

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 11, 2016
MINUTES**

Rock Island City Council met in regular session at 6:45 pm in Council Chambers of Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Ivory D. Clark presiding, and Aldermen Kate Hotle, Joshua Schipp, Charles O. Austin III, Virgil J. Mayberry, P.J. Foley and Stephen L. Tollenaer. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Dave Morrison. Mayor Dennis E. Pauley was absent.

Introductory Proceedings

Mayor Pro Tem Clark 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 January 4, 2016.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the Minutes of the meeting of January 4, 2016 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, 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 Pro Tem Clark.

Mayor Pro Tem Clark advised that over 200 Ag companies will fill space at the QCCA Expo Center for the 25th Annual Quad Cities Farm Equipment Show. It opens for its three day run, January 17-19. Mayor Pro Tem Clark added that show admission and parking are all free and the show hours are Sunday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Tuesday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The QCCA Expo Center is located at 2621 Fourth Avenue. For more information: www.quadcitiesfarmshow.com.

Mayor Pro Tem Clark advised that all locations of the Rock Island Public Library will be closed Monday, January 18, so that staff can attend a library training day. The library's online services, including the library catalog, online research tools, and digital book, magazine, movie and music services, will be available for use at the library website. Mayor Pro Tem Clark noted that for more information about Rock Island Library hours, services and programs, visit the library's website, call (309) 732-READ, or follow the library on Facebook or Twitter.

Get your taxes done for FREE at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center, 630-9th Street, starting January 26, 2016. Mayor Pro Tem Clark stated that the service will be available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. To be eligible your earnings must be less than \$57,000 annually. Walk-ins welcome and the service is provided by a first come, first serve basis.

Mayor Pro Tem Clark stated that refuse and recycling collection will be on the normal collection schedule during the week of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The Drop-Off Center located at

Millennium Waste, 13606 Knoxville Road, Milan will be open on Saturday from 7:00 am to noon.

Agenda Item #7

Proclamation declaring January 2016 as National Mentoring Month.

Mayor Pro Tem Clark read the proclamation. Big Brother Jack Cullen and Little Brother Fred accepted the proclamation. Mr. Cullen stated that they have been matched since last April through Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS). Mr. Cullen explained that as a Big and Little match, you are expected to spend between six and 10 hours a month together. Mr. Cullen added that they try to explore all different sides of the Quad Cities like going to museums, spending time outside and adventuring as much as they can. Mr. Cullen pointed out that there is a waiting list of about 150 children in the Quad Cities that do not have Bigs and they are waiting for matches. Mr. Cullen commented that if anyone has free time, there are kids out there that could appreciate a mentor; it is a great program.

Agenda Item #8

A Special Ordinance declaring the 2003 Freightliner/FMC Sewer Cleaning Machine as surplus and allowing for trade-in.

It was moved by Alderman Schipp 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, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #9

A Special Ordinance declaring the 1997 HME 55 Ft. Aerial Pumper Fire Truck as surplus and allowing for disposal.

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

Agenda Item #10

A Special Ordinance establishing a two-way stop intersection at 42nd Street and 22nd Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #11
CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #25 in the amount of \$880,988.60 to Gilbane Building Company for construction services provided for the Rock Island Police Station project.

Agenda Item #12

Claims for the weeks of December 25 through December 31 in the amount of \$1,188,783.04 and January 1 through January 7 in the amount of \$4,802,741.52 and payroll for the weeks of December 21 through January 3 in the amount of \$1,480,581.88.

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

Agenda Item #13

Purchase Card Claims for the month of December in the amount of \$62,386.39.

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding bids for the demolition of the residential property at 2917 5 1/2 Avenue, recommending the bid be awarded to Miller Trucking and Excavating in the amount of \$17,055.00.

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Austin seconded to award the bid as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Comments followed. Alderman Hotle thanked staff for taking care of this item. Alderman Hotle added that she had received many concerns and complaints from her constituents in regards to this house.

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

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the 2016 Sidewalk and Pavement Patching Program maintenance contract, recommending to extend the 2015 maintenance contract with Centennial Contractors of the Quad Cities, Inc. in order to perform the required maintenance through 2016.

It was moved by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Mayberry to approve the extension as recommended.

Discussion followed. Alderman Schipp stated to the constituents of the 6th Ward that this is for the Street Patching Sidewalk Repair Utility Patching Program that was implemented last year. Alderman Schipp added that the funds have increased for this in anticipation of labor costs increasing. Alderman Schipp pointed out that this is the program for the sidewalk repair. Alderman Schipp commented that if a resident has a stretch of sidewalk in front of their home that is dilapidated or if they feel it poses a public safety risk then email him at ward6@rigov.org so that the property address can be put on the list. Alderman Schipp commented that this is on a first come, first serve basis.

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

Agenda Item #16

Report from the City Clerk regarding an application and Resolution for the Quad Cities River Bandits to hold a 5K Run on Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 9:00 am to 10:00 am.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve the event as recommended and adopt the resolution.

Comments followed. Alderman Hotle stated that she is happy to see that we are getting another race for a good cause in Rock Island.

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

Agenda Item #17

Other Business.

Alderman Schipp referenced the free tax preparation at the King Center. Alderman Schipp advised that this is part of a Quad Cities wide effort; VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) is a program funded by the United Way of the Quad Cities. Alderman Schipp commented that if the King Center is not a convenient location; there are multiple other locations throughout the Quad Cities. Alderman Schipp advised that the number to call from a landline is 211; the cell phone number to use is (563) 355-9900. Alderman Schipp added that this service is available to

anyone in the Quad Cities making \$57,000.00 or less in wages and it is for State and Federal tax preparation.

Alderman Mayberry discussed two letters to the editor that were in the newspaper this past Saturday concerning previous comments he had made in regards to pay raises for Council. Alderman Mayberry pointed out that he is not asking for a raise on his own; it is for all of the Aldermen and it is a Council decision. Alderman Mayberry added that the Council has not had a raise in 22 years. Alderman Mayberry stated that the 2nd Ward knows whether or not he is doing his job and if there is a problem, they know how to contact him.

Raymond Lind of 3408 35th Avenue stepped forward. Mr. Lind stated that he loves the city of Rock Island and is a concerned citizen. Mr. Lind voiced concerns and disappointment in regards to previous remarks made by Alderman Mayberry regarding pay raises for Council members. Mr. Lind also discussed public service. Mr. Lind commented that Aldermen are public servants; this is not a career or a job; it is public service. Mr. Lind further discussed this item. Mr. Lind also asked Council to think differently and cut taxes and expenses without cutting services. Mr. Lind added that when that is done, then Council can come to the people of this City and proudly ask for a well deserved raise. Mr. Lind commented that the only people that should be considered for raises are Police Officers and Firefighters.

Alderman Mayberry thanked Mr. Lind for coming to the meeting. Alderman Mayberry discussed the remarks that Mr. Lind made in regards to pay raises and public service. Alderman Mayberry commented that he also loves the city of Rock Island and knows what the people of the 2nd Ward want and need; he was elected by them. Alderman Mayberry stated that when I say I, that is what I mean; myself and my constituents in the 2nd Ward. Alderman Mayberry stated that he doesn't represent Mr. Lind; he represents the people in the 2nd Ward; I vote for the people of the 2nd Ward. Alderman Mayberry further discussed this item.

Agenda Item #18

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #19

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Schipp to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, January 18, 2016. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:12 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk