

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**June 17, 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 P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Alderman David Conroy and Alderman Ivory D. Clark were absent.

Introductory Proceedings

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

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of June 10, 2013.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 10, 2013 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley advised that summer means it's time to catch a free show by the Backwater Gamblers Water Ski Show Team. The Mayor added that the team consists of approximately 140 members ranging in age from several months to 60. Mayor Pauley advised that skiing members perform acts such as jumping, barefooting, pyramids, swivel, strap doubles and others. Mayor Pauley stated to watch them on their home surf at 44th Street and the Rock River. It was noted that the shows are Wednesdays and Sundays at 6:30 pm. For more information, go to www.backwatergamblers.com.

Mayor Pauley commented that the Quad Cities Senior Olympics kicks off Tuesday, June 18, 2013 through Saturday, June 22, 2013 with many events at Augustana College. The Mayor added that it is a \$15.00 entry fee. For more details go to www.qcseniorolympics.org.

Mayor Pauley stated that the Knights of Columbus is proud to honor and thank the Rock Island Police and Fire Departments for their outstanding service to our community. Join the Knights on Sunday, June 30, 2013 at the Rock Island Moose Lodge at 4410 9th Street, Rock Island as they present the 2013 Civic Awards. Mayor Pauley stated to come and meet the honorees of the year, Rock Island Police Officer Scott Gable and Firefighter Jeff Yerkey. It was noted that social hour will begin at 5:00 pm and dinner will start at 6:00 pm followed by entertainment and the program. To submit paid reservations, contact Louie Alongi at (309) 235-6796.

Mayor Pauley stated to join us on Wednesday, July 3, 2013 from 6:00 pm to 10:30 pm at Schwiebert Riverfront Park for Red, White & Boom. The Mayor added that festivities will include: Dance lessons by QCSoda at 6:30 pm followed by live music by Navy Band "Horizon" Great Lakes from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm. The Mayor indicated that children's entertainment will

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include inflatables from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Wristbands for inflatables will be \$5.00. Enjoy exceptional viewing of the spectacular Red, White and Boom fireworks display at 9:30 pm. Mayor Pauley stated that concessions and a beer garden will be available and admission to the event is free. No outside alcohol allowed. It was noted that free parking will be available downtown in the parking ramp, city parking lots and on the street. Schwiebert Riverfront Park and Modern Woodmen lots will be closed.

Mayor Pauley stated that in the Illinois Parks and Recreation publication for this month, there is an article entitled Even Snakes Benefit from Partnerships. The Mayor noted that the article is written by Ann Austin, spouse of Alderman Chuck Austin. The Mayor added that Ann is also a member of the Rock Island Park Board. Pick a copy up and enjoy.

Agenda Item #7

Proclamation declaring Saturday, June 22, 2013 as Rock Island County NAACP Day.

Mayor Pauley stated that Liz Sherwin is not at the meeting yet to accept the proclamation. Mayor Pauley stated that he would wait until she comes to the meeting to read the proclamation.

Agenda Item #8

Proclamation declaring July 3rd as 2013 Red, White and Boom Military Services Day.

Mayor Pauley read the proclamation. Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson thanked the Mayor and Council for the proclamation.

Mr. Nelson stated that a news conference will be held this Wednesday at Schwiebert Riverfront Park with representatives from both sides of the river. Mr. Nelson added that Council members from both sides of the river will be invited to do the bus transit again this year, where the proclamation will be read on both sides of the river.

Mr. Nelson advised that the Navy Band was sequestered; the entertainment for the July 3rd event this year will be the band called Smooth Groove. Mr. Nelson added that there will be lots of food and activities for July 3rd and a great fireworks display.

Agenda Item #9

Public Hearing on a request from Charnjit Singh, owner of K. Brothers LLC doing business as Riverside for a waiver of the signature requirement to secure a liquor license at 2403 7th Avenue. Avenue.

Mayor Pauley closed the regular meeting and opened a Public Hearing at 6:50 pm on a request from Charnjit Singh, owner of K. Brothers LLC doing business as Riverside for a waiver of the signature requirement to secure a liquor license at 2403 7th Avenue.

Mr. Charnjit Singh of 2403 7th Avenue (business), and 4007 East 59th Street in Davenport, IA (home) stepped forward.

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Mr. Singh stated that everything is ready and he is waiting for the liquor license. Mr. Singh stated that he bought the building and remodeled it to bring it up to code.

Alderman Hotle inquired to Mr. Singh as to whether he would still open the convenience store if he didn't receive the liquor license. Mr. Singh stated yes.

Alderman Austin inquired upon the City Clerk as to whether the liability insurance had been taken care of. City Clerk Aleisha Patchin stated that she was unsure as to whether the liability insurance had been submitted.

Mr. Singh stated that when he picks up the liquor license, he will then provide the insurance.

Alderman Austin inquired as to whether the inspection and code violations have been resolved.

Mr. Singh stated yes, but there has not been a final inspection yet. Mr. Singh added that once the coolers are in, he will call for the final inspection.

Alderman Austin inquired upon Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder as to whether everything that has been inspected is satisfactory. Mr. Eder advised that there were issues at one time, but he believed that they have been resolved.

Alderman Murphy stated that there was a stop work order from Inspections and inquired to Mr. Singh as to why there was a stop work order. Mr. Singh indicated that it had to do with not enough insulation being put inside.

Alderman Murphy advised that there were also some code violations concerning some hazardous materials and not responding to the MUNICES Hearing. Mr. Singh stated yes, but that is not at the location of this business; it is at another location.

Alderman Austin inquired as to whether the delinquent payments for fines and fees have been taken care of. Mr. Singh stated yes.

Mayor Pauley advised that there is an agreement as to how much will be paid per month.

After more discussion, Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether there was anyone that wished to speak in favor of the waiver of the signature requirement for a liquor license at 2403 7th Avenue.

Mr. Robert Foster of 614 25th Street stepped forward. Mr. Foster stated that this store will really clean up the neighborhood and it will help the neighborhood.

Mr. Ken Enstrom of 2707 26th Avenue stepped forward. Mr. Enstrom stated that he has been watching this property real close. Mr. Enstrom noted that it was his former property. Mr. Enstrom added that he was proud of the location and it is going to look great.

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Mr. Joseph Lbarra of 1415 W. 7th Street stepped forward. Mr. Lbarra stated that he takes care of someone that lives on 25th Street and 7th Avenue and he asked her what she thought about the store that would be opening across the street. Mr. Lbarra stated that she said it was fine.

Mayor Pauley then inquired as to whether there was anyone who wished to speak in opposition to the waiver of the signature requirement for a liquor license at 2403 7th Avenue. No one stepped forward.

With no other persons present to speak in favor of or in opposition to the waiver of the signature requirement for a liquor license at 2403 7th Avenue, Mayor Pauley closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether there was going to be a motion. No motion came forward.

City Attorney Kutsunis stated that basically it is just a recommendation to the Liquor Commissioner.

Mayor Pauley advised that this item will go back to the Liquor Commissioner and the Liquor Commissioner has 30 days to respond.

Agenda Item #10

A Special Ordinance reinstating a 2001 John Deere Mower previously declared as surplus back into the City fleet.

A motion was made by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Hotle to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #11

A Special Ordinance vacating a segment of 6th Avenue and two alleys north of 6th Avenue between 12th and 13th Streets.

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

Agenda Item #12

A Special Ordinance removing a handicapped parking space at 4520 13th Avenue.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #13

Claims for the week of June 7 through June 13 in the amount of \$4,382,537.24.

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

Agenda Item #14

Payroll for the weeks of May 27 through June 9 in the amount of \$1,312,078.48.

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

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the purchase of property at 950 31st Avenue from MJAD Investments, LLC in the amount of \$86,000.00.

A motion was made by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the purchase as recommended, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the purchase of a 2013 Husqvarna concrete saw and Cronkhite trailer, recommending the bid be awarded to Logan Contractors Supply in the amount of \$28,450.00.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy to award the bid as recommended, authorize purchase and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance declaring the current 1987 Cimline saw and trailer as surplus. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2013 Seal Coat Street Program, recommending the bid be awarded to Brandt Construction in the amount of \$49,952.22.

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

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the assignment and property purchase agreements for the new Police Station.

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the assignment of agreement for sale of commercial real estate in the total amount of \$730,000.00 as recommended, plus the total assignment fee in the amount of \$30.00 for the properties listed in the report, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Information Technology Department regarding agreements with AT&T for renewal of Primary Rate Interface (PRI) service and CompleteLink usage and payment in the estimated amount of \$1,500.00 for the monthly service fee plus usage.

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the agreements as recommended, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents and authorize payment. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget, recommending budget transfers decreasing one gaming fund supported project in the General Fund in the amount of \$30,000.00 and increasing one gaming fund supported project in the General Fund in the amount of \$30,000.00.

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

Agenda Item #21

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the New Construction Property Tax Rebate Program, recommending renewal of the program for six years from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2019 with the modifications as stated in the report.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Murphy seconded to approve renewal of the program for six years with the modifications as recommended.

Discussion followed with Alderman Hotle inquiring upon Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder to explain what this item entails.

Mr. Eder advised that this program is very important to the City, future homebuilders and home buyers of new construction property. Mr. Eder stated that this gives a rebate of property taxes for new construction properties for both the City-wide program and in the City's downtown and North 11th Street TIF districts. Mr. Eder commented that the school district has passed a similar three year program. Mr. Eder further discussed the program.

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

Agenda Item #22

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding review of a five lot minor subdivision final plat of Black Hawk Commons First Addition located at 11th Street and Blackhawk Road.

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

Agenda Item #23

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from John Norris of J & M displays for a pyrotechnic display permit for fireworks to be held on Friday, July 5, 2013 (rain date July 6th) at 9:30 pm at Jumer's Casino and Hotel at 777 Jumer Drive.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve the request as recommended, and temporarily waive Article I of Chapter 10: Sec. 10-9 of the Code of Ordinances to allow for the issuance of a pyrotechnic display permit, and authorize the Fire Marshal to issue the permit. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #24

Other Business.

Alderman Austin stated that there will be a Council meeting next Monday evening and inquired as to whether it has been determined if the meeting will be aired by Mediacom.

Mayor Pauley stated yes.

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy stated that summer vacation is in full swing and there are lots of City facilities that one can take advantage of with their family. Alderman Murphy stated that the City facilities include; RIFAC, Schwiebert Riverfront Park, the golf courses, libraries and Sunset Marina. Alderman Murphy added that there are lots of Park programs going on this summer. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local.

Mr. Enstrom stepped forward again and stated that he didn't understand why Mr. Singh can't open until he gets a liquor license; he is ready to open and put signage up. Mr. Enstrom added that there were no objections to the liquor license.

Mayor Pauley advised that Mr. Singh has to have all of the signatures of the residents and one person did not sign. The Mayor added that Mr. Singh asked Council tonight to override that; there was not a motion to override that. Mayor Pauley stated that now, it goes to the Liquor Commissioner for a decision, which will be within 30 days.

Mr. Allen McCaulley of 1511 37th Street, Moline, IL stepped forward. Mr. McCaulley stated that he and his family are fans of Lincoln Park. Mr. McCaulley advised that Lincoln Park could use a little more TLC. Mr. McCaulley stated that the grounds could use some cleaning up; the Amphitheater could use a serious facelift, and the restrooms are not adequate. Mr. McCaulley added that the seating is old and rusty. Mr. McCaulley indicated that he would like to see someone champion the cause of making that property into everything it can be; it is a spectacular piece of property.

Agenda Item #25

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

An Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation was not needed.

Agenda Item #26

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, June 24, 2013. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Mayor Pauley advised that the meeting on Monday, June 24th will begin at 5:30 pm. The Mayor advised that it is a special meeting and the only issue is to hear about the Fareway project on 18th Avenue.

Alderman Hotle inquired as to whether Mayor Pauley was going to read the proclamation (Agenda Item #7). The Mayor stated no, because she didn't show up to the meeting to accept the proclamation.

The meeting was recessed at 7:15 pm.