

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 6, 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 Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. 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 Conroy gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of April 22, 2013.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 22, 2013 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley advised that The District and MidCoast Fine Arts present Gallery Hop on Friday, May 10, 2013 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm at an open house in downtown Rock Island. The Mayor stated that Gallery Hop showcases local artists in over 20 locations that include galleries, restaurants, shops and hot spots in downtown Rock Island. Mayor Pauley indicated that it's fun, casual, and it's where you can find unforgettable items for yourself, that someone special, and don't forget mom. Mayor Pauley advised that jewelry, photography, woodwork, glass, paintings, book signings, sculpture and performance art will all be featured. Talk with the artists, indulge your senses, shop and watch live demonstrations.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether you know someone that deserves to be recognized for what they do for the community? If so, this is your opportunity to nominate them for the 2013 Citizen of the Year Awards, sponsored by the Mayor and City Council. The Mayor stated to please include their address and telephone number so they may be contacted. Mayor Pauley added that it is important to include your name and telephone number so we may contact you for additional information if necessary. It was noted that the deadline for receiving nominations is June 10, 2013. You may nominate more than one person for the award. If you have questions, please call Committee Co-Chairpersons/Aldermen Chuck Austin at (309) 786-6978 or Joy Murphy at (309) 721-3254 or City Clerk Aleisha L. Patchin at (309) 732-2010.

Mayor Pauley advised that several citizens have recently contacted the City of Rock Island to inquire about a company promoting water service line coverage. The Mayor added that the City has offered a Water Service Repair Program and Sewer Repair Program for several years. Mayor Pauley advised that citizens have expressed concern because the mailing from HomeServe states "a recent review of our service area indicates that your home at...is not

covered by Water Service Line Coverage from HomeServe.” Mayor Pauley stated that if citizens want to inquire whether or not they are subscribed to the City’s programs, they can contact the Public Works Department at (309) 732-2200.

Mayor Pauley stated that Sunday, May 12, 2013 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm come celebrate Mother’s Day at the Quad City Botanical Center and decorate a terracotta planter and plant a plant! Also enjoy refreshments and other whimsical Mother’s Day activities. The Mayor added that your painted planter and plant will be on display in the gardens for the month of May for all visitors to enjoy. You will be able to pick up your planter at the end of the month. It was noted that admission is \$20.00 per family (up to 5 family members). Please preregister by calling (309) 794-0991 x 208.

Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson stepped forward. Mr. Nelson made reference to the gift bags and booklets that were distributed to Council. Mr. Nelson stated that on behalf of the Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau, and in celebration of National Tourism Week, the gift bags and booklets are small tokens of appreciation for Council’s support of the activities of the Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau. Mr. Nelson indicated that the booklets contain a lot of information about the economic impact of tourism in Rock Island and the Quad Cities. Mr. Nelson advised that the Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau is currently working on developing a branding identifier that would be used to market the Quad Cities for tourism.

Agenda Item #7

Proclamation declaring May 2013 as Building Safety Month.

Mayor Pauley read the proclamation. Chief Building Official Tom Ayers accepted the proclamation. Mr. Ayers thanked the Mayor and Council for the proclamation and stated that he would add to the proclamation and include all of the partners in industry, all of the contractors that work with the owners and the code enforcement officials.

Agenda Item #8

A Special Ordinance establishing a handicapped parking space on the south side of the street in front of the residence at 1309 6th Avenue.

Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Foley seconded to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #9

CLAIMS

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Jones 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 Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

- a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$12,402.80 to Kutsunis and Weng P.C. for legal services rendered for the month of April 2013.
- b. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$2,535.19 to State Farm Automobile Insurance for General Liability claim.
- c. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$2,410.00 to Abby Waymack for General Liability claim.
- d. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$34,789.00 to Crawford & Company (Bruce Rannow) for Worker's Compensation settlement.
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$50,052.33 to Langman Construction, Inc. for an emergency sewer main repair east of 38th Street on 45th Avenue.
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$41,453.44 to Langman Construction, Inc. for an emergency sewer main repair on 11th Street and 7th Avenue.
- g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$3,300.00 to Bob Westpfahl for the 2013 annual land set aside.
- h. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #19 in the amount of \$1,964,386.31 to Civil Constructors, Inc for services provided for the Wet Weather Treatment System project.

Agenda Item #10

Claims for the weeks of April 19 through April 25 in the amount of \$1,121,896.84 and April 26 through May 2 in the amount of \$624,619.94.

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

Agenda Item #11

Payroll for the weeks of April 15 through April 28 in the amount of \$1,313,558.92.

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

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Comments by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley advised that tonight is one of those nights with mixed emotions of sadness and happiness. Mayor Pauley stated that Alderman Jason Jones has been on the City Council for the last four years. The Mayor added that Alderman Jones has really done a lot of great things for the Fifth Ward.

Mayor Pauley stated that Alderman Terry Brooks has been on the City Council for 16 years. The Mayor noted that he has been on Council with Alderman Brooks for four years as Alderman and the last four years as Mayor. It was noted that Mayor Pauley and Alderman Brooks have served together on the King Center Board for 10 years; they went through the development, fundraising and construction of the center. Mayor Pauley stated that they have had some great times over the past 16 years. The Mayor stated that he has also had some great times with Alderman Jones over the last four years.

Mayor Pauley advised that for each of the outgoing Aldermen, there will be a tree planted in their name in a park of their choice. It was noted that the parks where trees are not currently being planted include Sunset Park and Schwiebert Riverfront Park.

Mayor Pauley reiterated that Alderman Brooks has been on Council for 16 years and has done a lot for the First Ward. Mayor Pauley advised that a new park is being developed in the First Ward and Alderman Brooks is responsible for that park. The Mayor added that Alderman Brooks secured funds for that park and worked hard for that park. The Mayor indicated that the park has a performance stage that is near completion, and that performance stage will be named the Terry M.A. Brooks I Performance Stage.

Mayor Pauley congratulated Alderman Brooks for 16 years of service to the community and Alderman Jones for four years of service to the community.

Agenda Item #12

Motion to adjourn Sine Die.

A motion was made by Alderman Brooks and seconded by Alderman Jones to adjourn the meeting Sine Die. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being; Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

The meeting was adjourned Sine Die at 6:58.

City Clerk Aleisha L. Patchin administered the Oath of Office to the following: Alderman Ivory Deacon Clark, Alderman Paul J. Foley, Alderman Kate Hotle, Alderman Charles O. Austin III and Mayor Dennis E. Pauley.

Mayor Pauley called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen Ivory D. Clark, David Conroy, P. J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate

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Hotle, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis.

Agenda Item #3

Report from the Fire Department regarding bids for the installation of a diesel generator at Central Fire Station, recommending the bid be awarded to GPX Electric in the amount of \$44,600.00.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded 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 Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #4

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2013 Asphalt Street Milling and Patching Program, recommending the bid be awarded to General Asphalt Construction Company in the amount of \$147,934.49.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman 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 Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #5

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a bid for the demolition of a single family residential property at 2521 7th Avenue, recommending the bid be awarded to Lester Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$14,920.00.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Murphy seconded 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 Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Report from the Human Resources Department regarding a settlement agreement with Amber Beaston in the amount of \$8,000.00.

It was moved by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the agreement as recommended, authorize payment 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 Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #7

Report from the Human Resources Department regarding a proposed labor agreement between the City and the Fraternal Order of Police, Command Officers Association for the period of March 21, 2011 through March 16, 2014.

Alderman 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 Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #8

Report from the Public Works Department regarding an Adopt-A-Highway agreement with Billy Puckett, State Farm Agent to adopt the square block of 17th to 18th Streets, 2nd to 3rd Avenues.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle 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 Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #9

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 \$225,000.00.

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

Agenda Item #10

Report from the Human Resources Department regarding the 2013/2014 Liability Insurance Program, recommending approval of the self-insurance package and brokerage fees, and recommending payment in the amount of \$351,627.00 to Cleaveland Insurance for insurance renewals and brokerage fees and payment in the amount of \$11,538.00 to Crawford & Company for third party administration services.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the self-insurance package, insurance renewals and brokerage fees as recommended and authorize payments. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #11

Report from the Mayor regarding a reappointment to the Illinois Quad City Civic Center Authority.

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Murphy seconded to approve the reappointment as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Mr. Ted Thoms was reappointed to the Illinois Quad City Civic Center Authority for a three year term expiring May 2016.

Agenda Item #12

Report from the City Clerk regarding a Plaza activity application from RIBCO requesting two (2) additional days as part of their annual outdoor Summer Concert Series to be held on Friday, August 16 and Saturday, August 17, 2013.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the application as recommended, subject to complying with all Plaza and liquor license regulations. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #13

Report from the City Clerk regarding an application and Highway Resolution for the Quad Cities Marathon to be held on Sunday, September 22, 2013.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the application as recommended and adopt the resolution. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #14

Other Business.

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

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone that if they know someone in the City that has done a lot for the community, be sure to go online, get an application and nominate them for the 2013 Citizen of the Year award so that they may be recognized.

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy stated that the College Hill District businesses on 14th Avenue from 30th Street to about 42nd Street are going to have a summer event on June 29th called Retro Rally. Alderman Murphy indicated that they would like to have an outdoor sidewalk sale and they would also like to invite craftsmen and artists. Alderman Murphy stated that this is a call for entries. Alderman Murphy added that if

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anyone would like to enter and join their Retro Rally event, please call Cool Beanz Coffeehouse or Fred and Ethel's for more information.

Alderman Clark thanked the First Ward for this opportunity to serve on the City Council. Alderman Clark advised that he looks forward to working with the community and making changes in the First Ward.

Alderman Hotle thanked the Fifth Ward for the opportunity to serve on the City Council. Alderman Hotle stated that she is honored to be here. Alderman Hotle added that she takes this job very seriously and is excited to get started.

Agenda Item #15

No Executive Session.

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #16

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy to recess to Monday, May 13, 2013 at 5:00 pm. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:12 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk