

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 6:00 pm in City Council Chambers at Rock Island City Hall. Present were Temporary Chairman Charles O. Austin III presiding, and Aldermen Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy and Ivory D. Clark. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen, Deputy Police Chief Jason Foy, Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson, other City Staff and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Mayor Dennis E. Pauley and Alderman David Conroy were absent. Alderman P.J. Foley arrived at 6:36 pm.

DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen presented an overview of the deer hunt. Chief VenHuizen advised that in the fall of 2013, the Rock Island City Council approved the first controlled deer hunt within the City. The Chief added that Council limited the number of sites to four private sites and four public sites. It was noted that the hunt started on December 13, 2013 and concluded on January 19, 2014, which coincided with the remainder of the State of Illinois deer hunting season.

Chief VenHuizen explained that during the process, there were approximately 45 hunters that applied to hunt on either a private property site, public property site or both. The Chief added that there were a total of 12 private property sites submitted for consideration and four sites were chosen. It was noted that six hunters were granted permission to hunt on those private sites. The Chief commented that there were two public sites located at Highland Springs and Saukie Golf Course, and one cemetery site at Memorial Park. Chief VenHuizen further discussed the public sites.

Chief VenHuizen stated that during the course of the hunt, six deer were harvested, which included five does and one buck. Chief VenHuizen indicated that after the hunting period, a meeting was held to gather feedback from the hunters on their experience and to identify challenges and offer suggestions on ways to improve the program for possible future hunts. Chief VenHuizen pointed out that the overwhelming suggestion was to expand the program to coincide with the entire deer hunting season. Chief VenHuizen stated that the reasoning behind this suggestion was due to the limited time of the program and the weather. Chief VenHuizen advised that the trial program was successful; there were no safety issues raised and there were no citizen-hunter encounters. Chief VenHuizen stated that the trial period has shown that a deer management program can be safely implemented and managed. The Chief recommended expanding the program.

Council discussed this item as it related to the recommendation of expanding the program for a full hunting season for 2014/2015 and the recommendation of increasing fees. Deputy Police Chief Jason Foy discussed private sites as it related to the amount of hunters allowed on those sites.

Sheila Guse of 4020 29th Avenue stated that she hoped in the future that the area for hunting could be expanded to include her neighborhood. Ms. Guse was appreciative of what Council has done this year in regards to the deer program.

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Sue McDevitt of 2940 17th Street stated that the deer problem is multiplying and hoped that Council would extend the program for a longer period next year. Ms. McDevitt was very appreciative of what Council has done this year in regards to the deer program.

Bob Motz of 2535 River Heights Drive reminded Council that there is an option of not having a deer hunt. Mr. Motz discussed an article from the Rock Island Argus in regards to deer hunting in other municipalities and reducing the population of deer.

Patricia Nederbrock of 3633 14th Street stated that the plans laid out this year in regards to the designated hunting areas worked well. Ms. Nederbrock stated that the idea of letting home owners find a hunter and have that person come and hunt on their property could get really dangerous. Ms. Nederbrock suggested having more hunters but not expanding the sites. Ms. Nederbrock also suggested allowing the hunters to go hunt on designated even and odd days.

Alderman Hotle had concerns in regards to supporting the program and how effective the program is in reducing the deer population.

City Manager Thomas discussed the Deer Management Program as it related to the safety component and expanding the program to a full season next year.

Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson discussed the effectiveness of deer archery programs as it related to other cities and counties.

Council discussed the City's Deer Management Program and other communities' deer programs as it related to aerial deer counts.

Alderman Murphy discussed the success of the trial deer program and support for the program.

Alderman Tollenaer had concerns in regards to supporting the program. Alderman Tollenaer found it difficult to believe that there are as many deer in the City as being reported.

Alderman Clark discussed supporting the program as it related to the safety component.

Mr. David McKee of 5107 28th Avenue Moline, IL inquired to Council as to why the City doesn't allow deer hunting during January and February. Mr. McKee added that this is the best time to hunt deer. Mr. McKee also inquired as to why hunters can't hunt in Blackhawk State Park.

Aldermen Tollenaer stated that Blackhawk State Park is a Forest Preserve. Aldermen Tollenaer added that the City has to work within State guidelines.

City Attorney Kutsunis advised that the DNR controls all licensing; they set the season. City Attorney Kutsunis added that the City cannot override what seasons the DNR has set for deer hunting.

Council further discussed the Deer Management Program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Hotle 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 Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 6:35 pm. Alderman Foley arrived at 6:36 pm.

Temporary Chairman Austin reconvened the regular meeting at 6:42 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Foley to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
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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 Temporary Chairman Charles O. Austin III presiding, and Aldermen Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy, Ivory D. Clark and P. J. Foley. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Mayor Dennis E. Pauley and Alderman David Conroy were absent.

Introductory Proceedings

Temporary Chairman Austin called the meeting to order and invited Boy Scout Troup 258 to help lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Alderman Murphy gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of February 15, 2014 and Minutes of the meeting of February 17, 2014.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Clark to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 15, 2014 and Minutes of the meeting of February 17, 2014 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Temporary Chairman Austin.

Temporary Chairman Austin advised that the 20th annual Spring Antique Spectacular will be March 7th, 8th and 9th at the QCCA Expo Center, 2421 2nd Avenue in Rock Island. The event will feature 70 exhibitors. Featured will be select antique dealers with unique merchandise from around the world. Temporary Chairman Austin stated that with the Antique Spectacular, there is always something to interest every collector. Shop for a timeless treasure that is new to you. Temporary Chairman Austin stated that show hours are 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm Friday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Saturday, and 11:00 am to 4:00 pm Sunday. Admission is \$7.00 and good for admittance all three days. Parking is free. For information, visit antiquespectacular.com or call Kimberly Schilling (712) 324-9964.

Temporary Chairman Austin stated that the Quad City Arts Gallery, 1715 2nd Avenue, presents paintings and etchings by Jessica Gondeck of Montgomery, IL and mixed media by James Brown of Dubuque, IA, which are on exhibit from February 28 through April 4, 2014. Come and see how both artists have embraced technology as a way to express their ideas to create compelling works of art. Meet the artists on March 7th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at an open reception in the gallery. Refreshments will be served. Free and open to the public.

Temporary Chairman Austin offered that the Black Hawk Park West neighborhood potluck will begin at 5:30 pm this Sunday evening, March 9th at Singing Bird Nature Center, Black Hawk State Historic Site, 1510 46th Avenue. Temporary Chairman Austin added that Bob Motz will present Bald Eagles in the Quad-Cities. Bring a dish to share and your own drinks. Plates and

utensils will be provided. Call (309) 558-6707 or email blackhawkparkwest@gmail.com for details.

Agenda Item #7

Presentation by the Advanced Technology and Sustainability Consortium.

Mr. Kevin Koski, Chair of the ATSC stepped forward. Mr. Koski stated that members of Rock Island's Advanced Technology and Sustainability Consortium (ATSC) established the Mark W. Schwiebert Sustainability Leadership Award in April of 2009. Mr. Koski advised that it was created to honor former Mayor Schwiebert for his 20 years of service to Rock Island and for his work in the area of sustainable initiatives. It was noted that this special award would be given annually to a business, organization or individual that has demonstrated outstanding leadership in the area of green or sustainable initiatives. The first award was presented to Mark Schwiebert.

Mr. Koski stated that the 2013 award recipient is KJWW Engineering Consultants. Mr. Koski provided highlights for the selection of KJWW Engineering Consultants. Mr. Koski then presented President Paul VanDuyne and Vice President Larry Pitham with the award.

Mr. VanDuyne stated that KJWW appreciates the award. Mr. VanDuyne offered that when the ATSC was first formed back in 2006, KJWW was one of the first members to join. Mr. VanDuyne advised that KJWW has over 500 employees and 14 different offices. Mr. VanDuyne stated that they have the ability to work on some of the larger projects in the U.S. and now worldwide. Mr. VanDuyne added that they just got a 2.1 million square foot cancer center facility in Kuwait and they were chosen because of KJWW's ability to bring sustainability to Kuwait. Mr. VanDuyne added that all of that work gets done here in Rock Island.

Mr. Pitham advised that KJWW's office building was designed in 2007 and about 20,000 square feet was added to the office. Mr. Pitham offered that it was the first LEED certified building in the Illinois Quad Cities. Mr. Pitham further discussed the building.

Agenda Item #8

Proclamation declaring March 2014 as American Red Cross Month.

Temporary Chairman Austin read the Proclamation. Betsy Pratt, Regional Chief Executive Officer of the American Red Cross of the Quad Cities area stated that she invited Berlinda Tyler-Jamison to the meeting to accept the Proclamation. Ms. Pratt added that Ms. Tyler-Jamison has served on the Board of Directors for several years. At this time, Temporary Chairman Austin presented the Proclamation to Ms. Tyler-Jamison.

Ms. Pratt stated that the American Red Cross has played a central role in Rock Island and the Quad City Community since 1917. Ms. Pratt stated that for the first seven months of the year, the American Red Cross has only responded to seven fires in Rock Island. Ms. Pratt indicated that over 150 individuals in Rock Island have received CPR and First Aid training. Ms. Pratt commented that 130 youth have received water safety lessons and over 500 youth have received basic health and safety information. Ms. Pratt added that 12 families in Rock Island have

received services for military and reaching out to their service member. Ms. Pratt stated that the American Red Cross is very appreciative of the support they receive from Rock Island.

Agenda Item #9

CLAIMS

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Murphy to accept the following reports and authorize payments as recommended.

Alderman Hotle advised that she would be abstaining from voting on Agenda Item #9 due to a conflict with item (b).

The motion then carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none. Alderman Hotle abstained.

- a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$6,458.22 to Kutsunis and Weng P.C. for legal services rendered for the month of February.
- b. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$11,619.96 to Pappas, Davidson, O'Connor & Fildes PC for legal services rendered for a General Liability claim.
- c. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$7,000.00 to Rick Moskowitz for General Liability claim.
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$10,258.04 to Valley Construction Company, Inc. for services provided for an emergency water main repair on Valley View Drive.
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #4 in the amount of \$31,857.14 to Gilbane Building Company for pre-construction services provided for the Rock Island Police Station project.

Agenda Item #10

Claims for the weeks of February 14 through February 20 in the amount of \$693,243.97 and February 21 through February 27 in the amount of \$584,100.31.

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

Agenda Item #11

Payroll for the weeks of February 3 through February 16 in the amount of \$1,326,752.62.

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

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of a used 2011 or 2012 Ford Expedition K-9 vehicle with the necessary budget adjustment to the insurance fund in an amount not to exceed \$23,000.00.

Alderman Murphy moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to authorize staff to purchase the vehicle as recommended, approve the budget adjustment and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance declaring the current K-9 unit as surplus. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the purchase of property at 4000 11th Street from Mark Mueller in the amount of \$250,000.00.

It was moved by Alderman Murphy 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.

Discussion followed. Temporary Chairman Austin inquired upon Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder to explain how the purchase price was arrived at and does this keep the City within the framework of the line of credit to put the whole project together.

Mr. Eder advised that it may be thought that this is a high purchase price for a small building, but there is a lot of kitchen type equipment in that building that is hard to replicate. Mr. Eder added that the purchase price is on Mr. Mueller staying in business in Rock Island. Mr. Eder stated that the amount still keeps the City within the allotted dollar figure.

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the purchase of six open top roll-off containers, recommending the bid be awarded to Poynette Iron Works, Inc. in the amount of \$22,250.00.

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

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding bids for the demolition of the Blackhawk TV property, recommending the bid be awarded to Lester Construction in the amount of \$32,780.00.

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

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an agreement with the City of Moline for lead based paint hazard control construction services.

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

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an Ordinance approving a redevelopment agreement with Dinner Theatre Associates Ltd., dba Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse, subject to minor attorney modifications and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

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

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an Ordinance authorizing the payment of redevelopment project costs and distribution of excess monies for the 11th Street redevelopment project area of the City of Rock Island, Illinois.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Foley seconded to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance.

Discussion followed. Temporary Chairman Austin stated that when this item was discussed on February 10th, it was discussed as though the City would be passing the ordinance this evening, but there is an intermediate step that must take place. Temporary Chairman Austin then inquired upon Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder to explain this item.

Mr. Eder advised that the current TIF District on 11th Street has to end before a new one can be put in part of the area. Mr. Eder stated that not a lot of people have been through the steps to end a TIF District. Mr. Eder added that there is a multiple step process that the State requires that the City go through. Mr. Eder advised that this item is step one. Mr. Eder added that step two will be next week, which is a termination ordinance, and on March 17th, the new ordinances on establishing the new TIF Districts will be passed.

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

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Police Department regarding the 2013 Deer Hunt, recommending an extension of the archery deer hunt for the 2014/2015 season with additional recommendations as stated in the report.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the extension with the additional recommendations and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Discussion followed. Alderman Hotle stated that she has been pretty forward on her feelings in regards to this policy. Alderman Hotle added that she would like to see things happen with the deer population, but there are things in the current ordinance that was passed in November that she was not 100% sure on. Alderman Hotle stated that she would not be supporting this item.

Temporary Chairman Austin advised that this item is in its infancy; this was successful. Temporary Chairman Austin added that the recommendations that the Police Chief has explained seem to be the next logical step. Temporary Chairman Austin stated that this can always be revisited at any point in time if it is determined that something else should be done differently or better.

Alderman Murphy advised that she will continue to support the expansion because when it was passed originally, it was a limited season, a limited number of hunters and a limited number of spaces. Alderman Murphy stated that one of the big concerns was safety, and there were not any safety issues or complaints to the Police Department. Alderman Murphy stated that the program can be reassessed if needed. Alderman Murphy further discussed this item.

After discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Foley; those voting No, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle.

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Mayor regarding a reappointment to the Police and Fire Commission.

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

Vanessa Trice was reappointed to the Police and Fire Commission for a three year term expiring April 30, 2017.

Agenda Item #21

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from the Blue Cat Brew Pub to hold an event (Camp Kesem Fundraiser) outside on Saturday, March 29, 2014 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm at 113 18th Street and a request for a waiver of the event fees.

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

Agenda Item #22

Report from the City Clerk regarding an application and Resolution for the Quad Cities River Bandits to hold a 5K Run on Saturday, April 12, 2014 from 8:00 am to 9:00 am.

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

Agenda Item #23

Other Business.

Alderman Murphy stated to all citizens of Polish descent that today is Happy Pulaski Day. Alderman Murphy further discussed this item.

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy stated that today was the first day that Milan Surplus was in their new facility, which is located on 11th Street at 27th Avenue. Alderman Murphy stated that their hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturdays from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Alderman Murphy indicated that their store is filled with a variety of items, everything from nuts & bolts, tools, household items to children's toys. Alderman Murphy added that their inventory is always changing. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to stop by Milan Surplus in Rock Island. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local.

It was noted that two individuals signed up to address Council to speak on a topic. Mr. Bob Motz spoke earlier at the Study Session.

Mr. Jason Hayes of 1330 15th Street stepped forward. Mr. Hayes stated that he has been without water for the last three weeks. Mr. Hayes commented that he has called the City several times about this issue and it was told to him that it is not the City's problem. Mr. Hayes stated that he was told that it is the line from the main to the house that is frozen. Mr. Hayes stated that he disagreed with that.

Public Works Director Randy Tweet advised that he had spoken to Mr. Hayes about this issue, and it is the water service from the main to the house, which is private. Mr. Tweet advised that Public Works responded and told Mr. Hayes that he would have to contact a plumber. Mr. Tweet added that Public Works has checked the main and it is fine.

Temporary Chairman Austin inquired to Mr. Hayes as to whether this is something that a plumber could address. Mr. Hayes responded no, it is not.

Mr. Tweet stated that he would give Mr. Hayes some names of plumbers. Mr. Tweet added that there are plumbers out there that have thawed services.

Council and Mr. Hayes further discussed this issue.

Alderman Clark stated that he has spoken with Mr. Hayes and understands Mr. Hayes' concerns that no one is making him feel that the City cares. Alderman Clark stated that even though it is Mr. Hayes' private property that is frozen, it is hoped that something could be done to show Mr. Hayes that the City cares.

Council further discussed this issue as it related to the City's sewer and water insurance programs.

Agenda Item #24

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

An Executive Session was held prior to the regular meeting.

Agenda Item #25

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Murphy to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, March 10, 2014. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:24 pm.