

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**November 4, 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 Ivory D. Clark, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle and Joy Murphy. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Aldermen Charles O. Austin III and David Conroy were absent.

Introductory Proceedings

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

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of October 21, 2013 and Minutes of the meeting of October 24, 2013.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 21, 2013 and Minutes of the meeting of October 24, 2013 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley stated that Chief Jeff VenHuizen urges motorists to take certain precautions in an attempt to reduce the number of vehicle thefts as well as thefts from vehicles during this time of year. With the onset of colder temperatures, motorists are likely to start warming up their vehicles before driving. Mayor Pauley added that while this may be more comfortable at the start of the trip, an unattended running motor vehicle is an open invitation for criminals to take the vehicle and letting an unattended vehicle run on the street is prohibited. In addition to motor vehicle thefts, the Rock Island Police Department is urging motorists to become more aware of thefts of packages from vehicles. Mayor Pauley stated that with less than two months before Christmas, leaving packages visible in vehicles presents another opportunity for theft. When possible, lock packages in the trunk of the vehicle or remove them entirely. Remember that most thefts are crimes of opportunity. Reducing the opportunity and joining with law enforcement efforts by reporting suspicious activity immediately can have a big impact on those incidents. Mayor Pauley advised that anyone with information regarding any criminal activity should contact the Rock Island Police Department at (309) 732-2677 or Crime Stoppers at (309) 762-9500.

Mayor Pauley advised that on November 7, 2013 from 7:00am to 11:00am at the Central Fire House, the Rock Island City Employees will be participating in a Blood Drive to help the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center's blood supply. The City holds two blood drives a year to assist the blood center in collecting the area's much needed supply of blood.

Mayor Pauley stated that City of Rock Island facilities will be open on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2013. Refuse, recycling and yard waste will be collected as normal.

Mayor Pauley advised that the City of Rock Island is preparing to implement a deer management program in order to address the overpopulation of deer within City limits. The Mayor added that the deer management program will take place for the remaining 2013-2014 archery deer hunting season, as defined by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. It was noted that a meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12th in City Hall Council Chambers at 5:30pm for hunters that want to participate in the program. Mayor Pauley pointed out that the meeting will outline the expectations, restrictions and procedures of the program in full detail, including the process for obtaining a permit. Hunters interested in the program are encouraged to attend the November 12th meeting. Mayor Pauley stated that Deer hunting will be permitted on a limited number of selected properties/sites throughout Rock Island contingent upon property owner approval. Mayor Pauley added that all hunters must obtain a City permit in order to participate. Property owners wishing to hunt or allow hunting on their property should contact the Parks and Recreation Department to provide their name and address. The Parks and Recreation Department may be contacted by phone at (309) 732-7275. Mayor Pauley commented that this program must pass at the November 11, 2013 City Council meeting before this meeting will be held.

Mayor Pauley offered that registration for the Martin Luther King Jr. Annual Children's Christmas Party will be open until Friday, December 6th. Registration is open for residents of Rock Island and Milan only. Please come to the main reception desk at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center at 630 9th Street, Rock Island to register your children ages 3-12 years. Any questions, please contact (309) 732-2999.

Agenda Item #7

Public Hearing on a request from Dawn Crawford and Marie Glines for an amendment to a Special Use Permit to maintain a fourth one-bedroom apartment to the previously approved three one-bedroom apartments and an existing resident custom framing business at 1808 7th Avenue.

Mayor Pauley closed the regular meeting at 6:49 pm and opened a Public Hearing on a request from Dawn Crawford and Marie Glines for an amendment to a Special Use Permit to maintain a fourth one-bedroom apartment to the previously approved three one-bedroom apartments and an existing resident custom framing business at 1808 7th Avenue.

Ms. Marie Glines of 1808 7th Avenue stepped forward. Mayor Pauley clarified that Ms. Glines has a fourth one-bedroom apartment that had been leased as a fourth one-bedroom apartment, but she only has approval for the three one-bedroom apartments and now Ms. Glines is trying to obtain approval for the fourth one-bedroom apartment. The Mayor inquired to Ms. Glines as to whether that is correct.

Ms. Glines responded yes. Ms. Glines stated that she had some nice responses from the neighbors that stated they were in favor of it.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether there was anyone who wished to speak in favor of the Special Use Permit. No one stepped forward.

Mayor Pauley then inquired as to whether there was anyone who wished to speak in opposition to the Special Use Permit. No one stepped forward.

With no person present to speak in favor of or in opposition to the Special Use Permit, Mayor Pauley closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 6:51 pm.

It was moved by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the amendment to the special use permit as recommended, subject to the stipulations that; a total of four one-bedroom apartments be allowed; public events area (for meetings and gatherings) no longer shall be allowed; office use shall no longer be allowed; a minimum of nine off street parking spaces shall be provided; the property shall meet all applicable code requirements and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #8

A Resolution approving an agreement with the City Manager and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract documents.

A motion was made by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Hotle to adopt the Resolution. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #9

CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$1,075.00 to Nicholas Hoepfner for General Liability claim.
- b. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$3,784.95 to Kutsunis and Weng P.C. for legal services rendered for the month of October.
- c. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$7,438.29 to Pappas, Davidson, O'Connor and Fildes, P.C. for legal services rendered for the month of September.

d. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of \$13,459.00 to System Innovators for the iNovah System annual update and support maintenance for the centralized cash receipting system.

e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$17,059.50 to Davenport Electric Contract Company for services provided for the Fiber Optic Phase 6 project.

f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$46,536.70 to Legacy Construction for services provided for the 2013 Storm Water Outfall Program project.

g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$133,640.14 to Langman Construction, Inc. for services provided for the 20th Avenue Reconstruction: 32nd Street to 34th Street project.

h. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$166,178.37 to SAK Construction for services provided for the 2013 Joint Sewer Lining Program project.

Agenda Item #10

Claims for the weeks of October 18 through October 24 in the amount of \$1,310,588.64 and October 25 through October 31 in the amount of \$548,209.19.

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

Agenda Item #11

Payroll for the weeks of October 14 through October 27 in the amount of \$1,276,012.29.

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

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Police Department regarding bids for a one year dry cleaning contract, recommending the bid be awarded to Burke Cleaners in the amount of \$6,601.00.

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

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an agreement with Shive-Hattery in the amount of \$27,200.00 plus any reimbursable expenses up to \$300.00 for alley design services for the alley between 18th and 19th Street bounded by 1st and 2nd Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an agreement with Shive-Hattery in the amount of \$51,800.00 plus any reimbursable expenses up to \$500.00 for the Plaza stage replacement.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Clark seconded to approve the agreement as recommended, allow for minor attorney modifications and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed. Alderman Hotle inquired upon Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder to explain the details of this item.

Mr. Eder advised that the business owners brought to his attention that they needed an improved stage to be more competitive in regards to events. Mr. Eder stated that the stage was originally designed more as a shelter and not designed for its current uses. Mr. Eder added that the stage surface is not level anymore; it is starting to become unsafe. Mr. Eder commented that there is another big tear in the roof so the canopy will have to be replaced next year. Mr. Eder advised that action needs to be taken if the City wants to continue to have activities in the downtown. Mr. Eder explained that the design components would begin now and over the wintertime to be in the position to reconstruct the stage next summer. Mr. Eder further discussed this item.

Alderman Hotle had concerns in regards to stage reconstruction during the summer months.

Mr. Eder stated that reconstruction would be planned around the downtown events and staff will work with the business owners to find out when the best time will be to construct that stage. Mr. Eder further discussed the reconstruction component.

Alderman Murphy inquired upon Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder to discuss the alley project (Agenda Item #13) that was just approved.

Mr. Eder advised that currently, there are a couple of issues with that alley. Mr. Eder stated that the pavement is in fairly good shape, but there is a drainage problem back there from the roof drains and there is a sump pump that discharges, so in the wintertime, there is a large buildup of ice. Mr. Eder advised that this alley gets a lot of pedestrian traffic as well as vehicular traffic. Mr.

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Eder added that the contract will allow the City to permanently address these issues. Mr. Eder commented that they are also looking to create some type of centralized dumpster enclosure. Mr. Eder further discussed this item.

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

Agenda Item #15

Other Business.

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

Alderman Clark thanked the Rock Island Boxing Club for all that they do in the community.

Alderman Hotle pointed out that the City holds a blood drive twice a year. Alderman Hotle added that City employees have the opportunity to give blood to help the community. Alderman Hotle encouraged City employees to sign up and give blood on Thursday, November 7, 2013.

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy discussed the 3/50 Project. Alderman Murphy stated that the whole idea of the 3/50 project is that if everyone in the community spends \$50.00 per month at three locally owned businesses, it would impact the community. Alderman Murphy advised that for every \$100.00 spent in a locally owned independent store, approximately \$68.00 returns to the community through taxes, payroll and other expenditures. Alderman Murphy added that if \$100.00 is spent in a national chain, only \$43.00 stays and circulates in the community. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local.

Agenda Item #16

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #17

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Clark to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, November 11, 2013. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:06 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk