

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**June 15, 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 Joshua Schipp, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, Virgil J. Mayberry, P.J. Foley and Stephen L. Tollenaer. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Dave Morrison. Alderman Kate Hotle 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 June 8, 2015.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the Minutes of the meeting of June 8, 2015 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley advised that the City of Rock Island's Beautification Commission has selected the winner of the May 2015 "Yard of the Month" award. The winner was selected from among eleven nominees. The May winner is Ms. Ann Bloomer at 3127 – 36th Street. Mayor Pauley stated that photos of the winning yard can be found under the Beautification Commission section of the City's website at www.rigov.org. Nominations for the June "Yard of the Month" award may be submitted by contacting the Community & Economic Development Department at (309) 732-2900 or via e-mail at planning@rigov.org.

Mayor Pauley stated that this week's Starlight Revue Concert series held at Lincoln Park, Tuesday, June 16th, features The HotRods (with former members of the Tailfins). At 6:00 pm enjoy dinner from the Hy-Vee grill and an ice cream social. Enjoy the concert from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Concert rain date is Wednesday of the same week. Call (309) 732-RAIN.

Kick up your heels with Jeanie B, one of Chicago's best children's musicians on June 18th beginning at 10:00 am at the Main Library for Jeanie's wacky tunes for kids, and plenty of bubble-chasing, bubble-wrap popping, and danceable fun for kids and parents. Mayor Pauley stated that Jeanie's award-winning songs include Sugar Buzz, When You Open a Book and "Bubble Wrap."

Meet Princess Ariel and her mermaid friends at Whitewater Junction on Saturday, June 20th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Mayor Pauley stated that this private pool party will include music, photo opportunities with Ariel, games, snacks and swimming fun. Registration is \$30.00 and spaces are limited. Call (309) 732-7275 to register in advance.

Support the Quad City Botanical Center by attending the signature fundraiser, The Sound Garden Party, Thursday, June 18th at 6:00 pm. The evening will include a stroll through our exquisite gardens sampling delicious culinary creations prepared by some of the area's best chefs. Mayor Pauley stated that adding to the ambiance of the evening will be the delightful sounds of talented local musicians staged throughout the gardens playing different genres of music including jazz, classical and folk. Included in the evening's festivities will be a silent auction, raffle, wine-pull and more! Mayor Pauley noted that the cost is \$50 per person or \$360.00 for a reserved table of up to eight guests. To reserve your table, please call the Quad City Botanical Center 309-794-0991 or email vs@qcgardens.com. You may also purchase tickets or tables online at www.qcgardens.com.

Mayor Pauley stated that each year, residents of the City are encouraged to “tell on your neighbor” by nominating the yards in their neighborhood that they find to be the most appealing or the most improved. Mayor Pauley advised that the 41st annual “Tell On Your Neighbor” residential beautification awards contest is accepting nominations now through Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 5:00 pm. The City’s Beautification Commission will review all entries and awards will be presented at the August 24th City Council meeting. Past award recipients after 2012 are not eligible. Nominations can be made by contacting the Community & Economic Development Department at (309) 732-2900 or via e-mail at planning@rigov.org.

Mayor Pauley stated that entries are now being taken for the 31st annual Rock Island Labor Day Parade, scheduled for Monday, September 7, 2015. This year’s theme is “Hat’s off to our Military – Past & Present.” Mayor Pauley commented that it was selected to honor the many men and women who have served in our U.S. military. All parade entries are judged with winners selected from five different categories and recognized at a September meeting of the Rock Island City Council. Mayor Pauley commented that entry forms can be picked up at City Hall or by calling Linda Mohr in the Mayor’s office at (309) 732-2012. The deadline to enter the parade is Monday, August 24, 2015.

Mayor Pauley stated that the ComedySportz World Championship was held in downtown Rock Island this past weekend with 23 teams from all over the US and UK and over 220 participants competing. The Mayor added that seven public shows were held with over 1200 tickets sold. Not only was this event very successful for our city with 100 Rock Island hotel rooms booked for the week and the downtown eateries heavily visited during the event, but our own team won the final match versus NYC and are the current ComedySportz World Champion. Congratulations on a job well done.

Agenda Item #7

Proclamation declaring Saturday, June 20, 2015 as Rock Island County NAACP Day.

Mayor Pauley read the proclamation. Berlinda Tyler-Jamison, President of the Rock Island County NAACP accepted the proclamation. Ms. Tyler-Jamison thanked the Mayor and Council for the proclamation and for recognizing the NAACP’s contributions to the quality of life in Rock Island and in Rock Island County. Ms. Tyler-Jamison further discussed this item.

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

- a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$1,436.79 to Broadspire for Worker's Compensation Settlement for Travis Eygabroad.
- b. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$4,042.80 to Broadspire for Worker's Compensation Settlement for Andrew Lawler.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$10,565.00 to Gierke-Robinson Company for an emergency standby pump rental for the Blackhawk lift station.
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$39,951.14 to Brandt Construction Company for an emergency water main and sewer repair on 11th Street and 11th Avenue.
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$21,558.38 to Valley Construction Company, Inc. for an emergency sewer repair on 10th Avenue and 43rd Street.

Agenda Item #9

Claims for the week of June 5 through June 11 in the amount of \$1,283,898.95 and payroll for the weeks of May 25 through June 7 in the amount of \$1,438,465.49.

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

Agenda Item #10

Purchase Card Claims for the month of May in the amount of \$57,148.37.

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to approve the purchase card claims. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #11

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the purchase of equipment for outfitting 20 2015 Chevy Tahoe's for the new Police Patrol fleet, recommending the bid be awarded to Racom Communications in the amount of \$125,874.60.

Alderman Tollenaer moved to combine items 11, 12, 13 and 14 and award the bid as recommended and authorize purchase for item 11, and award the bids and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents for items 12, 13, and 14, Alderman Foley seconded. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2015 Storm Sewer Outfall Program, recommending the bid be awarded to Legacy Corporation in the amount of \$83,284.80.

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2015 Brick Street Repair Program, recommending the bid be awarded to Walter D. Laud, Inc. in the amount of \$69,422.00.

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2015 Street Joint and Crack Sealing Program, recommending the bid be awarded to Nucoat Sealing, LLC in the amount of \$50,445.00.

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Parks and Recreation Department regarding a contract with Active Net LLC for an upgrade in software, training and setup in the amount of \$18,100.00 and the purchase of equipment and start up supplies with total amounts not to exceed \$75,000.00.

Alderman Clark moved and Alderman Schipp seconded to approve the contract as recommended, authorize purchase 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 Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Human Resources Department regarding a Special Ordinance for prevailing wage rates in the City of Rock Island.

It was moved by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Clark to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance.

Comments followed. Alderman Schipp stated that this is around the time of year where consideration of this ordinance is taking place in municipalities across the State of Illinois. Alderman Schipp commended the City for upholding this State law. Alderman Schipp discussed background information concerning the Prevailing Wage Law. Alderman Schipp advised that the Prevailing Wage Law encourages contractors to compete for government work based on skill, safety and efficiency rather than by cutting wages. Alderman Schipp stated that it allows good contractors to pay fair wages and hire well qualified workers. Alderman Schipp advised that it promotes the use of the local labor force and keeps labor costs low by employing skilled labor to avoid cost-over runs and safety problems. Alderman Schipp advised that it also allows local contractors with local workers to compete on an even playing field with out of region firms.

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

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a Resolution for the adoption of the 2015 Arts Plan.

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

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Ashkan Ajiden (Sultan Mediterranean Restaurant) for a Riverfront Corridor Overlay District site plan review for a proposed second permanent freestanding sign at 3850 Blackhawk Road.

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to approve the request for the second permanent freestanding sign as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a request from the Rock Island County ORCA Swim Club to install temporary way finding signs within the right-of-way at various locations near Rock Island High School for the Illinois Swimming Summer Regionals.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Schipp seconded to approve the installation of temporary way finding signs as recommended at the locations as stated in the report.

Comments followed. Alderman Foley stated that this is in his ward and neighborhood, and everything that happens at Rock Island High School is very positive for what happens in their neighborhood. Alderman Foley stated that he and his wife and the neighbors thoroughly enjoy all of the events. Alderman Foley commented that he has been the Alderman in this ward for six years and has never had one complaint about any activity, or parking or any issue going on at the high school. Alderman Foley stated that it is a great thing to have these types of events in the community and thanked the ORCA Swim Club for having this event.

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

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Mayor regarding an appointment and reappointments to the Planning Commission.

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

Javier Perez was appointed to the Planning Commission for a three year term expiring in April 2018. Michael Creger, David Levin, Norman Moline and Berlinda Tyler-Jamison were reappointed to the Planning Commission for three year terms expiring in April 2018.

Agenda Item #21

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a request from the Coast Guard Auxiliary to use the parking lot area at Sunset Marina from 8:00 am to noon on June 21, July 19 and August 16, 2015 for their annual fundraising breakfasts and a request to hang a banner at the marina entrance.

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

Agenda Item #22

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from the First Baptist Church for a Sound Amplification Permit for Friday, July 17, 2015 from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm for a Summer Outdoor Family Theater event at 3020 30th Street.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to approve the sound amplification permit as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #23

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Mama Compton's to serve alcohol outside in their demarcated area of Arts Alley during hours of operation and a request for outdoor entertainment on Friday, Saturday and Monday nights from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm in the demarcated area at 1725 2nd Avenue.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the requests for outdoor alcohol and outdoor entertainment as recommended, subject to complying with all Plaza and liquor license regulations and subject to being closed down early if noise complaints are received. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #24

Other Business.

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

Alderman Mayberry stated that he believes that the City of Rock Island is coming up to 175 years of being a city. Alderman Mayberry requested for someone to check on this. Alderman Mayberry advised that the City needs to start working on it. Alderman Mayberry commented that we want to have an event that is really great.

Mayor Pauley stated that this item would be checked on.

Agenda Item #25

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Clark at 7:04 pm 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 Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #26

Recess

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 7:25 pm. A motion was made by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Austin to recess to 1:00 pm, Friday, June 19, 2015 for the annual Goal Setting session at the Hauberg Civic Center located at 1300 24th Street. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:26 pm.