

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 5, 2015  
MINUTES**

Rock Island City Council met in regular session at 6:45 pm in Council Chambers of Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Joy Murphy presiding, and Aldermen Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, David Conroy, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer and Kate Hotle. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Dave Morrison. Mayor Dennis E. Pauley was absent.

**Introductory Proceedings**

Mayor Pro Tem Murphy called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Alderman Hotle gave the Invocation.

**Agenda Item #5**

**Minutes of the meeting of December 15, 2014.**

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the Minutes of the meeting of December 15, 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 Pro Tem Murphy.**

Mayor Pro Tem Murphy stated that the City of Rock Island will offer free Christmas tree collection through January 9, 2015. Christmas trees should be placed at the normal garbage setout point on the citizen's garbage collection day. Mayor Pro Tem Murphy added that Christmas ornaments, lights and stands must be removed from the tree. Trees must be placed at least three feet away from garbage carts to guarantee collection of both the Christmas trees and the garbage carts. Separate trucks will pickup Christmas trees.

Mayor Pro Tem Murphy advised that the Rock Island Art Guild will host a student art show at the Rock Island Library in January, featuring art projects from 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders at Earl Hanson Elementary School in Rock Island. The show is available for viewing on the second floor of the Main Library during regular hours until the end of January.

Mayor Pro Tem Murphy stated that the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center A.C.T.I.V.E. Club is hosting a Trivia Night, Friday, January 9, 2015 at the King Center, 630 9<sup>th</sup> Street. The doors open at 6:00 pm and the trivia begins at 7:00 pm. Mayor Pro Tem Murphy added that the cost is \$10.00 per person or \$80.00 per table. You may bring snacks for your table. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed. Food will be available for purchase also. For more information, call (309) 732-2999.

Join thousands of residents and visitors as they turn out for Bald Eagle Days at the Quad City Expo Center, Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am to 8:00 pm and Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Mayor Pro Tem Murphy stated that this year's show includes: over 100 display booths, a 20 foot climbing tower, birds of prey, Niabi

Zoo exotic animals and the Pella Wildlife Company. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$1 for kids and kids under 6 are free. Great fun and value for the whole family.

Mayor Pro Tem Murphy advised that Mayor Dennis Pauley will present the annual State of the City address on Monday, January 12, 2015, during a joint, noon meeting of the Rock Island Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs at the Quad Cities Botanical Center at 2525 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mayor Pro Tem Murphy indicated that Mayor Pauley will repeat the presentation at 6:45 pm at the beginning of the City Council meeting. The Council meeting is open to the public and Mediacom subscribers can watch the address live on Channel 9. Mayor Pauley states, "The State of the City address gives us an opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments of 2014 and look ahead to the opportunities of 2015." The text of the address will be available on [www.rigov.org](http://www.rigov.org) on January 13, 2015.

Mayor Pro Tem Murphy advised that the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dr. King Jr. Memorial Service and Award celebration honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be held on Monday, January 19, 2015 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, 630 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Mayor Pro Tem Murphy added that the theme for this year's program is "Meeting the Forces of Hate with the Power of Love." The purpose of the award is to acknowledge the enormous contributions made to our community by youth and adult Rock Island citizens.

Agenda Item #7

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

Mayor Pro Tem Murphy closed the regular meeting at 6:49 pm and opened a Public Hearing on a request from Shawn and Lisa Melton-Gaylor for a special use permit to locate a temporary freestanding sign identifying a day care home use at 625 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

Lisa Melton-Gaylor of 625 10<sup>th</sup> Street stepped forward. Mayor Pro Tem Murphy swore in Ms. Melton-Gaylor. Ms. Melton-Gaylor stated that she has a day care home in Downtown Rock Island near the King Center. Ms. Melton-Gaylor stated that she would like to post a sign in her yard. Ms. Melton-Gaylor stated that there are a lot of day cares in Rock Island that close at 6:00 pm and she was willing to stay open a little bit later.

Alderman Austin inquired as to what material the sign is made of. Ms. Melton-Gaylor stated that the sign is made of vinyl and it is tacked on to particle board.

Alderman Austin was concerned that this type of vinyl sign may look wonderful one week, but due to the weather elements, it may end up looking tattered. Ms. Melton-Gaylor advised that she went with a vinyl sign so that it could be cleaned.

Alderman Austin inquired upon Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder as to whether the material is acceptable for that sign. Mr. Eder stated yes, it is. Mr. Eder advised that Ms. Melton-Gaylor will only put the sign up when she has an opening; it is more of a temporary sign so it will stay in good shape.

After more discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Murphy inquired as to whether there was anyone that wished to speak in favor of the special use permit. No one stepped forward.

Mayor Pro Tem Murphy then inquired as to whether there was anyone that wished to speak in opposition to the special use permit. No one stepped forward.

With no persons present to speak in favor of or in opposition to the special use permit, Mayor Pro Tem Murphy closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 6:53 pm.

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the special use permit as recommended, subject to the stipulations that; the temporary freestanding sign shall only be in use when the applicant has an opening in their day care home business; the sign shall not be lighted; the sign shall not exceed 2.5' x 5' in area and four feet in height from grade to top of sign; the sign shall be located perpendicular to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the south front yard at a minimum of ten feet from all property lines; the sign shall meet all other applicable codes and ordinances; 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 #8

**CLAIMS**

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Foley 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 \$6,445.71 to Dave Morrison for legal services rendered for the month of December.
- b. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$20,611.20 to Broadspire for Worker's Compensation settlement for Brian Manecke.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 and final in the amount of \$40,657.85 to Centennial Contractors of the Quad Cities for services provided for the 2014 50/50 Sidewalk and Curb Program project.
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #4 in the amount of \$35,027.60 to Greenspace Associates for services provided for the 2014 Sod Replacement Program project.
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #3 in the amount of \$8,262.79 to General Asphalt Construction Company for services provided for the 2014 Asphalt Street Milling and Patching Program project.

f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 and final in the amount of \$82,337.88 to Brandt Construction Company for services provided for the 2014 Southwest Rock Island Railroad Crossing Repair project.

g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #13 in the amount of \$471,348.77 to Gilbane Building Company for construction services provided for the Rock Island Police Station project.

h. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #10 and final in the amount of \$68,798.39 to Valley Construction for services provided for the Rock Island Landing at Schwiebert Park.

Agenda Item #9

**Claims for the weeks of December 12 through December 18 in the amount of \$1,060,969.98 and December 19 through December 23 in the amount of \$1,047,088.65 and payroll for the weeks of December 8 through December 21 in the amount of \$1,294,213.61.**

Alderman Conroy 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 Public Works Department regarding an amendment to the lease agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC for installing a backup diesel generator at the 3805 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue water tower site.**

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the amendment 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 #11

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the disposition of City property at 909 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to Mr. Eli Taliafero for \$1.00 plus applicable filing fees and closing costs.**

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Austin seconded to approve the disposition of property 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 #12

**Report from the City Clerk regarding an application and Resolution for the Quad Cities River Bandits to hold a 5K Run on Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 9:00 am to 10:00 am.**

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

Agenda Item #13

**Report from the City Clerk regarding an application from the Spring Forward Learning Center requesting to hold a 5K Run on Saturday, April 18, 2015 beginning at 9:00 am.**

Alderman Clark moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve the event 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 #14

**Other Business.**

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

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy stated that the months of January and February are always tough for retailers. Alderman Murphy added that the City has a lot of great family owned/locally owned retailers. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to go out and spend \$50.00 at locally owned retailers in Rock Island and show support for them. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to Shop Rock Island first.

Agenda Item #15

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

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #16

**Recess**

A motion was made by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Foley to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, January 12, 2015. 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 6:58 pm.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk