

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 6:00 pm in City Council Chambers at Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen Ivory D. Clark, P.J. Foley, Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen, Deputy Police Chief Jason Foy, other City staff and City Attorney Dave Morrison. Aldermen David Conroy and Stephen L. Tollenaer were absent.

UPDATE ON DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen advised that Deputy Police Chief Jason Foy would provide an update to Council on the Deer Management Program.

Deputy Chief Foy advised that on February 23, 2014, Council approved a full season deer hunt, which ran from October 1, 2014 through January 18, 2015. Deputy Chief Foy added that Council approved up to eight private sites and up to six public sites. It was noted that a \$50.00 fee was administered to the hunters this year. Deputy Chief Foy advised that throughout the season, there was a total of 15 hunters in which seven hunters hunted the four private sites that were chosen and eight hunters hunted the four public locations that were submitted. Deputy Chief Foy indicated that a total of 50 deer were harvested across the public and private sites. Deputy Chief Foy advised that 27 deer were harvested in October, 14 in November, 6 in December and 3 in January.

Deputy Chief Foy referred to the map and discussed the locations (public and private sites) where the deer were harvested. Deputy Chief Foy commented that nine deer were harvested on public sites and 41 deer were harvested on private sites. Council and Deputy Chief Foy discussed the locations as it related to more deer being harvested from the private sites than the public sites.

Deputy Chief Foy discussed the recommendations for the program. Deputy Chief Foy stated that they would like to keep with the full deer hunting season for next year, which would begin October 1, 2015 and run through January 17, 2016. Deputy Chief Foy added that they would maintain the eight private sites and the six public sites as well as the \$50.00 administrative fee. Deputy Chief Foy stated that they would also like to possibly incorporate adult/youth partnerships, such as father/son, father/daughter, mother/son or mother/daughter.

Deputy Chief Foy indicated that the requirement of harvesting two does before a buck would be maintained as well as the current safety guidelines and requirements. Deputy Chief Foy stated that they would like to explore the idea of coordinating a donation program for the harvested deer. Deputy Chief Foy noted that the hunters brought up that idea at a previous hunters meeting. Deputy Chief Foy commented that the hunter that harvested 12 deer on the eastern edge of Saukie was able to provide deer to 19 families. Deputy Chief Foy further discussed this item.

Council and Deputy Chief Foy discussed the current public and private sites as it related to the number of sites and the locations of those sites as well as identifying other sites for the harvesting of deer. Council and Deputy Chief Foy discussed the impact of the hunt for the last two years as it related to deer population numbers. Council discussed the possibility of installing deer crossing signs along the 17th Street corridor.

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Council also discussed the possibility of increasing the current fee. Deputy Chief Foy stated that in the first year of the deer hunting program, the administrative fee was \$25.00; it was increased to \$50.00 to basically cover the cost of the signs that were printed. Deputy Chief Foy added that if the administrative fee gets too high, you could price the hunters out. Deputy Chief Foy commented that the \$50.00 fee allows for a more select group of hunters. Deputy Chief Foy added that the hunters pay \$50.00 to the City and each pair of tags cost \$26.50. Deputy Chief Foy further discussed this issue.

In addition, Council discussed the possibility of doing another flyover in the future as it related to deer counts. Council, Deputy Chief Foy and Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson discussed communicating results of Rock Island's deer hunt with the city of Moline. Council further discussed a future flyover regarding deer counts.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Foley, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm.

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 Ivory D. Clark, David Conroy, P.J. Foley, Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Dave Morrison. Alderman Stephen L. Tollenauer was absent.

Introductory Proceedings

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

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of February 2, 2015.

A motion was made by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the Minutes of the meeting of February 2, 2015 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Head out to Watch Tower Lodge at Black Hawk State Historic Site on Saturday, February 14, from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Mayor Pauley stated that you can go for a stroll on a luminary-lit trail or just go into the Lodge and keep warm by the fire while enjoying fresh donuts and cider or hot cocoa. Mayor Pauley added that there will be music provided by Just4Fun. This is fun for singles, couples and families. The event is free. For more information call (309) 788-9536.

Mayor Pauley advised that refuse and recycling collection will be on the normal collection schedule during the week of the President's Day holiday. The Drop-Off Center located at Millennium Waste, 13606 Knoxville Road, Milan will be open on Saturday from 7:00 am to noon. City of Rock Island offices will be open on President's Day, Monday, February 16, 2015.

Snow Sports Day, February 16, 2015 Presidents Day, if your kids don't have school spend the day with the Park & Recreation Department tubing at Snowstar and playing winter games and crafts at RIFAC. Mayor Pauley commented that the cost is \$30 per person. Call (309)-732-PARK to get registered.

Mayor Pauley stated that the 2015 RV & Camping Show is coming to the Quad City Expo Center February 20 through February 22, 2015. Hours are Friday, 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am – 8:00 pm and Sunday from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Mayor Pauley added that no matter how you prefer to sleep under the stars – you can find your dream destination gear here. Adult tickets are \$7.00 at the door or \$5.00 advance tickets at your local Hy-Vee store. Kids 6-16 are \$1.00 and kids under 6 are free. Friday is Senior Day – anyone over 55 is just \$5.00 from noon to 5:00 pm.

Agenda Item #7

Presentation of the Financial Management Report for December 2014.

Finance Director Cynthia Parchert advised that the December 2014 Financial Management Report is unaudited. Ms. Parchert noted that they are still entering year-end accruals. Ms. Parchert pointed out that Gaming came in approximately \$500,000.00 under what was budgeted. Ms. Parchert stated that the year-end motor fuel tax transfer to the General Fund has not been completed so the General Fund is showing a deficit of \$382,000.00, but the transfer will cover that and it will come in at about \$500,000.00 to the positive. Ms. Parchert advised that all of the Martin Luther King facility donations have been received and the entire project is done; all of the revenue has been received. Ms. Parchert commented that they are still short approximately \$100,000.00. Ms. Parchert further discussed this item. Ms. Parchert pointed out that in the proprietary funds, all of the expenses appear to be significantly under budget and that is because of year-end adjustments. Ms. Parchert added that all capital expenses need to be reclassified to fixed assets and they are capitalized. Ms. Parchert noted that it has been done and that is why those expenses look like they are coming in under budget.

Council and Ms. Parchert further discussed the December 2014 Financial Management Report.

Agenda Item #8

A Special Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit at 1918 7th Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #9

A Special Ordinance providing for acceptance of the donation of property at 602-604 10th Street from Second Baptist Church to the City of Rock Island.

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Conroy to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #10

A Special Ordinance providing for the donation of City owned property at 1009 and 1013 6th Avenue to Second Baptist Church.

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

Agenda Item #11
CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$7,888.55 to Dave Morrison for legal services rendered for the month of January.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #14 in the amount of \$437,976.36 to Gilbane Building Company for construction services provided for the Rock Island Police Station project.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of 64,987.92 to Brandt Construction Company for an emergency sanitary sewer repair at Hillcrest Court.

Agenda Item #12

Claims for the week of January 30 through February 5 in the amount of \$1,052,233.42 and payroll for the weeks of January 19 through February 1 in the amount of \$1,339,188.79.

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

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a development agreement with Growth for the Garden District Development.

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

Discussion followed. Mayor Pauley inquired upon Renaissance Rock Island President Brian Hollenback to comment on this item. Mr. Hollenback distributed various documents to Council regarding two articles and the Garden District development information.

Mr. Hollenback discussed two articles, one from a recent publication in the Novogradac Tax Credit Journal featuring the Hill & Valley transaction and another article from two years ago regarding the Locks. Mr. Hollenback stated that these articles give some acknowledgment of the successes with development.

Mr. Hollenback then turned his attention to the proposed Garden District. Mr. Hollenback advised that the Garden District next to Jackson Square is an opportunity to build on the

successes of all of the developments in which this development will be diversified in the product type as well as the unit mixes. Mr. Hollenback added that it will provide us with the only downtown community that has a single family home component to it. Mr. Hollenback noted that this will be a true single family home development. Mr. Hollenback advised that this will capitalize on over \$20 million dollars worth of investment between the Children's Garden, Botanical Center, and all of the additional investment along the Arsenal Gateway. Mr. Hollenback stated that it will also provide additional amenities for the residents of Jackson Square.

Mr. Hollenback referenced the site plan and pointed out that this development will include a dog park, an outdoor patio with a fire pit and grill, an urban garden, and an opportunity to expand with a playground. Mr. Hollenback advised that this will be an opportunity for someone to own a single family home, but they would not be responsible for mowing the grass or snow removal.

Mr. Hollenback discussed the current request for the contribution of the parking lot, which will serve as parking for the residents and commercial tenants in Jackson Square and will support the new development. Mr. Hollenback also discussed the total development budget.

Mr. Hollenback discussed the site plan. Mr. Hollenback offered that the proposed sale prices for the Garden District housing range from \$129,900.00 to \$189,900.00. Mr. Hollenback added that the unit mixes within the seven units range from 1,600 to 2,000 square feet and they will have two bedrooms, two baths and three bedrooms, two baths. Mr. Hollenback added that these units will have one and two car attached garages.

Council and Mr. Hollenback further discussed the Garden District development as it related to the site plan, the three different floor plans, amenities and views from the area.

Alderman Clark noted that he would be abstaining from this item because he bought a home from Growth.

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Calendar Year 2015 Budget, recommending increasing the Community/Economic Development fund in the amount of \$395,000.00.

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

Agenda Item #15

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Kavanaugh's Hilltop Tavern to hold an outdoor tented event for the St. Patrick's Day Parade weekend on Friday, March 13, 2015 from 6:00 pm to midnight and Saturday, March 14, 2015 from noon to 9:00 pm at 1228 30th Street.

Agenda Item #16

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Kavanaugh's Hilltop Tavern to have live entertainment outside on their semi enclosed Leprechaun Landing (deck) on Friday and Saturday nights from 4:00 pm to midnight beginning April 3 to October 31, 2015.

Alderman Conroy moved to approve Item #15 and Item #16 with noted concerns of shutting down early for complaints, Alderman Murphy seconded. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #17

Report from the City Clerk regarding an Activity application and Resolution for the annual Ride the River event to be held on Sunday, June 21, 2015.

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

Agenda Item #18

Other Business.

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

Alderman Clark congratulated Ramsey Vesey Jr. on winning the National Silver Boxing Championship.

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy stated that Valentine's Day is just around the corner and when you are getting ready to order flowers for that special someone, call or stop by Hy-Vee Floral on 18th Avenue at Hy-Vee, Papillon Flowers on 18th Avenue and 44th Street, Lamps Flower Shop on 14th Avenue and 39th Street and Coleman Florist on 12th Street and 27th Avenue. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to Shop Rock Island First.

Agenda Item #19

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

An Executive Session was not held.

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Agenda Item #20

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Clark to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, February 16, 2015. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin, those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:11 pm.

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