

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**July 13, 2015  
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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 Clark, Virgil Mayberry, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joshua Schipp, and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Deputy City Clerk Linda Mohr, other City staff and City Attorney Dave Morrison. Absent was City Clerk Aleisha Patchin.

**SOLID WASTE ENTERPRISE FUND PRESENTATION**

Public Works Director, Randy Tweet, presented information on the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund. He advised that over the years, costs have continued to rise and City of Rock Island has collected fees for several years and is now looking at Enterprise Funds where the fees are actually collected from those using the services. Tweet advised Davenport and Bettendorf have had an enterprise fund for a number of years and Moline just last year went to an enterprise fund. He listed the current Solid Waste Activities we provide as Curbside Residential Garbage Collection, Special Pick-ups, Lot Clean-ups, Neighborhood Clean-ups, City Facilities Garbage Collection, Leaf Pick-up and Storm Debris Clean-up. Tweet stated that currently our Curbside Yard Waste Collection is not included in Solid Waste Collection and subscriptions for this service are \$100.00 per year with an optional \$50.00 per year for cart rental or bag stickers at \$1.00 per bag. There is no charge for bundled brush. This program is currently funded through their 640 subscribers, subscription fees, equipment rentals and yard waste tags.

He went on to state that Curbside Recycling Collection costs the resident an additional \$24.00 per year and the City provides either a 48 or a 96 gallon cart. Rock Island currently has almost 2,700 subscribers.

When speaking about the budget, Tweet stated that the two biggest costs are in manpower costs and vehicle costs and he expects a 5% increase overall in the cost of services by 2020 based on manpower costs, vehicle costs, landfill tipping fees and supplies. He presented a spread sheet showing Rock Island's current rates for monthly refuse, recycling, yard waste fees were substantially lower than Moline, Davenport or Bettendorf. Alderman Austin asked what year we went with automated trucks and Tweet advised 2006 and that we are on our second set of trucks. Alderman Mayberry asked how many trucks we used at this time and Tweet advised we currently use 3 automated trucks and a fourth as a backup, two rear loaders (one used as a backup) that are used for special pickups and yard waste pickups. Tweet went on to explain the various fees and costs and said that based on the projected 5% increase each year, by the year 2020 we would be looking at a budget over \$2 million.

Tweet stated that our solid waste fee is currently \$6 per month and if we were to be an enterprise fund and charge to fully fund our services, the cost would be \$9.03 a month. Moline is \$9.42 a month and Davenport and Bettendorf are \$17 – \$18 a month. He went on to compare our recycling fees, yard waste fees, bulky waste pickups and refuse / yard waste drop off fees with Moline, Davenport and Bettendorf fees and pointed out that even with our increase, we would still be charging less. Alderman Tollenaer pointed out that the Rainey Tree Service has a location in Moline where you can take brush, tree limbs, stumps etc at no charge and Mr. Tweet advised that the Public Works does refer citizens to that site on occasion.

Tweet stated that with the current fee of \$6.00, we have a current deficit of \$509,478 and that the fee needed in 2017 to fully fund these services would be \$9.99. It was mentioned that this fee only began in 2010 and that this was originally just a service that the City provided, but with increased costs,

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more cities are going to Enterprise Funds. Privatizing these services was discussed, but it was felt that the quality of services when privatizing would not be as good.

After more discussion on individual fees and options, Tweet outlined the following recommendations: Convert solid waste, yard waste and curbside recycling to enterprise funds by 2017; increase solid waste fees by \$2.00 per month in 2016 and 2017 to \$10.00 per month and then fees would automatically be adjusted as needed in subsequent years; change the fee structure for additional carts so an additional cart is an additional solid waste fee effective in 2016; monitor yard waste expenses and recommend fee increases as needed to cover costs; increase curbside recycling fee by \$.50 per month in 2016 and \$.40 per month in 2017 to \$2.90 per month; conduct an annual review to ensure fees and services are appropriate; and explore other revenue options such as truck and cart advertising.

City Manager Thomas Thomas added that one of the challenges the City faces each year going through the budget process is finding ways to keep the same level of services without raising taxes and that we need to run these services like a business.

Alderman Austin asked if it would be feasible to increase these fees in 4 - \$1.00 increments instead of 2 - \$2.00 increments and Mr. Tweet advised that in the past, increases have always been in \$2.00 increments and that expect after the first increase, no phone had been received regarding the increases. Alderman Austin stated that this would equate to a \$24.00 a year increase for residential solid waste pickup and an increase of \$6.00 a year for those that recycle and then the same increase the following year. Tweet confirmed. Alderman Foley asked with this plan, what the rate would be per month, and Tweet stated that next year it would be \$8.00 per month for refuse service and \$2.50 if you have recycling and the following year it would be \$10 a month and \$2.90 for recycling.

At this point, Mayor asked if there were any other questions or comments and hearing none, called for a motion to adjourn.

**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 Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm.

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Linda K. Mohr, Deputy City Clerk

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The 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 Clark, Virgil Mayberry, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joshua Schipp, and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Deputy City Clerk Linda Mohr, other City staff and City Attorney Dave Morrison. Absent was City Clerk Aleisha Patchin.

Introductory Proceedings

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

Agenda Item #5

**Minutes of the meeting of June 19, 2015, minutes of the meeting of June 20, 2015 and minutes of the meeting of June 22, 2015.**

A motion was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the Minutes of the three meetings 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, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

**Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.**

Mayor Pauley spoke about the STARLIGHT REVIEW CONCERT SERIES -Tuesday, July 14, featuring "Milltown" held at Lincoln Park. Start the evening with dinner at 6:00 pm from the Hy-Vee grill followed by an ice cream social. At 7:00 pm the concert begins. The rain date is Wednesday of the same week.

WHITEWATER JUNCTION BACK TO SCHOOL BASH will be held on Friday, July 17, 2015 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm join Whitewater Junction for their annual Back to School Bash. Don't miss this day of games, races and fun-filled activities celebrating the start of a new school year. Admission is \$8.00. Children 2 and under are free with paid adult.

RIVERS EDGE HOMEBREW FESTIV-ALE - The first Homebrew event in the Quad Cities debuts in The District of downtown Rock Island on the Great River Plaza on Saturday, July 18, 2015 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Rivers Edge Homebrew Festiv-Ale will feature over a dozen homebrew clubs from around the Midwest with over fifty different brews to sample. Attendees must be 21 years of age or older, and have a valid ID. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the event. Advance tickets can be purchased at Rock Island Brewing Company, Ragged Records, and Midwestix.com. For more information visit [www.ridistrict.com](http://www.ridistrict.com).

And lastly, Mayor Pauley invited all residents to attend the BATTLE OF THE BADGES - Sunday, July 19, when the Rock Island Police & Fire will be playing a softball game versus Davenport Police & Fire. The game will take place at 3:00 pm prior to the River Bandits Game at 5:15 pm at Modern Woodman Park. One ticket will get you into both games. For more information and to purchase advance tickets that benefit the Lymphoma & Leukemia Society, contact Firefighter Humphrey at [Humphrey.blake@rigov.org](mailto:Humphrey.blake@rigov.org) or call (309) 721-2411. Please come and show your support for the City of Rock Island and the Police and Fire employees playing in the game.

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Agenda Item #7

Public Hearing

Mayor Pauley closed the regular meeting at 6:49 and opened a public hearing to consider a redevelopment plan and project and designation of the 1<sup>st</sup> Street TIF Redevelopment Project Area and the adoption of tax increment allocation financing. Mayor asked the clerk to call the roll and Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle all responded – present.

Mayor Pauley stated:

At this time, we will have a short presentation from the City’s consultant concerning the proposed TIF District.

Charles Durham from Kane, McKenna and Associates, Inc. presented an overview of TIF financing. He defined the area a located at the intersection of 1<sup>st</sup> Street and 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, specifically 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the south, 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the north, Mill Street to the west and Rock Island Parkway to the east. This area encompasses an area of primarily older industrial properties. Durham stated that current uses of this area are primarily industrial and that the major goals are industrial business expansion and retention and redevelopment of vacant industrial properties. He further described how, due to unplanned, uncoordinated development over the past 100 years there were many conflicting uses of this area – such as residential adjacent to industrial uses.

He stated the proposed TIF plan supports the City’s Comp Plan goals and has a Base EAV of \$1,931,155.00 with a projected EAV upon completion of redevelopment activities of approximately \$13.1 million. The proposed TIF budget is \$10,000,000.00, which is the maximum amount which does not obligate the City to expend such amounts, is sized to accommodate potential development requirements and is a 23 year budget, not an annual budget.

Durham outlined the estimated costs, stating that land acquisition and relocation was estimated at \$2 million, the site preparation would be about \$1.5 million, utility improvements would be approximately \$2.5 million, the public improvements/facilities and parking structures would be \$1 million and the interest costs, professional services, job training and statutory school district payments would be about \$500,000.00 combined.

Durham advised that in order for a TIF District to qualify as a “blighted area”, a minimum of 5 of the 13 factors must be present. He stated that this area had 7 factors present – Obsolescence, Deterioration, Inadequate Utilities, Excessive Land Coverage, Deleterious Layout, Lack of Community Planning and Lagging EAV.

When identifying the adoption process, Durham said that notices were mailed to the taxing districts on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015, notices were mailed to residents within 750 feet on May 28<sup>th</sup>, notices were mailed taxpayers and residents on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, newspaper notices were posted on June 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the Joint Review Board meeting was held on June 12<sup>th</sup>, this public hearing on July 13<sup>th</sup> and the City Council will meet again in 14-90 days to act on this proposal.

When Mr. Durham had finished, Mayor Pauley then asked if the City Clerk’s office had received any written comments regarding the proposed TIF District and the Deputy Clerk, Linda Mohr, responded that the office had not. Mayor Pauley asked if any Alderman wish to comment on the proposed TIF District and Alderman Schipp asked who was on the Joint Review Board. Mr. Durham advised the

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representatives from the Rock Island School District, Rock Island Township and a community college were part of the board, among others. Alderman Schipp asked if the Superintendent of Schools was on the board and Mayor Pauley advised that Mike Oberhaus was on the board and that Jeff Eder, Community and Economic Development Director had met with him and that Mr. Oberhaus was in favor of this also. Mayor asked if City Staff had any comments on the proposed TIF District and there was no reply. Mayor then stated that at this time, members of the public wishing to comment should step forward and state their name, address and the party they were representing for the record. As a courtesy to all, please limit your comments to the proposed TIF District. Hearing no comments from the public, Mayor Pauley advised that the item would be placed on a future agenda as recommended for a vote and called for a motion to close the public hearing. A motion was made by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Schipp to adjourn the public hearing. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none. The public hearing was adjourned at 7:03pm.

Regular meeting reconvened at 7:03 pm.

**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.

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of \$52,500.00 for the Mill Street Wastewater Plant and \$15,000 for the Southwest Wastewater Plant. (125)
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$15,973.00 to Greenspace Associates for the 2105 Sod Replacement Program. (121)
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$756,808.55 to Brandt Construction for payment #5 for the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Relief Sewer, Project 2688. (120).
- d. Report from the City Attorney regarding payment in the amount of \$17,773.22 for legal services provided.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Foley to accept the claims 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, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

**Agenda Item #9**

Claims for the weeks of June 19 through June 25 in the amount of \$1,260,023.48, June 26 through July 2 in the amount of \$464,843.11 and July 3 through July 9 in the amount of \$323,816.96 and payroll for the weeks of June 8 through June 21 in the amount of \$1,487,808.59 and June 22 through July 5 in the amount of \$1,489,600.37 It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Foley. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

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Agenda Item #10

Report from the Police Department regarding the purchase of 26 Panasonic CF-54 Toughbooks and HP Gen 9 Computer Server in the amount of \$112,683.00 and the purchase of 21 Panasonic Arbitrator Digital In-Car Video Cameras in the amount of \$166,133.00 from CDS Office Technologies. It was moved by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the purchase 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, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #11

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the bids for the 2015 Asphalt Street Milling and Patching Program, Project 2434, recommending the bid be awarded to Tri City Blacktop in the amount of \$94,205.25. It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Clark to award the bid as recommended and authorize payments the City Manger to execute the contract documents. Alderman Mayberry stated that he noticed that there were two other additions to this and wanted to know if that would cover the same costs. Public Works Director, Randy Tweet, advised that they would all get the same rate. Alderman Mayberry also asked about the alleys in his neighborhoods and wanted to know if there was a plan in place to repair these alleys. Mr. Tweet advised that there was a plan in place and gave a brief description. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the bids for the 2015 Seal Coat Street Program, Project 2111, recommending the bid be awarded to Brandt Construction in the amount of \$201,982.50. It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to award the bid as recommended and authorize the City Manger 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, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the bids for the Janitorial Contract, recommending a three year contract be awarded to FBG Service Corp. in the amount of \$505,548.00. It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Foley to award the contact as recommended and authorized the City Manager to execute the contract documents. Alderman Austin asked the Public Works Director what buildings this contact covered and Randy Tweet pointed out that on the second page, it shows the buildings covered and that this contract did cover the new Police Department along with the current Police Department. Alderman Schipp asked how long these positions have been privatized and Tweet explained that we had employees doing this years ago and that it had not been cost effective. Alderman Austin asked how long this group had been working here and Tweet advised this contract is for a new group and that the current group had not been doing a very thorough job and that this new company is a local Rock Island company who came highly recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark,

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Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

**Agenda Item #14**

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the LTCP-Farmall Storage Tank, CRI Project 2687, recommending the loan agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of \$4,506,250.00 and recommending the bid be awarded to Civil Constructors in the amount of \$4,375,000.00. Alderman Schipp asked for clarification on the size of the tank and Public Works Director, Randy Tweet, explained why the change to a smaller size of tank. It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to approve the loan agreement and 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 Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

**Agenda Item #15**

Report from the Public Works Department recommending the Engineer services proposal from Symbiont related to construction inspection services for the Farmall Storage Tank Facility in the amount of \$317,200.00. It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Foley 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 Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

**Agenda Item #16**

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the Raw Water Pumping Station Tuck Pointing, recommending the contract be awarded to Shive-Hattery in the amount of \$18,000.00. It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Mayberry to approve the proposal as recommended and authorize the City Manger 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, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

**Agenda Item #17**

Report from the Public Works Department recommending the proposal from CDM Smith, Inc. for engineering design services on the replacement for the Water Treatment Plant Filter Building in the amount of \$1,749,513.00. It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to award the proposal as recommended and to authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents. Alderman Austin advised that this is the third time this has been on the agenda asked Public Works Director Randy Tweet if he had met with some of our larger users to explain the details and Tweet advised that they haven't started the meetings yet, but he did not foresee any issues. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

**Agenda Item #18**

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the bids for the sewer reconnect at 1111 8<sup>th</sup> Street, recommending the bid be awarded to CJ Now for an amount

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not to exceed \$5,940.00. It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve 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 Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

**Agenda Item #19**

Report from the City Clerk regarding a resolution approving the full release of the listed Executive Session Minutes. It was moved by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the full release of the listed executive session minutes as recommended and adopt the resolution. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

**Agenda Item #20**

Report from the Mayor regarding appointments and reappointments to the Human Rights Commission. It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the appointments 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, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

**Agenda Item #21**

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Junior's Tap for outdoor entertainment on Saturday, August 8, 2015 from 11:00 am – 11 pm and a request to serve alcohol outside in their demarcated area during the event at 2536 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the requests for outdoor entertainment and outdoor alcohol as recommended, subject to complying with all 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, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

**Agenda Item #22**

Report from the Deputy City Clerk regarding a request from the West End Neighborhood Association for sound amplification and a street closure for 14<sup>th</sup> Street, 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Avenues on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 between 11 am and 2 pm for their annual Community Block Party and Resource Fair. It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Schipp to approve the requests for sound amplification and a street closure as recommended, 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, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

**Agenda Item #23 - Other Business.**

Alderman Clark advised that on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be another ward clean up for the First Ward beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Martin Luther King Center and invited everyone in the Ward to attend.

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Alderman Mayberry commented on his upcoming Ward 2 meeting at Jumers Hotel on Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm and invited everyone to attend and ask any questions they may have.

Jay Bland, 840 – 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Rock Island voiced his concerns about not getting his event on the agenda for an event at the Greater Antioch Baptist Church, 929 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Island on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Pauley explained the event process to Mr. Bland and that unfortunately, the request had not been submitted on time.

Agenda Item #24 - Executive Session  
No Executive Session was held.

Agenda Item #25 - Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, July 27, 2015. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:15 pm.

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Linda K. Mohr, Deputy City Clerk