye's, t-bone's and platter bacon. Alderwoman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local.

Agenda Item #26

**Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.**

An Executive Session on Personnel and Litigation was held prior to the regular meeting. An Executive Session on Property Acquisition was not needed.

Agenda Item #27

**Recess**

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Jones to recess to Monday, May 6, 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 7:22 pm.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk