

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**August 24, 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 Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, Virgil J. Mayberry, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle and Joshua Schipp. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Dave Morrison.

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 August 10, 2015.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to approve the Minutes of the meeting of August 10, 2015 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Schipp; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley stated that the City of Rock Island's Beautification Commission has selected the winner of the July 2015 "Yard of the Month" award. The winner was selected from among eleven nominees. The July winners are Greg & Pam Young at 2453 20th Street. Mayor Pauley commented 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 August "Yard of the Month" award may be submitted through Friday, August 28th by contacting the Community & Economic Development Department at (309) 732-2900 or via e-mail at planning@rigov.org.

Mayor Pauley advised that the City of Rock Island is conducting a survey to gather community input and develop a better understanding of how the community utilizes the City's Park and Recreational amenities. Mayor Pauley added that in order to aid efforts in providing excellent recreational areas and facilities, the City is asking for your input. Responses will help guide policy decisions and the allocation of resources to strive to provide the very best in recreational amenities. Mayor Pauley noted that this short survey is located at www.rigov.org under City Clicks.

Catch a wide variety of bands featuring a diverse mix of musical genres from some of the Quad Cities most popular acts with the free "Thursday Night Groove" concert series at Schwiebert Riverfront Park. Mayor Pauley stated that Thursday, August 27, 2015 will feature Soul Storm on the stage from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The Mayor added that Soul Storm is made up of 8 jazzy-funky musicians who perform Pop, Rock, Soul and R&B (plus a few extras). Delivering tunes ranging from the 1960's through today. Gates open at 6:00 pm and free dance lessons begin at 6:30 pm.

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Professional kart racing, food, beverages and family activities will take place during Rock Island Grand Prix on Saturday, September 5 and Sunday, September 6 in The District in downtown Rock Island. Mayor Pauley stated that weekend activities run from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm. Mayor Pauley added that this event is presented in conjunction with the Rock Island Grand Prix Athletic Association Inc. Admission is free to all the races. For more information, go to www.rockislandgrandprix.com.

Mayor Pauley advised that the 31st annual Rock Island Labor Day Parade is scheduled for Monday, September 7. Staging for the parade begins at 8:30 am in the area around Washington Junior High School, located at 33rd Street and 18th Avenue. Mayor Pauley commented that the parade starts promptly at 9:30 am and travels west along 18th Avenue, turns south at 24th Street, then west on 25th Avenue, and disbands into the Rock Island High School lots on 25th Avenue. Mayor Pauley stated that there is still time to register if you would like to be in the parade. Contact Linda Mohr at 732-2012 for more information.

Mayor Pauley stated that the Rock Island County NAACP is inviting the public to participate in the Community Day Celebration and Resource Fair taking place at the Martin Luther King Community Center, Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The Mayor indicated that the afternoon will include children jumpy games, bingo, food, music by DJ Swift, and more. There will be a brief program at 1:30 pm. For more information, contact Ametra Carrol-Castaneda at (309) 373-1202.

Agenda Item #7

Presentation of the 2015 Citizen of the Year Awards by members of the Citizen of the Year Committee and Mayor Pauley.

Citizen of the Year Committee member Grace Shirk and Mayor Pauley approached the podium. Ms. Shirk discussed the Citizen of the Year selection process and noted that the overall winner will be the Grand Marshal of the Labor Day Parade, which will be held on Monday, September 7, 2015.

The honorees in each category were introduced by a member of the current committee.

The honorees of the 2015 Citizen of the Year are as follows:

Business: LeFigaro Restaurant (Therese and Rachid Bouchareb) - Introduced by Alderman Joshua Schipp/Co-Chairman of the 2015 Citizen of the Year Committee.

Professional: Brandy Donaldson (co-winner) - Introduced by Alderman Kate Hotle/Co-Chairman of the 2015 Citizen of the Year Committee.

Professional: Lee Schenck (co-winner) - Introduced by Louis Alongi, committee member.

Education: Nicole Melody - Introduced by Louis Alongi, committee member.

Organization: Ballet Quad Cities - Introduced by Alderman Joshua Schipp/Co-Chairman of the 2015 Citizen of the Year Committee. Joedy Cook accepted the award.

Individual: John McEvoy and William DeVrieze (co-nominees) - Introduced by Grace Shirk, committee member.

City Employee: Nancy Blair - Introduced by Alderman Kate Hotle/Co-Chairman of the 2015 Citizen of the Year Committee.

Youth: Amy and Amber Haskill - Introduced by Alderman Kate Hotle/Co-Chairman of the 2015 Citizen of the Year Committee.

Honorary: Bill Wundram - Introduced by Grace Shirk, committee member.

Grace Shirk announced that Amy and Amber Haskill were the overall winning recipients of the 2015 Citizen of the Year Award. Amy and Amber Haskill accepted the award. Ms. Shirk reviewed the reasons for Amy and Amber Haskill's nomination and selection by the committee. It was noted that Amy and Amber Haskill will be the Grand Marshals of the Labor Day Parade.

The 2015 Citizen of the Year Award winners had their pictures taken with Mayor Pauley.

Agenda Item #8

Presentation of Tell on Your Neighbor Awards by the Beautification Commission.

Mayor Pauley stepped forward and Beautification Commission member Bob Towler joined Mayor Pauley at the podium to present the Tell on Your Neighbor Awards. Mr. Towler stated that this is the 41st annual Tell on Your Neighbor contest. It was noted that the purpose of the contest is to recognize residents who show pride in their homes and neighborhoods by keeping neat and well maintained yards. It was noted that a slide presentation of the winning yards accompanied the awards ceremony.

Mayor Pauley then named the recipients of the Residential Beautification Award. The winners are as follows: Stephen Andich, Therese Bauwens, Diane Breckle, Christopher Browne, Selma and Richard Field, Rodney and Drena Gittings, Paula Glessner, Danielle and Greg Hansen, Lukeya J. Haymon, Robert and Leu Huffman, Marlyn and Timothy Jacks, Steven W. Johnson, Cynthia and Joseph Jones, Mark Kainu, Courtney and Casey Kenney, Lenore and Mike Knock, Jeffrey and Marsha Langston, Willie Morrow, Javier Perez and Kristen Glass Perez, Jana and James Pitlik, Karla Reeder, Cynthia Sackfield, Mike and Tracey Schulte, Rusty and Tina Schuermann, Rev. Dr. Barrion Staples and Min. Jennifer Staples, Kathy and Gale Stombaugh, Leslie Swords, Ranae and Mike Warner, Carol Reilly and Alicia White, and Eric Wood.

After the awards, pictures were taken with Mayor Pauley.

Agenda Item #9

Proclamation declaring Sunday, August 30, 2015 as Standing United Against Hate Day.

Mayor Pauley read the proclamation. Richard Hendricks and Brandy Donaldson accepted the proclamation. Mr. Hendricks stated that this is an unprecedented event as we are having it at four different sites by the river. Mr. Hendricks commented that everyone can come together as a community and stand up against hate. Mr. Hendricks encouraged everyone to come to the event at 5:00 pm at Sunset Marina Park on Sunday, August 30th.

Ms. Donaldson stated that anyone that wants to see an end to hate in our community and support unity and love, then this is an event that everyone in the Quad Cities can participate in.

Agenda Item #10

Proclamation declaring September 2015 as Hunger Action Month.

Mayor Pauley read the proclamation. Michael Miller accepted the proclamation. Mr. Miller stated that so many people go hungry in a country that throws away so much food. Mr. Miller added that there are 132,000 people in eastern Iowa and western Illinois that do not have access to enough food. Mr. Miller commented that this country throws away 33 million tons of food each year. Mr. Miller advised that River Bend Foodbank is all about rescuing food and it can be donated for lots of reasons. Mr. Miller noted that last year, River Bend Foodbank distributed 7.3 million meals at no charge to the community. Mr. Miller advised that Hunger Action Month is an opportunity to raise awareness to the community of the problem of hunger. Mr. Miller further discussed this item.

Agenda Item #11

An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2015A for financing the new police station project, public safety equipment and street improvements.

Alderman Clark moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to pass the ordinance.

Finance Director Cynthia Parchert introduced Kevin McCanna, President of Speer Financial, Inc.

Mr. McCanna advised that there were five bidders on the bonds this morning, and the best bids came in under 3.0%. Mr. McCanna added that the City's Aa2 high rating was confirmed. Mr. McCanna noted that the bidding is done on an internet program. Mr. McCanna stated that Robert W. Baird put in the best bid of 2.97%. Mr. McCanna commented that they were able to move the bonds around a little bit because the rates came in so low; it was revised down to 2.95%. Mr. McCanna stated that it was a very good sale for the City.

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

Agenda Item #12

A Special Ordinance providing for the donation of City-owned properties at 1625 7th Street, 1628 8th Street, 715 12th Avenue, 602 8th Street, 720 13th Street, 1625 12th Street, 918-920 6th Avenue, 1112 18th Avenue and 3337 7 1/2 Avenue to GROWTH.

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

Agenda Item #13

A Special Ordinance removing a handicapped parking space at 2355 39th Street.

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

Agenda Item #14

A Special Ordinance establishing a handicapped parking space on 41st Street and 14th Avenue by the side door of the Corner Tap located at 4018 14th Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #15

CLAIMS

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Schipp 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 Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Schipp; those voting No, none.

- a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$12,841.60 to Pappas, Davidson, O'Connor and Fildes, P.C. for legal services rendered for the month of June 2015.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$57,436.37 to Peterson Parking Lot Striping for the 2015 Pavement Marking Program project 2749 and the 11th Street Sidewalk project.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 and final in the amount of \$67,238.10 to NuCoat Sealing, LLC for the 2015 Street Joint and Crack Sealing Program project.

Agenda Item #16

Claims for the weeks of August 7 through August 13 in the amount of \$2,393,942.58 and August 14 through August 20 in the amount of \$871,210.10 and payroll for the weeks of August 3 through August 16 in the amount of \$1,462,222.29.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to allow the claims and payroll. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin,

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

Agenda Item #17

Purchase Card Claims for the month of July in the amount of \$57,674.15.

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

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the purchase of the sculpture Collapsing Wormhole from artist Tommy Reife in the amount of \$4,799.50.

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

Alderman Schipp commented that the sculpture is a beautiful piece of artwork.

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the joint purchase of utility supplies, recommending the bid be awarded to Utility Equipment for cut in valves in the amount of \$22,487.00.

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

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a proposal from Symbiont for additional engineering services during the construction of the 6th Avenue Relief Sewer project in the amount of \$262,020.00.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Austin seconded to approve the proposal as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed. Alderman Schipp advised that he had concerns with this project in regards to safety and quality issues. Alderman Schipp added that the concerns are also in regards to Brandt's capacity to do this work. Alderman Schipp stated that there is a situation with this additional extension of nearly \$300,000.00 for what they are calling for, which is an additional safety inspector, 50 hour week, quality control testing and seven weeks of additional

construction observation. Alderman Schipp inquired as to where the City is at with this project in terms of cost and time from the original bid. Alderman Schipp added that details are needed on this issue and this item needs to be tabled.

Public Works Director Randy Tweet advised that he could get a full report on this item. Mr. Tweet stated that currently, everything is still on budget. Mr. Tweet pointed out that they found some additional things as they were digging underground; there were six water mains that were scheduled to be dead-ended, but it made more sense to connect them rather than have a dead-end main where there could be water quality issues. Mr. Tweet commented that these things added engineering costs to the project and several weeks to the project to get the work done. Mr. Tweet pointed out that Brandt submitted a revised schedule and they are currently on schedule; they are meeting all of the dates and it is still on budget.

Alderman Schipp had concerns about all of the changes to the contract.

Mr. Tweet indicated that the project was originally awarded in 2011 for \$300,000.00 and it was for design services; a year later, there was a \$40,000.00 amendment for some additional services and then a year ago, there was a \$600,000.00 project awarded for the construction services throughout the project. Mr. Tweet advised that it was the design first, then the additional design services and then the construction services.

Mr. Tweet and Council further discussed this item as it related to safety and cost concerning the project.

Mr. Dan Carothers of 221 34th Avenue stepped forward. Mr. Carothers voiced concerns in regards to this 6th Avenue Relief Sewer project. Mr. Carothers requested that this item be tabled until critical information could be brought forward. Mr. Carothers had concerns about Symbiont and its affiliates in regards to the additional services, safety issues, cost, and the extended time component for completion of this project. Mr. Carothers also discussed alleged complaints as it related to Brandt Construction and the overall project.

Alderman Foley and Mr. Carothers discussed the various alleged complaints. Alderman Foley stated that he voted against Brandt a year ago when this project came up. Alderman Foley inquired as to whether Mr. Carothers had reported any of these alleged complaints to OSHA or the Department of Labor. Mr. Carothers stated yes and they have levied fines on them.

Alderman Foley inquired as to whether staff has heard from OSHA or the Department of Labor on these alleged complaints concerning this project.

City Attorney Morrison advised that he has not had any communication with either of the proper authorities on any complaints. City Manager Thomas stated that he hasn't heard of any complaints. Mr. Tweet advised that the Department of Labor has visited and found no violations. Council further discussed this issue.

Alderman Hotle stated that Council wants to make the best decision on what is best for the City and the budget. Council further discussed this issue as it related to various scenarios of what would happen if the project was not approved this evening.

After more discussion, Alderman Foley advised that he would like staff to look into whether or not any fines have been levied by OSHA or the Department of Labor. Council further discussed this issue.

After more discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, Alderman Schipp.

Agenda Item #21

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a development agreement with Jesse Mart at 722 11th Street.

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

Discussion followed. Alderman Tollenaer stated that this man is investing in the west side of Rock Island; it is a great thing. Alderman Tollenaer added that he will be supporting this item.

Alderman Austin inquired about the value of the rebate of the property taxes.

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder advised that it would be in the \$40,000.00 range, but that is a staff estimate when looking at what other similar types of properties are taxed at with this type of investment.

Alderman Austin inquired as to whether there is a precedent for doing this type of property tax rebate for a project like this out of TIF funds. Mr. Eder advised that the City has done other project rebates out of TIF funds, but never with a gas station.

Alderman Foley stated that this is a great project on 11th Street. Alderman Foley added that he was glad to see this revitalization of 11th Street in the 1st Ward. Alderman Foley commented that he would support this project.

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

Agenda Item #22

Report from the Finance Department regarding a contract with TekCollect, recommending to increase the current service contract for collection fees in the amount of \$13,750.00.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve the increase as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin inquired as to why the City is making this action and what is the benefit to the City as a result of having the collections manager position.

Finance Director Cynthia Parchert advised that the City went through and identified different types of account receivable agings. Ms. Parchert added that liens have been filed on properties where applicable and now the City is at the point where not all debt is lienable on the property. Ms. Parchert explained that there are some subrogation fees and stormwater fees that the City is unable to collect and TekCollect is going to help the City with these collections. Ms. Parchert added that there are approximately 1000 accounts that are ready to be turned into them.

Council further discussed this item. Alderman Foley stated that at some point in the future, he would like a study session to discuss the collections process and how much has been collected since the hiring of this company.

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

Agenda Item #23

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an Ordinance of the City of Rock Island, Rock Island County, Illinois, approving a tax increment redevelopment plan and redevelopment project for the 1st Street redevelopment project area.

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

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin commented that items 23, 24 and 25 cover the same projects and inquired upon Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder to explain what each action makes happen.

Mr. Eder advised that this is per the State of Illinois TIF law. Mr. Eder stated that the first action is approving the redevelopment plan and redevelopment project. Mr. Eder pointed out that in the TIF Act, there is a number of criteria that the City has to meet in order to have an area qualify; this is what is being done in the plan and we are stating what kinds of redevelopment the City wants in the area. Mr. Eder stated that the second action is setting the official boundaries of the TIF, and the third action is putting in place the financial mechanism to tell the County how to collect taxes on those parcels.

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

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Agenda Item #24 and Agenda Item #25

Alderman Hotle moved to approve items 24 and 25 and consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinances, Alderman Foley seconded. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Schipp; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #24

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an Ordinance of the City of Rock Island, Rock Island County, Illinois, designating the 1st Street redevelopment project area of said city a redevelopment project area pursuant to the tax increment allocation redevelopment act.

Agenda Item #25

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an Ordinance of the City of Rock Island, Rock Island County, Illinois, adopting tax increment allocation financing for the 1st Street redevelopment project area.

Agenda Item #26

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the donation of City owned property at 602-604 10th Street to GROWTH.

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Schipp seconded to approve the donation as recommended, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Schipp; those voting No, none. Alderman Clark abstained.

Agenda Item #27

Report from General Administration regarding posting signage and prohibiting smoking in parks.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the posting of signage and prohibit smoking in any public park or recreation area as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Alderman Hotle stated that this is the right thing to do. Alderman Hotle added that she supports this item 100%.

Alderman Tollenaer inquired upon Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson to comment on the Park Board's decision and what their thought process was. Alderman Tollenaer then commented that he was not in support of this item.

Mr. Nelson advised that the Park Board gets a number of requests to have signage for different things in the parks. Mr. Nelson added that a lot of times, the requests are for promoting a social issue of some sort. Mr. Nelson stated that the primary concern is that when there are rules in the

parks, we want to make sure that people are obeying them because the rules that are posted are for immediate safety concerns. Mr. Nelson explained that the position that the Park Board had taken was that rather than have this large list of rules, they want to make sure the rules are simple and that these rules are immediate safety concerns so that people see them, read them and pay attention to them. Mr. Nelson pointed out that the Park Board did change the shelter reservation and ask people to be considerate of the people that don't smoke. Mr. Nelson stated that they want to encourage that issue, but not to the point of passing an ordinance where it becomes an issue and the police have to get involved.

Alderman Austin inquired upon Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen to speak on this item. Police Chief VenHuizen advised that given the nature of calls for service that the officers are responding to on a daily basis, a call for smoking in the park does not warrant a police response. Chief VenHuizen indicated that if the police were directed to respond to these types of calls, it is likely going to result in nothing more than a warning. Police Chief VenHuizen pointed out that it is going to take officers off the street to handle an issue that is so low in priority and not a police issue. The Chief added that he would be opposed to officers enforcing some sort of smoking ordinance or being directed to do so. Council and Police Chief VenHuizen further discussed this issue.

Alderman Austin stated that at this time, he would not be supporting this action. Alderman Austin further discussed this issue.

Alderman Foley stated that he has supported this item and pushed for this. Alderman Foley advised that this is not always enforceable, but if an officer is there and somebody is smoking, then it would be assumed that the officer would give them a ticket or warning. Alderman Foley commented that this is one way to keep Rock Island clean and beautiful. Council further discussed this item.

Alderman Austin inquired upon City Manager Thomas as to what his reasoning was for going forward with this action. City Manager Thomas stated that he sent this to Council last week and there was a consensus from the majority of Council that they were in support of moving forward with the ordinance. City Manager Thomas and Council further discussed this issue.

Council further discussed this item as it related to parks in other communities and enforcement in regards to the signage and the no smoking component.

Alderman Austin inquired as to whether Rock Island is the only city in the Quad City community that does not have a prohibition for smoking in the parks.

Mr. Nelson advised that one community has an ordinance, but does not put up signs and another community has put up signs but doesn't have an ordinance. Mr. Nelson advised that it is an issue of what Council wants to do.

Council further discussed this issue as it related to tobacco and smoking concerning vapor cigarettes and smokeless tobacco. Council also discussed what other areas would be included in an ordinance for no smoking.

After more discussion, Mayor Pauley stated that if you do it for one, you do it for all. Mayor Pauley added that if you say no smoking in City parks then it also includes golf courses. Council further discussed this issue.

Alderman Schipp advised that this addresses a non-issue and really solves nothing; it is not enforceable. Alderman Schipp added that the amount of feedback that would come back from this decision would be so unnecessarily negative. Alderman Schipp commented that there has been too much time debating this issue and the City has serious issues that deserve much more consideration and attention than this issue. Alderman Schipp further discussed this issue.

After more Council discussion, and by the raising of hands, the motion failed with three (3) Aldermen voting Aye and four (4) Alderman voting No.

Agenda Item #28

Report from the Mayor regarding appointments to the Preservation Commission.

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Schipp to approve the appointments as recommended.

Alderman Schipp commented that these are excellent candidates.

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

Paul Fessler, Brian Leech and Elizabeth Anne DeLong were appointed to the Preservation Commission for three year terms expiring in 2018.

Agenda Item #29

Report from the Fire Department regarding a request from local #26 of the IAFF to utilize the intersection of 30th Street and 18th Avenue on Friday, August 28th from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm and Saturday, August 29th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm for their MDA fundraiser "Fill the Boot" campaign.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve the request as recommended.

Alderman Foley commented that this is a great campaign to support.

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

Agenda Item #30

Report from the City Clerk regarding two Sound Amplification permit applications from Augustana College to host a Late Night Event with music for the students outside on campus grounds on Saturday, September 5th from 8:00 pm to midnight and an outdoor

concert on Saturday, October 24th from 8:00 pm to midnight as part of their homecoming festivities.

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

Agenda Item #31

Report from the City Clerk regarding a Sound Amplification permit request from the Refuge Church to hold their annual three day outdoor revival on September 11th, 12th and 13th with sound amplification starting on Friday, September 11th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Saturday, September 12th from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm and Sunday, September 13th from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Franklin Field.

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

Agenda Item #32

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Kavanaugh's Hilltop Tavern to have live entertainment outside from noon to midnight on Saturday, October 3, 2015 for their B-B-R Fest (BBQ-Blues-Rockabilly) at 1228 30th Street.

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the request 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 Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Schipp; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #33

Other Business.

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

Alderman Schipp discussed the issue with Symbiont and Brandt as it related to item 20. Alderman Schipp stated that Mr. Carothers is a Rock Island resident and taxpayer and has a deep respect and love for the City. Alderman Schipp added that the Operating Engineers Local 150 is an organization that has been around since the late 19th century and has been in the business of construction for many years. Alderman Schipp stated that he has talked to staff and interested parties and just wanted to have an open discussion to put the issues at rest, but also to make sure that everything is up to par concerning quality and safety. Alderman Schipp added that he was satisfied from what he heard from the Public Works Director.

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Alderman Clark stated that he didn't get a chance to comment on the signage (item 27). Alderman Clark added that he wished that Council could have found a balance where the signage could have been put up to discourage smoking, but not make it a City ordinance.

Agenda Item #34

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Clark at 9:01 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 Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Schipp; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #35

Recess

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 9:07 pm. A motion was made by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, September 14, 2015. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Schipp; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 9:08 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk