

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**September 15, 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 Ivory Clark, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy, and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Deputy City Clerk Linda Mohr and City Attorney Dave Morrison. Absent were City Clerk Aleisha Patchin and Alderman David Conroy.

**Introductory Proceedings**

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

**Agenda Item #5**

**Minutes of the meeting of September 8, 2014**

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the Minutes of the meeting of September 8, 2014 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

**Agenda Item #6**

**Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley**

In tonight's Update Rock Island, Mayor Pauley advised that the PRIDE of Rock Island Marching Band is in full swing for fall and will be playing at each home football game. They will be hosting their annual Preview Night on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at the Rock Island Public Schools Stadium, 17<sup>th</sup> Street and 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This year's show is based on a Welsh term Hiraeth, which means a yearning or nostalgia for your home and lost places of your past and it is sure to be a crowd pleaser! Stadium concessions start at 6:00 pm and the performance starts at 7:15 pm. Admission is free.

Mayor Pauley reminded everyone of the Thursday Night Groove Concert Series -The free "Thursday Night Groove" concert series continues at Schwiebert Riverfront Park this Thursday, September 18, 2014. "Jason Carl & The Whole Damn Band" will take the stage at 7:00 pm. Gates open at 6:00 pm. Our concert sponsor, Rock Island Happy Joes, will have pizza for sale and Bent River beer will be available for purchase.

Also this week is the 2014 Rock Island Homecoming - Rock Island High School Homecoming Parade and Football Game have been set for Friday, September 19. The Homecoming Parade begins at 3:30 pm at Hauberg Park and the route will follow 24th Street south and then turn on 25th Avenue to the high school. The Homecoming Game will begin at 5:00 pm with the sophomores and at 7:30 pm the varsity game will start. Come out and cheer the Rock Island Rocks as they take on the United Township Panthers!

Mayor Pauley advised that the 2014 Quad Cities marathon is scheduled to take place on Sunday September 28, 2014. The 26.2 mile run starts and ends in downtown Moline but will cover four cities (including Rock Island), three bridges, two states and one island all along the might Mississippi River. Along with the marathon, there is a half marathon, a marathon relay, a 5K, a

1 mile walk and even a micro-marathon for the kids. The race weekend offers something for everyone.

And lastly, Mayor Pauley asked - Are you up for a challenge? The 1st Annual Amazing Race & Post Concert is scheduled for Saturday, September 27, 2014. The Amazing Race is a course around the city designed to push participants out of their comfort zone in search of clues, completing challenges (mental & physical) and most of all having fun! Teams of 2-5 will compete starting from Schwiebert Riverfront Park and "racing" around Rock Island. To advance to the next checkpoint, teams will have to complete a "challenge" in order to get their next clue. You must pre-register by September 17 to receive a t-shirt in your size. Registrations will still be taken the day of race but t-shirt sizes cannot be guaranteed. Registration is \$30 per person for the race and the post concert is free. Call (309) 732-7275 for more information.

Agenda Item #7

**Proclamation declaring September 19<sup>th</sup> as Preventing Lost Potential Day 2014.**

Mayor read the proclamation and it was accepted by Marshall Porter. Mr. Porter explained what the HavLife, Preventing Lost Potential Day was all about and encouraged the Mayor, Council, Staff and the public to help celebrate youth and enjoy the free festivities at Schwiebert Riverfront Park on the 19th.

Agenda Item #8

**Claims**

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

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$472,548.51 to Langman Construction, Inc. for the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Resurfacing, Project 2683 (191).
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 and final in the amount of \$2,499.78 to New Coat Seal and Paving for the 2014 Joint and crack Sealing Program, Project 2376 (192).

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

Agenda Item #9

**Claims for the weeks of September 5 through September 11 in the amount of \$912,092.45.**

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

Agenda Item #10

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding the bids for the new Police Station, Package #2, recommending the bids be awarded to Seedorff Masonry for \$2,003,450.00; Bush Construction for \$2,981,700.00; W. F. Scott Decorating for \$221,308.00; Tri-State Automatic Sprinkler for \$212,595.00; Northwest Mechanical, Inc. for \$1,438,392.00; Crawford Company for \$1,275,000.00 and Tri-City Electric Company for \$2,353,246.00.**

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the bids as recommended and authorize Gilbane Building Company to execute the contract documents. Mayor Pauley advised that although these bids, added to the previous amounts, totaled up to almost \$23,000,000, staff was working with the contractors to make revisions and cuts to keep the costs much lower. Alderman Foley stated that he wanted to thank Mayor Pauley for his leadership and hard work on getting this project underway. Alderman Hotle said that this is a very important addition to the City and it will be a building that will serve the City and its police department for 100 years to come. Alderman Murphy said that this is a long process, but that we have engaged everyone's participation from the beginning, starting with public tours of the current police department. Alderman Austin asked Randy Tweet, Public Works Director if there was a reason there was only one bid submitted on some of the items listed above. Tweet said that this bidding was for some very specific items and some projects were on a very large scale and that overall, the bidding and interest for this process was very good. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #11

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding the bids for two complete raw water pumps with motors, including installation, recommending the bid be awarded to Electric Pump in the amount of \$96,219.59.**

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

Agenda Item #12

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a revision made to the original contract regarding the disposition of property in the Southwest Industrial Area, changing the name only from A. Hanna LLC to the legal name, A. Hana Growers LLC. It was moved by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the Purchase Agreement with A. Hana Growers LLC as revised, subject to minor modifications by Legal Counsel for each party prior to execution 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 Murphy, Alderman Austin, and Alderman Clark; those voting No, Alderman Hotle.

Agenda Item #13

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from the College Hill District Organization to use money (not to exceed \$8,000) from the previously allotted College Hill funds to purchase benches and waste receptacles to be placed in the that area.**

It was moved by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to approve the request as recommended. Alderman Murphy asked where the benches and the waste receptacles would be placed and Randy Tweet, Public Works Director, went over the map included with their report, describing each location. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #14

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Northpoint Avenue Investments, LLC for a Riverfront Corridor Overlay District site plan review for a new 13,000 square-foot medical office and clinic for UnityPoint Gastroenterology at approximately 4501 47th Avenue Court.**

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

Agenda Item #15

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding Citizen's Advisory Committee recommendations for Fiscal Year 2015 - 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocations. It was moved by Alderman Clark to approved the allocations as recommended, but amending the allocation recommendations for the Martin Luther King Jr. Center to show the MLK Afterschool Program receiving \$74,665.00, the Summer Day Camp Program receiving \$46,425.00, the RI Boxing Club receiving \$2,000.00, the Gateway Project receiving \$2,000.00 and the RI Athletic Club receiving \$2,000.00, with the stipulation that these funds will not be used for traveling for the latter three programs.**

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

Agenda Item #16

**Report from the City Clerk's office regarding a Sound Amplification Permit request from St. George Greek Orthodox Church to hold their annual Big Fat Greek Festival on Friday, September 19th and Saturday, September 20th from 11:00 a.m. to 11 p.m. at the church, 2930 - 31st Avenue.**

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

Agenda Item #17

**Other Business**

Alderman Austin again reminded everyone of his "Community Meeting" to be held September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene, 2921 – 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Island. The meeting is open to all Rock Island residents and is a good chance to ask questions and voice any concerns.

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. This week she featured Gendler's Wine and Spirits, on the corner of 30<sup>th</sup> Street and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Alderman Murphy advised that this location has been owned by the Requet family for many years and is an excellent place to get all your wine and related items.

Annette Zapolis from Cool Beanz Coffee House, 1325 30<sup>th</sup> Street, signed up to speak to the Council as a representative of the College Hill District. She thanked the Mayor and Council for approving their request for the benches and waste receptacles earlier in the meeting, but said she also wanted to express her disappointment with the recent changes in City Staff. Ms. Zapolis stated that the College Hill District has made great progress in the four years since its inception and that she and the other members of the board hope that it will remain a priority with the City and the City Council so that the district can continue to move forward and flourish. Mayor Pauley advised Ms. Zapolis that the College Hill District has become a beautiful, thriving part of Rock Island and it will continue to be a priority in future City plans.

Agenda Item #18.

**Recess**

A motion was made by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Murphy to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, September 22, 2014. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:09 pm.