

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**June 2, 2014
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 Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, David Conroy, P. J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle and Joy Murphy. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and Assistant City Attorney Dave Morrison. City Attorney Ted Kutsunis was 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 May 19, 2014.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 19, 2014 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley advised that Mardi Gras in The District returns for its 22nd year on Friday, June 6th at 5:00 pm and Saturday, June 7th at 4:00 pm. The festival features two nights of Zydeco, brass band, high energy funk/rock/jam, and a bit of Louisiana party music. A variety of foods will be available, including Cajun and Southern cuisine. Mayor Pauley stated that street vendors and performers, epic bead toss productions, and New Orleans style characters will overload your senses and transport your mind to the French Quarter! The Mayor added that Gumbo Ya Ya is held on the Great River Plaza on 2nd Avenue between 17th and 19th Streets in downtown Rock Island. Admission is \$9.00 for a one night ticket and \$14.00 for a two night ticket, and children 12 and under are free. Mayor Pauley noted that for more information, call (309) 788-6311 or visit www.gumboyayafestival.com.

Mayor Pauley commented that Ballet Under the Stars is a free performance of Ballet Quad Cities, and will take place on June 6th, 7th and 8th at 8:00 pm in the Lincoln Park Outdoor Theater. For more information, call (309) 786-3779.

Mayor Pauley advised 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 8, 2014 at the Holiday Inn – Rock Island at 226 17th Street as they present the 2014 Civic Awards. Mayor Pauley stated to come and meet the honorees of the year, Rock Island Police Officer Paul Girskis and Firefighter Nick Border. Social hour will begin at 5:00 pm and dinner will start at 6:00 pm followed by entertainment and the program. For reservations, call Fred Luckenbill (309) 794-9085.

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Mayor Pauley stated to come out and learn about the fundamentals of Track & Field at the 2014 Rock Island Striders Track Clinic. The Mayor added that the clinic is June 16th through June 20th each day from 2:00 pm until 3:30 pm at the Rock Island High School Stadium. Seven years old through high school ages are welcome. A \$20.00 registration fee is due to the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center by June 6th. A T-shirt is included in the registration fee. For more information, call (309) 230-9465.

Mayor Pauley offered that the Starlight Revue Concert Series is Tuesday, June 10th, the Josh Duffee Orchestra will continue the Starlight Revue Music Under the Stars Concert Series at Lincoln Park. At 6:00 pm enjoy dinner from the Hy-Vee grill followed by dance lessons at 6:30 pm. At 7:00 pm the music begins. Concert rain date is Wednesday of the same week. Call (309) 732-RAIN.

Mayor Pauley advised that summer means it's time to catch a free show by the Backwater Gamblers Water Ski Show Team. The team consists of approximately 140 members ranging in age from one to 67. Mayor Pauley indicated that skiing members perform acts such as jumping, barefooting, pyramids, swivel, strap doubles and others. Watch them on their home surf at 44th Street and the Rock River. Shows are Wednesdays and Sundays at 6:30 pm. For more information, go to www.backwatergamblers.com.

Mayor Pauley commented that the 2014 Centennial Bridge Reconstruction will be mentioned several times in the next few weeks; there will be construction on the Centennial Bridge. Mayor Pauley stated that the Centennial Bridge repair includes cross beam replacement, which runs the entire width of the bridge - across all traffic lanes, and reconstruction cannot be completed under traffic. Mayor Pauley stated that the complete bridge closure is planned for up to 35 consecutive days (July 28 - September 5). Please note: there will also be one lane closures in each direction starting in June. Mayor Pauley commented that pedestrian and bicycle access will be available during this construction. Mayor Pauley pointed out that the Illinois DOT has scheduled two public open houses on June 11th to discuss the closure of the bridge. Their locations are: Rock Island County Building, 1st Floor Rotunda, 1504 Third Avenue, Rock Island, IL - 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm and the Scott County Administration Building, 6th Floor Conference Room, 600 W Fourth Street, Davenport, IA - 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

Agenda Item #7

A Special Ordinance declaring one 1978 Chevrolet Pickup, one 1990 Ford F250 Pickup and one 2003 Ford F350 Dump Truck as surplus and allowing for disposal.

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

Agenda Item #8
CLAIMS

It was moved by Alderman Austin 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 Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, 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 \$5,127.44 to Kutsunis and Weng P.C. for legal services rendered for the month of May.
- b. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of \$13,201.03 to System Innovators for the iNovah System annual update and support maintenance for the centralized cash receipting system.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #31 in the amount of \$320,295.78 to Civil Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Wet Weather Treatment System project.
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #7 in the amount of \$31,857.16 to Gilbane Building Company for pre-construction services provided for the Rock Island Police Station.

Agenda Item #9

Claims for the weeks of May 16 through May 22 in the amount of \$967,657.36 and May 23 through May 29 in the amount of \$415,929.44 and payroll for the weeks of May 12 through May 25 in the amount of \$1,322,276.21.

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

Agenda Item #10

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the purchase of five auction properties in the amount of \$3,212.50.

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

Agenda Item #11

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding bids for the demolition of Watchtower Plaza Area Round 4, recommending the bid for Option 2 be awarded to Valley Construction in the amount of \$512,880.00.

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

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Public Works Department and Finance Department regarding a proposal from Per Mar Security and Research Corp. for providing parking enforcement services to the City.

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

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin stated that a City employee was doing that job. Alderman Austin inquired as to whether the position is vacant or if the employee that was in that position would be moving to another position in Public Works.

Public Works Director Randy Tweet advised that the position is currently vacant and the employee accepted a job as the water meter reader. Council and Mr. Tweet further discussed this item.

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

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a proposal from Quad City Arts for the 2014 Metro Arts Summer Youth Employment Program.

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Clark seconded to approve the proposal as recommended and authorize support of the program in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin inquired as to whether the City is the only municipality that was approached or is the City the only municipality that offers support.

Jessi Black, Community Arts Director with Quad City Arts stepped forward. Ms. Black stated that this year, the City was the only municipality approached; sufficient public art opportunities were only found in Rock Island this year.

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Alderman Austin advised that he had great concerns in regards to the pavement paintings. Alderman Austin was concerned that traffic and snow plows could damage the pavement paintings and drivers may be distracted by the pavement paintings. Alderman Austin stated that he was willing to offer an amendment to the motion to remove the pavement component of it. Alderman Austin added that with the pavement component as is, he would not be supporting this item. Alderman Austin advised that he was not against the program; he was just against the pavement paintings component.

Alderman Murphy stated that the report said that in other communities, the designs are repainted every two to three years as part of a social neighborhood event. Alderman Murphy inquired as to whether this is something that Quad City Arts would be organizing and doing every two to three years or would it be up to the neighborhood.

Ms. Black stated that it possibly would be something that Quad City Arts would organize. Alderman Murphy and Ms. Black further discussed this item as it related to other communities being approached for the summer arts program.

Alderman Hotle inquired as to why the specific four block area was selected for the pavement paintings. Ms. Black offered that the area was chosen because there is less vehicular traffic, but it still sees a great deal of pedestrian traffic and the area is visible from the elevated perspective as one goes up or down on 24th Street. Ms. Black added that it would have more visibility than other pavement areas.

Alderman Hotle stated that this is a good idea and a great project. Alderman Hotle added that this summer internship is exposing youth to different projects that they may not get to do in the high school classroom or in the college classroom. Alderman Hotle stated that she was in support of this project.

Alderman Austin inquired as to whether the arts community has seen the actual images that are going to be created. Ms. Black stated no, but they will see the images before they are applied. Alderman Austin and Ms. Black further discussed this item.

Alderman Conroy advised that this program is something the City does every year as far as investing in the downtown. Alderman Conroy added that it is \$10,000.00, but it is not as much as the City has spent in the past. Alderman Conroy stated that he would support this project.

Alderman Foley advised that this is the Arts and Entertainment District and this is supporting artists. Alderman Foley added that he was in support of this project.

After more discussion, Alderman Austin moved to amend the motion to eliminate the pavement painting component and replace it with a mural location to be identified.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether there was a second to this motion. No second came forward. Mayor Pauley inquired again as to whether there was a second to the motion. With no second coming forward, the motion died for lack of a second.

At this time, Mayor Pauley stated that there is a motion and a second on the floor to approve this item. The motion then carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, Alderman Austin.

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the CY2014 Budget, recommending increasing the General Fund in the amount of \$18,867.02, the Community and Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$36,680.92 and the Capital Improvements Fund in the amount of \$406,667.84 through a transfer from the Gaming Fund.

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

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the CY2014 Budget, recommending increasing the Capital Improvement Fund budget in the amount of \$20,000.00.

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

Alderman Austin commented that the City is just not finding money and throwing it at something; this was money that was budgeted. Alderman Austin added that the last budget did not get used and it is being moved to this year to use appropriately for some causes that it was going to be used for in the last fiscal year.

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a letter from Bonnie Liva to install residential parking (Type B) along the north side of 6th Avenue between 32nd and 34th Street.

It was moved by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Clark to approve installing residential parking (Type B) on the north side of 6th Avenue between 34th Street west to the alley as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a neighborhood petition from David Burgess to establish a school zone on 20th Avenue between 32nd and 35th Street and to install 4-way stop signs on 20th Avenue at the intersections of 32nd and 35th Street.

Alderman Tollenaer inquired to the City Clerk as to whether she intentionally omitted on the motion not to install the 4-way stop signs. City Clerk Aleisha Patchin stated that it was the recommendation on the report.

Alderman Tollenaer then moved to approve the request to establish a school zone on 20th Avenue between 32nd and 35th Street and to install 4-way stop signs on 20th Avenue at the intersections of 32nd Street and 35th Street and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. Alderman Murphy seconded.

Discussion followed. Alderman Conroy inquired as to whether the school has had any input on this item and was the school called on this item when the original report was done.

Public Works Director Randy Tweet stated no, the school was not called, but this is consistent in what is done with other areas in regards to a school zone.

Alderman Austin inquired as to why the school zone is between 32nd Street and 35th Street and not all the way between 30th Street and 38th Street.

Mr. Tweet explained that typically, the school zone is a certain number of feet on either side of the school; it's the same with every school in the City.

Council further discussed this issue as it related to extending the school zone.

Mr. David Burgess of 1857 34th Street stepped forward. Mr. Burgess stated that he had no objection to extending it, but the proposal was based on what the school zone is on 18th Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Serretha Williams to install a handicapped parking space at 1229 11th Street.

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the request as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #19

Report from the City Clerk regarding an Activity application from Modern Woodmen requesting to hold a 5K Run and Kids Fun Run on Saturday, September 20, 2014 from 8:30 am to 11:00 am.

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Clark seconded to approve the event as recommended.

Comments followed. Alderman Foley stated that this is great that Modern Woodmen is doing this run. Alderman Foley added that it goes to support a great organization, which is the River Bend Food Bank.

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

Agenda Item #20

Other Business.

Alderman Tollenaer stated that he was still confused in regards to item #17. Alderman Tollenaer inquired as to why the request would be brought up on the report from the Traffic Engineering Committee and not put in the recommendation for installing 4-way stop signs.

Council discussed this item and the process. Alderman Murphy clarified that staff does the report on the whole request from the neighbors, but then they only come back with a partial recommendation sometimes.

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to Play Rock Island. Alderman Murphy stated that school is out and parents are saying what can we do this summer. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to support the City of Rock Island and its activities. Alderman Murphy offered that passes can be bought for Whitewater Junction through the Parks Department. Alderman Murphy added that parents can take their kids to the nice and new Children's Garden at the Quad City Botanical Center. Alderman Murphy stated that one can get passes to RIFAC and there is golf at Saukie Golf Course and Highland Springs Golf Course. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to have their kids Play Rock Island.

Alderman Hotle stated that Friday, June 6th is the deadline for submitting the 2014 Citizen of the Year nominations. Alderman Hotle encouraged everyone to nominate someone and submit those nominations before the deadline. It was noted that nominations can be submitted to Alderman Murphy, Alderman Hotle, or to the City Clerk.

Ms. Christine Criddle of 2519 5 ½ Avenue stepped forward. Ms. Criddle voiced concerns in regards to drug problems on her street. Ms. Criddle stated to Council that she wants something done about this problem. Council and Ms. Criddle discussed this issue as it related to the Police and the Aldermen addressing this issue.

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Ms. Roxie Jay of 2524 5 ½ Avenue stepped forward. Ms. Jay also voiced concerns in regards to the horrible drug and traffic problems on her street. Council and Ms. Jay discussed this issue as it related to this ongoing problem.

Mayor Pauley advised that the City is well aware of the property and there is an ongoing investigation.

Alderman Murphy discussed this issue and stated that the Rental Inspection Program needs some funding; if the City has a strong Rental Inspection Program, the City can take care of some of the tenants that bring drugs in. Alderman Murphy further discussed this issue.

Agenda Item #21

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #22

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Clark to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, June 9, 2014. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:26 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk