

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 15, 2014  
MINUTES**

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 6:15 pm in City Council Chambers at Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding and Aldermen Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer and Kate Hotle. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, Human Resources Director John Thorson, Ben McCready, Assistant to the City Manager and other City staff. City Attorney Dave Morrison arrived at 6:17 pm and Alderman Joy Murphy arrived at 6:36 pm. Alderman David Conroy was absent.

At this time, various City staff were excused from the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Alderman Tollenaer 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 Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 6:16 pm.

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:38 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Austin to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

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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 Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer and Kate Hotle. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Dave Morrison. Alderman David Conroy 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 December 8, 2014.**

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

**Agenda Item #6**

**Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.**

Mayor Pauley stated that in observance of the holidays, City Hall will be closed Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. The refuse schedule will be on normal schedule Monday thru Wednesday and the rest of the week one day late both the week of Christmas and New Years. The Mayor added that recycling will be on schedule Tuesday and Wednesday and the rest of the week one day late for both the week of Christmas and New Years. Mayor Pauley stated that all Rock Island Library locations will close early at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup> and will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> for the Christmas and New Year's Holiday. Mayor Pauley stated that the City of Rock Island wishes everyone a very happy and safe holiday season!

Mayor Pauley stated that as we enter the winter season, please note that parking is not allowed on designated snow routes when two or more inches of snow has fallen until the snow has been removed. Snow routes are marked by street signage. Vehicles in violation of this ordinance will receive a \$35 parking ticket. Mayor Pauley added that vehicles that remain in violation will be towed. In the event of snow, primary streets are plowed first and school areas are plowed second. Residential streets are plowed when the primary streets and school areas are complete.

Are you getting or giving new technology this holiday season? Mayor Pauley stated that you can build your technology literacy with free classes on a number of devices and platforms at Rock Island Public Libraries. Mayor Pauley indicated that to meet post-holiday demand, the library will add extra technology class sessions and topics for those who unwrap new technology under the tree this holiday season. Each session covers all common device types, including personal eReaders, computers, tablets and Mp3 players. Mayor Pauley commented that the class will cover basic features, tips and settings for users of both Apple-based and Android-based tablet

computers and phones. Participants should bring their devices along. Instruction is aimed at adult learners. Children and teens must be accompanied by an adult. For dates and times, check the calendar at <http://rockislandlibrary.org/> or call (309) 732-READ(7323).

Mayor Pauley advised that applications are now being accepted for the 2015 Illinois Quad City Police Departments Citizen Police Academy. The Mayor added that the Citizen Police Academy is an 11 week program designed to give participants a basic knowledge of how your police department operates and is taught by police officers from the Illinois Quad Cities area. The academy will meet weekly February 4<sup>th</sup> through April 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm. If you are interested or want further information, you can pick up an application/information flyer at the Rock Island, Moline, East Moline, Silvis or Milan Police Departments, Rock Island County Sheriff's Department or the Illinois State Police. Completed applications will be accepted until January 9, 2015.

Agenda Item #7

**Public Hearing on a request from Shawn and Lisa Melton-Gaylor for a special use permit to locate a solar-lighted temporary freestanding sign identifying a day care home use at 625 10<sup>th</sup> Street.**

At this time, Alderman Clark moved to defer Agenda Item #7 to Monday, January 5, 2015.

Mayor Pauley stated that he understands that the applicant wants to do a little more research on the signage and lighting. Alderman Clark stated yes and that he would like for the applicant to talk to staff to get a better idea of what she actually wants to do.

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

Mayor Pauley advised that Agenda Item #7 is deferred until January 5, 2015.

Agenda Item #8

**A Special Ordinance amending a Special Ordinance for Chapter 16, Sec.16-36(c) of the Code of Ordinances regarding establishing a fee of \$35.00 for water shutoff notices for nonpayment.**

**Note: The motion to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance for Agenda Item #8 did not carry at the December 8, 2014 meeting.**

Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to renew the motion to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance.

Discussion followed. Alderman Foley inquired for an explanation of this item.

Alderman Hotle advised that Agenda Item #8 is going to be the door hanger and Agenda Item #9 is changing the fee. Alderman Hotle added that if you do the door hanger to get a person's water turned back on, it is only going to be \$35.00 instead of the current \$65.00 charge.

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

Agenda Item #9

**A Special Ordinance amending a Special Ordinance regarding Chapter 16, Article II, Sec 16-34: Establishing Water Rates of the Code of Ordinances concerning changing the disconnect charge to \$35.00.**

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

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin stated that this item was discussed with the City Attorney earlier this evening about the language. Alderman Austin stated that last week this item was discussed and the fee was to have the water reconnected, but the ordinance reads as a disconnect charge as opposed to a reconnection charge. Alderman Austin then inquired upon City Attorney Morrison as to why the language is different than what was intended.

City Attorney Morrison advised that Exhibit A is attached to the ordinance and it sets out to what the various fees are; what was being referred to as a reconnect fee is actually a disconnect fee. City Attorney Morrison added that the charge happens at the time it is disconnected. City Attorney Morrison stated that previously the disconnect fee was \$62.10; the discussion was whether or not that should be changed to \$35.00. City Attorney Morrison commented that the word disconnect fee is being used because that is where the fee is actually incurred as opposed to a reconnect fee. City Attorney Morrison indicated that there is not a reconnect fee; there is a \$35.00 charge for the door hanger and if there is a disconnection then there is a \$35.00 charge to disconnect as opposed to the \$62.10 to disconnect. City Attorney Morrison added that there is not nor has there been a reconnect fee. Council and City Attorney Morrison 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, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #10

**A Special Ordinance amending a zoning district and zoning map at 4017 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

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

Agenda Item #11

**A Special Ordinance vacating a north/south alley between 40<sup>th</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> Streets and 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenues.**

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

Discussion followed. Alderman Tollenaer stated that he thought the City was only going to do this with the stipulation that they had a plan.

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder stated that the building plans have been submitted; staff was actually waiting for them to submit the plat of survey to record. Mr. Eder added that it is going around for signatures now. Council and Mr. Eder 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, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #12

**A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 9, Article IV, Sec. 9-113 of the Code of Ordinances regarding the notice required for filing an application for a scheduled event and notification requirements for new events.**

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

Agenda Item #13

**Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$668,132.85, such funds to be provided from revenues of Gaming to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds, series 2014A.**

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

Agenda Item #14

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

- a. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of \$14,170.60 to DLT Solutions, Inc. for the annual AutoDesk subscription maintenance.
- b. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of \$18,562.22 to Active Network, Inc. for the annual maintenance fee for Park and Recreation software.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #38 in the amount of \$69,752.80 to Civil Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Wet Weather Treatment System project.

Agenda Item #15

**Claims for the week of December 5 through December 11 in the amount of \$645,518.14 and payroll for the weeks of November 24 through December 7 in the amount of \$1,448,684.47.**

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

Agenda Item #16

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the purchase of water treatment chemicals, recommending the bid for each of the water treatment chemicals listed in the report in the total amount of \$537,850.00.**

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to award the bid as recommended and authorize purchases in 2015.

Comments followed. Alderman Austin stated that \$537,000.00 is a lot of chemicals at a high price, but at the same time, buying it through the Bi-State cooperative purchase program saves the City a bunch of money too. Alderman Austin added that it is a very cost effective way for the City to do business.

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

Agenda Item #17

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the purchase of wastewater treatment chemicals, recommending the bid for each of the wastewater treatment chemicals listed in the report in the total amount of \$74,917.00.**

Alderman Murphy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to award the bid as recommended and authorize purchases in 2015. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #18

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a work order from AT&T for relocation of cables at Watchtower Plaza, 3800 11<sup>th</sup> Street.**

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the work order 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 Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #19

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an Ordinance affirming the establishment of an Enterprise Zone within the County of Rock Island, Illinois and a Quad City Enterprise Zone Intergovernmental Agreement.**

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Austin seconded to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance, approve the agreement and authorize the Mayor to execute the contract documents. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #20

**Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the CY2014 Budget, recommending a budget transfer decreasing the Concrete Patching and RIPD/City Hall Repair projects in the General Fund in the amount of \$8,270.42 and increasing the Asphalt Patching project in the General Fund in the amount of \$8,270.42.**

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

Agenda Item #21

**Report from the Human Resources Department regarding a 2.5% General Wage Increase for non-affiliated employees effective January 5, 2015.**

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

Agenda Item #22

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding review of a final plat of the Donald Gay Subdivision located at 600/602 5<sup>th</sup> Street.**

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

Agenda Item #23

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Jody and Gene Zwiefel to apply for a Special Use Permit to operate an antique furniture business out of the care takers cottage and carriage house located next to the Potter House at 1918 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

Alderman Murphy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to allow for the application of the special use permit as recommended.

Discussion followed. Alderman Hotle clarified that this approval is just allowing them to apply for a special use permit; they will still have to go through the full process of having a public hearing. Alderman Hotle added that their neighborhood will be able to give public comments if they choose to do so at a later date.

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

Agenda Item #24

**Report from General Administration regarding the cancellation of the City Council meeting on Monday, December 22, 2014.**

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the cancellation as recommended and authorize staff to take the necessary actions to notify the public and the media of the cancellation. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #25

**Other Business.**

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

Alderman Hotle wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and a happy, healthy and safe holiday season.

Alderman Murphy commented on the Citizens Police Academy. Alderman Murphy stated that she has participated twice and it is very educational. Alderman Murphy added that if anyone wants to know what goes on in the Police Department and how they work then this is a great opportunity for citizens to sign up.

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy stated that there are a lot of great places to eat in the City. Alderman Murphy advised that in the College Hill area, there is the Black Ram, Kavanaugh's, Cool Beanz, La Rancherita, Lee's on 14<sup>th</sup>, Harris Pizza and Happy Joe's Pizza. Alderman Murphy commented that on 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, there is Hungry Hobo, Dr. Gyro's, Rudy's, Hy-Vee, Checkers, Poor Boys, Subway, Oriental Express and Little Caesar's. Alderman Murphy added that Downtown, there is the Blue Cat, Le Figaro's, Huckleberry's, Mama Compton's, Bennigan's, Atlante's, Theo's, Steve's, RIBCO, QC Pancake House, Rooster's and Subway. Alderman Murphy stated that on Blackhawk Road, there is On The Rock, Jake O's, Pizza & Subs, Jimmy Johns, Subway and the Mediterranean Restaurant. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local and Shop Rock Island first.

Agenda Item #26

**Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.**

An Executive Session was held prior to the regular meeting.

Agenda Item #27

**Recess**

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, January 5, 2015. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle, those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:03 pm.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk