

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**March 16, 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 Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen David Conroy, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III and Ivory D. Clark. Also present were Assistant City Manager/CED Director Jeff Eder and City Attorney Dave Morrison. City Manager Thomas Thomas was absent.

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 March 9, 2015.

A motion was made by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Clark to approve the Minutes of the meeting of March 9, 2015 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, 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.

Mayor Pauley stated that warmer weather has finally arrived and Saukie Golf Course is now open for walking only on temporary greens and tees. Cost is \$10.00 all day. Please pay inside clubhouse if open, otherwise please follow procedure for Honor Box. Call Saukie at (309) 732-CART for more information.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Rock Island Public Library will host a volunteer coffee for current and prospective library volunteers at 9:30 am on Friday, March 20 at the 30/31 Branch bookstore. The Mayor added that the event will include a discussion of current and upcoming volunteer opportunities available at the three locations of the Rock Island Public Library. Opportunities include book sale needs and helping with the library's "Every Hero Has a Story" summer reading program. Coffee and donuts will be served. For more information or questions, call 309-732-READ (7323).

Join the Rock Island Library during Rock Island/Milan school break for a program that's all about making fun stuff. Mayor Pauley stated that on Monday, March 23, 2015 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Main Library construct and play with an "art-bot" robot, play a computer coding game, and learn how to create your own computer animation. Available for ages 8 and up. The program is free.

Avoid costly, unexpected repairs! Sign up for the Water Service Repair Program and/or the Sewer Lateral Repair Program. Mayor Pauley stated that each program pays up to \$8,000 for the repair or replacement of a leaking water service or a failed sewer lateral. In addition to protecting you from the cost of a repair, each program will protect you from the nuisance of arranging

financing and hiring a plumbing contractor on short notice. Visit the City's website at www.rigov.org or contact the Public Works Department at (309) 732-2200 for additional information and an application.

Mayor Pauley advised that the 2015 Flower & Garden Show is coming to the Quad City Expo Center March 26 through March 29, 2015. Hours are Friday, 10:00 am – 8:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am – 8:00 pm and Sunday from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Great fun and value for the whole family. Adult tickets are \$7.00, Kids 6-16 are \$1.00 and kids under 6 are free. Friday is Senior Day from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm – just \$5.00 tickets at the door.

Agenda Item #7

Proclamation declaring March 16 through March 22, 2015 as Brain Awareness Week.

Mayor Pauley read the proclamation. Pilot Club member Mary Maland accepted the proclamation. Ms. Maland thanked the Mayor for the proclamation and stated that she is the treasurer for the Pilot Club in Moline. Ms. Maland then introduced Jared the Giraffe (puppet). Ms. Maland stated that Jared goes into the schools. Ms. Maland advised that the Pilot Club supports Bikes for Brains and the Pilot Club provides helmets for that activity. Ms. Maland commented that Jared is there and talks to the children about how to wear a helmet to protect their brains.

Agenda Item #8

A Special Ordinance declaring one current City owned 2007 Ford Crown Vic and 18 2011 Ford Crown Vic's as surplus and allowing for disposal.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Murphy seconded to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance.

Discussion followed. Alderman Tollenaer inquired upon Public Works Director Randy Tweet as to how the vehicles are being sold. Mr. Tweet advised that they are doing an online sale this time through a bidder that goes nationwide.

Alderman Tollenaer then inquired as to how they are going to let the citizens of Rock Island know that these vehicles are being sold. Mr. Tweet advised that prior to the online bidding, Public Works sold the vehicles in the lot, published it in the paper and citizens would come to the lot and look at the vehicles. Mr. Tweet stated that after that, a local auction agency was used, and now Public Works is trying to use an online bidder that opens it up to the entire country. Mr. Tweet added that the prices are supposed to be quite a bit better.

Alderman Tollenaer then inquired as to where the information can be found. Mr. Tweet stated that it can be published on the City's website.

After more discussion, Mr. Tweet advised that the information would be published on the City's website, on Channel 9 and on the City's Facebook page.

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

Agenda Item #9

A Resolution urging the Governor and General Assembly to protect full funding of the Local Government Distributive Fund revenues.

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

Agenda Item #10

CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$346,073.71 to Brandt Construction for services provided for the 6th Avenue Relief Sewer project.

Agenda Item #11

Claims for the week of March 6 through March 12 in the amount of \$226,008.37.

Agenda Item #12

Purchase Card Claims for the month of February in the amount of \$50,056.87.

Alderman Conroy moved to allow Item 11 Claims in the amount of \$226,008.37 and to approve Item 12 Purchase Card Claims in the amount of \$50,056.87, Alderman Tollenaer seconded. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the Fiber Optic Cable Phase 8 project, recommending the bid be awarded to CDB Utility Contractors in the amount of \$21,479.25.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Tollenaer 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 Conroy, Alderman Foley,

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2015 Pavement Marking Program, recommending the bid be awarded to Peterson Parking Lot Striping in the amount of \$69,995.00.

It was moved by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Austin to award the bid as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed. Alderman Tollenaer inquired upon Public Works Director Randy Tweet as to whether the City was buying more sharrows this time. Mr. Tweet stated that sharrows are not included in this contract; this is for long line painting, so it is center line painting and curbs.

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

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Public Works Department regarding an architectural and engineering design services proposal from Shive-Hattery, Inc. for building improvements at Central Fire Station in the amount of \$18,000.00.

Alderman Murphy moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to approve the proposal 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 Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the Coast Guard Auxiliary lease renewal agreement at Sunset Marina.

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

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the donation of City owned property at 321 24th Street to GROWTH for the Garden District development.

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the donation as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Alderman Clark commented that he would be abstaining from the vote on this item.

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

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from ABR Partners LLC for rezoning from an R-4 (one to six two family residence) district to a B-3 (community business) district at 1116 11th Avenue.

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the rezoning as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Discussion followed. Ms. Carol Sue Rita Malgoza stepped forward. Ms. Malgoza stated that she lives at 1104 12th Street and the street they want to go out from the route is narrow and it is on 11th Avenue. Ms. Malgoza explained that 11th Avenue is where they are going to come out and go towards the north. Ms. Malgoza stated that she didn't want to see all of the semi-trucks coming in and out on that street. Ms. Malgoza added that she didn't move there to look at industrial traffic. Ms. Malgoza commented that they said they would put landscaping or fencing up so we don't have to look at the traffic. Ms. Malgoza further discussed these concerns.

Assistant City Manager/CED Director Jeff Eder stated that from this application, there wouldn't be any more trucks going through there than what there is today. Mr. Eder added that this will give them better access to their property. Mr. Eder commented that currently, they have been crossing the parkway development; they are trying to improve their property to make everything better. Mr. Eder added that they will go out 11th Avenue to 11th Street, so they will be on 11th Avenue for one-quarter of a block at the most.

Mr. Brian Wagner stepped forward. Mr. Wagner stated that he represents Lift Systems and is a member of ABR Partners. Mr. Wagner referred to the map and discussed the area in question. Mr. Wagner stated that they are looking to remove a vacant house on the piece of property that they purchased and they would like to be able to allow trucks to enter off of 11th Street into the alley, which is what they are currently doing. Mr. Wagner advised that a lot of times, the trucks have to back out on 11th Street, which is not a safe situation and not with this company's approval, but some of the trucks have to drive through a parking lot, which is the property immediately to the west. Mr. Wagner added that they would like to put a driveway there and work with the City for any approvals or requirements that would be needed. Mr. Wagner offered that the trucks could then pull in, unload and exit on 11th Avenue to 11th Street.

Alderman Murphy clarified that the company would provide landscaping along the east property line. Mr. Wagner stated yes, they will take care of it.

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Alderman Austin inquired as to whether the turning radius is going to be adequate for the trucks to do what they need to do to navigate 11th Avenue. Mr. Wagner stated that the deliveries to his company could be as much as a full size semi and they will work with the City to determine how much of a radius would be needed. Mr. Wagner further discussed this item.

Ms. Malgoza stated that her property is right next to the church and voiced concerns in regards to the trucks going through the alley. Ms. Malgoza also voiced concerns in regards to the landscaping issue.

After more discussion in regards to the alley and landscaping, Mr. Wagner stated that they want to improve the situation, the safety and the look of the neighborhood.

Council further discussed this item.

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

Agenda Item #19

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Dylan Parker and Tia Plapp for a Sound amplification permit for Saturday, June 6, 2015 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm for a wedding reception at 817 22nd Street.

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Murphy seconded to approve the sound amplification permit as recommended.

Comments followed. Alderman Hotle congratulated the couple.

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

Agenda Item #20

Report from the City Clerk regarding an application from Washington Jr. High School requesting to hold a 5K Road Race on Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 8:00 am to 9:00 am.

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

Agenda Item #21

Report from the City Clerk regarding an application and Highway Resolution for the Quad Cities Marathon to be held on Sunday, September 27, 2015.

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

Agenda Item #22

Other Business.

Alderman Austin advised that even though we don't go to the polls for three weeks, the election period has actually started. Alderman Austin indicated that the absentee ballots were available as of last Wednesday, and by next Monday, early voting will have started at the county office building. Alderman Austin advised that early voting will be available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm with the exception of Friday, April 3rd. Alderman Austin added that there will be one Saturday early voting opportunity, which is Saturday, March 28th from 8:00 am to noon.

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. It was noted that Alderman Murphy went around to all of the businesses today in the 6th Ward and handed out bumper stickers that stated Shop Local, Shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy commented that if anyone would like a bumper sticker, you can visit a business in the 6th Ward and pick one up.

Alderman Murphy stated that while she was visiting the businesses in the 6th Ward, she stopped by Smokin' Joe's on 30th Street and 18th Avenue. Alderman Murphy advised that Smokin' Joe's recently celebrated their 2nd year in business. Alderman Murphy added that they sell cigarettes, beer and packaged liquor. Alderman Murphy commented that they are open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am to 10:00 pm, Friday and Saturday from 8:30 am to 11:00 pm and Sunday from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to Shop Rock Island First.

Alderman Conroy stated that he asked Mr. Bush to come to the meeting tonight. Alderman Conroy stated that there is an issue out at FedEx with the lighting and how bright it is. Alderman Conroy indicated that Mr. Bush hired a lighting expert. Alderman Conroy added that there is a conflict of who is really following or not following the lighting ordinance.

Mr. Steve Bush stepped forward. Mr. Bush distributed documents to Council. Mr. Bush stated that he lives out in Southwest Rock Island. Mr. Bush stated that in October, they turned on the lights at the new FedEx facility in Southwest Rock Island. Mr. Bush commented that the lights are so bright that when you go out at night, you have to squint. Mr. Bush indicated that he has to close his blinds in order to sleep at night and his house is one mile away from the facility. Mr. Bush added that several neighbors have also voiced concerns; they had to change the configuration of their houses to see their computer screens and TV's. Mr. Bush noted that IDOT has received complaints from drivers about the glare when driving at night.

Mr. Bush advised that he builds sports fields for a living and is very aware of the lighting requirements for these types of facilities and what is required to keep light confined to a property to avoid nuisance, glare and light pollution. Mr. Bush noted that the City does have excellent lighting ordinances. Mr. Bush advised that he filed a formal complaint with the City in

November in regards to the lighting at FedEx. Mr. Bush stated that the City visited the facility and sent a letter to FedEx stating that they were not in compliance and they needed to bring the site into compliance. Mr. Bush advised that FedEx has put a few shields up on one side of the building, which has helped, but it is not enough. Mr. Bush indicated that he received a letter from the City in January stating that it had been determined that the site was in compliance with City ordinances.

Mr. Bush advised that he hired the lighting engineer from KJWW and they reviewed the site. Mr. Bush discussed the conclusions of the report. Mr. Bush indicated that the report stated that the lighting plans and lights used were not the same things that were submitted to the City for approval and an accurate lighting plan has never been submitted to the City. Mr. Bush added that the installed lights do not have a proper cutoff installed as they are flood fixtures instead of cutoff fixtures. Mr. Bush noted that the illumination levels still exceed one foot candle at the property line and the exterior lights produce glare and disability glare for drivers. Mr. Bush commented that the report also stated that the lights are causing discomfort glare for neighboring residences and the lights are causing trespass on neighboring properties. Mr. Bush added that the installed lights do not comply with the City of Rock Island ordinances.

Mr. Bush then discussed KJWW's recommendations, which included; that the City enforce their ordinances; FedEx reposition the lights, FedEx continue to install shields; and for FedEx to eliminate the trespass light and glare. Mr. Bush stated that he is asking the City to enforce their ordinances and control responsible development in this neighborhood.

Alderman Conroy stated that he would like to give Jeff Eder a copy of this report and for Mr. Eder to work with KJWW and see if the City is doing the right studies and procedures. Alderman Conroy added that if the City is not doing it correctly then it needs to be looked at. Alderman Conroy stated that he would expect a report in about two weeks and it will then be determined how to move forward.

Agenda Item #23

No Executive Session.

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #24

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, March 23, 2015. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:19 pm.