

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 4, 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 Kate Hotle, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark and P.J. Foley. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Dave Morrison. Alderman Stephen L. Tollenaer, Alderman Joy Murphy and Alderman David Conroy were 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 April 20, 2015.

A motion was made by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Clark to approve the Minutes of the meeting of April 20, 2015 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Help celebrate the kickoff of Quad Cities Navy Week with a concert from the 40 piece Navy Band Great Lakes, Wednesday, May 6th from 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm at Schwiebert Riverfront Park. Mayor Pauley stated that the event is free and open to the public. Other US Navy representatives will also be throughout the park with displays of Navy vehicles and technology exhibits. Mayor Pauley commented that Bent River Brewing Company will be selling their craft beers during the show. QC Navy Week is a series of events throughout the region organized by the US Navy for community awareness on the importance of naval service and it ends up this Sunday with the Blue Angels.

Gather the family and spend the weekend at Saukie Golf Course. Friday, May 8th through Sunday, May 10th, kids ages 6-14 golf for free with paid adult all day. Mayor Pauley stated that Friday night is Couples night at 5:00 pm, which includes 9 holes with dinner. Saturday is an “All Kinds of Golf” outing at 4:00 pm featuring a combination of nine holes of golf, Frisbee golf, and foot golf with a cookout dinner following the round. Teams of two (ages 8 and up) are \$45.

Mayor Pauley advised that May is bike month and to celebrate, local Parks and Recreation Departments invite you to participate in their annual Get Out And Trail (G.O.A.T.) event. The Mayor added that this G.O.A.T. event will be held on Saturday, May 9th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The event celebrates a scenic way to see our Quad Cities via the large number of paths and trails that add to our community. Whether you bike, walk or run, get up and get out to a trail in the Quad Cities. Mayor Pauley stated that Rock Island’s route will start at the Sunset Park bike path and will continue past Schwiebert Riverfront Park along the river spine. No starting line, just find a path and explore. All ages and abilities are encouraged, get out and trail all around our beautiful community! This is a free event and no registration is needed. Mayor Pauley

commented that for a map of the route or more information, go online at www.rigov.org or call (309) 732-7275.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Black Hawk College Literacy is For Everyone (LIFE) program needs new volunteers to tutor adults who cannot read beyond the 9th grade level. Tutors are needed at the college's new Adult Learning Center in Rock Island and other locations. Mayor Pauley stated that tutors work with GED students, English as a Second Language students and students who struggle with learning disabilities. Tutoring times will be determined by the tutor and the student. Mayor Pauley commented that the ideal volunteer time commitment is one to three hours per week. For more information, contact Jane Duax at duaxj@bhc.edu or (309) 796-5703.

Agenda Item #7

Proclamation declaring May 4 through May 10, 2015 as Navy Week.

Mayor Pauley stated that this proclamation will be presented Wednesday night at the event at 7:00 pm. Mayor Pauley added that there will be a brief presentation where all of the cities will be presenting a proclamation. Mayor Pauley then read the proclamation. Mayor Pauley commented that this will be a great show on Wednesday night at Schwiebert Riverfront Park.

Agenda Item #8

Proclamation declaring May 10 through May 16, 2015 as Bicycle Safety Week.

Mayor Pauley read the proclamation. Chuck Oestreich accepted the proclamation. Mr. Oestreich stated to get out and ride your bike and be safe.

Agenda Item #9

Proclamation declaring May 2015 as Building Safety Month.

Mayor Pauley read the proclamation. Chief Building Official Tom Ayers and Fire Chief James Fobert accepted the proclamation. Mr. Ayers stated that it was appropriate that Fire Chief Fobert came forward because there is a partnership that goes back all the way to 1929 when the first building codes were put into effect in the United States by the Western Fire Chiefs Association, and we use the ICBO Codes.

Fire Chief Fobert stated that you don't see these safety features until something happens. Fire Chief Fobert advised that what the general public really doesn't know is that the reason the safety features are put in there is for the public's own safety. Chief Fobert stated that we have a great relationship with the building officials and the fire officials to make sure everyone is safe at all times.

Agenda Item #10

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

a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$1,800.00 to American Family Insurance for General Liability claim.

b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$213,372.80 to Hoerr Construction for services provided for the 2014 Joint Sewer Lining Program project.

Agenda Item #11

Claims for the weeks of April 17 through April 23 in the amount of \$2,723,776.75, and April 24 through April 30 in the amount of \$446,119.85, and payroll for the weeks of April 13 through April 26 in the amount of \$1,398,118.91.

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

Comments by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley stated that there are two Aldermen that will be leaving tonight; Dave Conroy and Joy Murphy. Mayor Pauley added that as tradition has it, we will be planting a tree in each of their names somewhere in the City. Mayor Pauley commented that we will let the outgoing Aldermen know where the trees will be planted and there will be a plaque with it.

At this time, City Attorney Dave Morrison advised that Item #11 needed a roll call instead of a voice vote. The City Clerk then called the roll for Item #11. After roll call, Mayor Pauley stated that the motion is approved. Please refer to Item #11 for the motion and vote.

Agenda Item #12

Motion to adjourn Sine Die.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Foley to adjourn the meeting Sine Die. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned Sine Die at 7:02 pm.

City Clerk Aleisha Patchin administered the Oath of Office to the following: Alderman Virgil J. Mayberry and Alderman Joshua Schipp. Alderman Stephen L. Tollenaer was absent.

City Clerk Aleisha Patchin stated that Alderman Stephen Tollenaer is out of town and he will be sworn in at a later date.

Mayor Pauley called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen Kate Hotle, Joshua Schipp, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, Virgil

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Agenda Item #3

A Special Ordinance providing for the sale of City owned property at 309 and 311 20th Street to Dan Bonowski.

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 Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #4

A Special Ordinance authorizing acquisition of property at 1204 2nd Street from James and Trisha Roark in the amount of \$43,000.00.

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

Agenda Item #5

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of 24 fire hydrants from Zimmer and Francescon in the amount of \$38,175.00.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve the purchase as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Report from the Mayor regarding designation of the Mayor Pro Tem.

Alderman Foley nominated Alderman Ivory D. Clark to be Mayor Pro Tem for 2015-2016, which nomination was seconded by Alderman Hotle. Nominations were then closed. Alderman Ivory D. Clark was elected as Mayor Pro Tem. The nomination carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Mayberry and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none. Alderman Clark abstained.

Mayor Pauley commented that a Mayor Pro Tem is nominated every year; it is done by the Council. Mayor Pauley added that Alderman Ivory Clark will be the Mayor Pro Tem until this time next year.

Agenda Item #7

Report from the City Clerk regarding a Plaza activity application from Steve's Old Time Tap to host the 4th annual CCKMA Car and Bike Show on Sunday, August 23, 2015 from noon to 6:00 pm and requesting a waiver of the application and permit fees.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Clark to approve the event and waiver of fees as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #8

Other Business.

Mayor Pauley stated that planning has started for the Citizen of the Year nominations. Mayor Pauley added that we will need one or two City Council members to volunteer to serve on this committee. It was noted that last year, Joy Murphy and Kate Hotle served on the committee. Mayor Pauley added that the first meeting lasts approximately one hour and up to two hours (depending on the number of nominations for review) for the second meeting. After the selections are made, the winners and other nominees are notified. The Mayor commented that this gets the City ready for the Labor Day Parade.

At this time, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Schipp volunteered to be co-chairs of the 2015 Citizen of the Year Committee.

Alderman Hotle stated that there are multiple categories for Citizen of the Year. Alderman Hotle encouraged everyone to nominate someone in the community for Citizen of the Year if they feel that person should be recognized for what they do.

Alderman Foley stated that this is Navy Week. Alderman Foley added that last July, he had the opportunity to do an embark program on the USS Nimitz, where he was able to fly in and off the aircraft carrier. Alderman Foley commented that it was one of the best experiences of his life. Alderman Foley added that he was able to talk to the sailors and officers and to see all of the hard work they put in to keeping us safe and protecting our nation. Alderman Foley encouraged everyone that if they see individuals from the Navy out in the community, please talk to them and thank them. Alderman Foley further discussed this item.

Mayor Pauley stated that typically, Navy Week is held in super large communities and very seldom do they have it in these communities that are the size of the Quad Cities. Mayor Pauley further discussed this item.

Alderman Austin complimented whoever designed the new backdrop for Council Chambers.

Alderman Hotle welcomed the two new Aldermen. Alderman Hotle stated that now, the Council is the youngest and most diverse in the area. Alderman Hotle stated that she looked forward to seeing what Council will do over the next two years.

Alderman Schipp stated that this Saturday is the annual Letter Carriers Food Drive, which is throughout the Quad Cities. Alderman Schipp stated that this is the time of year when the River Bend Foodbank is low on supplies. Alderman Schipp showed a yellow bag in which residents may have received in their mailboxes, and stated to please fill the bag with non-perishable goods and put it next to your mailbox on Saturday. Alderman Schipp added that your letter carrier will pick up the bag on Saturday. Alderman Schipp noted that last year as a community, 100,000 pounds of food was collected in one day, which was an increase from 62,000 pounds the year prior. Alderman Schipp encouraged everyone to give generously.

Alderman Mayberry acknowledged a former Alderman in the audience, Mr. James Spurgetis.

Mr. Duncan Kramer of 2916 22 ½ Avenue stepped forward. Mr. Kramer voiced concerns in regards to the 22 ½ Avenue road repair assessment. Mr. Kramer stated that he was willing to pay his share of the assessment, but wants to make sure that his share of the assessment is fair. Mr. Kramer advised that he was assessed at \$7,100.00, which is over 5% of the value of his home that he just bought in October. Mr. Kramer added that the assessment is more than the down payment that was put on the house. Mr. Kramer stated that they are a young family and it is a significant burden. Mr. Kramer hoped that Council would consider making the assessment fair. Mr. Kramer further discussed this issue.

Mayor Pauley stated that the meeting for that item will be held next week in Council Chambers. Mayor Pauley added that Council will make those decisions at that time. Mayor Pauley and Mr. Kramer further discussed the assessment issue.

Agenda Item #9

No Executive Session.

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #10

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Foley to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, May 11, 2015. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:15 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk