

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**August 8, 2011
MINUTES**

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 5:00 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center in Rock Island, IL. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen, Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. Alderman P. J. Foley arrived at 5:15 p.m. City Manager John Phillips was absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION I

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Conroy to recess to Executive Session on matters of Personnel. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 5:02 p.m. Alderman P. J. Foley arrived at 5:15 p.m.

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Council then returned to Study Session in City Council Chambers at Rock Island City Hall at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the bond sale. Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presided, and Aldermen, Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III were present. Also present were City Manager John Phillips, Finance Director Bill Scott, Public Works Director Bob Hawes, other City staff, City Attorney Ted Kutsunis and Kevin McCanna, President of Speer Financial, Inc.

BOND SALE

City Manager John Phillips inquired upon Kevin McCanna, President of Speer Financial to update Council on the bond sale.

Mr. McCanna advised that the bonds were sold at the end of last week; it was negotiated by Robert Baird & Co. It was noted that this was for the refunding of Series 2003. Mr. McCanna stated that the bond issue was for \$2,065,000.00. Mr. McCanna added that the refunding component of the sale resulted in a savings of approximately \$97,000.00. It was noted that the interest rate is 2.289%.

Mr. McCanna indicated that Standard and Poor's downgrade of the Federal Government's rating has no impact on the City's bond rating. Mr. McCanna further discussed this issue.

It was noted that Moody's Investors Service has confirmed a Aa2 rating to the City of Rock Island. Mr. McCanna advised that the Aa2 rating reflects the City's relatively stable tax base in the Quad Cities metropolitan region and diverse tax base, sound financial operations with healthy reserves despite revenue pressures, and above average yet manageable debt burden.

Council discussed the rating.

EXECUTIVE SESSION II

A motion was made by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to recess to Executive Session on matters of Litigation. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 6:11 p.m.

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

Rock Island City Council met in regular session at 6:45 p.m. in Council Chambers of Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley, presiding, and Aldermen Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy, P. J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. Also present was City Manager John Phillips.

Introductory Proceedings

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

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the Meeting of July 25, 2011.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of July 25, 2011. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Update Rock Island was not held this week.

Agenda Item #7

Announcement of the 2011 Citizen of the Year Winners.

Alderman Chuck Austin, Co-Chairman of the Citizen of the Year Committee announced the winners for the 2011 Citizen of the Year. Alderman Austin stated that he and Alderwoman Murphy had the pleasure of being on the Citizen of the Year Committee this year. Alderman Austin noted that there are eight (8) categories for Citizen of the Year. The first seven (7) categories recognize citizens who live in Rock Island and include Business, Professional, Education, Organization, Individual, City Employee and Youth. The final category, Honorary Citizen, recognizes an individual that does not live in Rock Island.

The winners of the eight (8) categories are as follows: Business - MetroLink; Professional - Janet Masamoto; Education - Janet Jo Lockhart - Johnson; Organization - Renaissance Rock Island; Individual - Ed & Nancy Hanna; City Employee - Dytanya Robinson; Youth - Anna Pienta; and Habitat for Humanity won for Honorary Citizen.

Alderman Austin advised that the overall 2011 Citizen of the Year will be named on Monday, August 22, 2011 at the Council meeting. Alderman Austin added that all of the winners will ride in the Labor Day Parade on Monday, September 5, 2011. It was noted that the overall Citizen of the Year will be the Grand Marshal of the parade.

Agenda Item #8

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

Beautification Commission member Bob Towler stepped forward and Mayor Pauley joined Mr. Towler at the podium to present the Tell on Your Neighbor Awards. Mr. Towler stated that this is the 37th annual Tell on Your Neighbor contest. The purpose of the contest is to recognize residents who show pride in their homes and neighborhoods by keeping neat and well maintained yards.

Mr. Towler then named the recipients of the Residential Beautification Award. The winners are as follows; James and Theresa Saltsman; Samantha Robinson; Clayton Peterson & Steven Johnson; Ann Balderson; Frank & Jean Lyons; Pernon & Joyce Tew; Dan & Diane Budelier; Alan & Cathy Metz; Edward & Mary Littig; Ann Shipman; James & Deborah Braet; Denise Nass & Cindy Brubaker; and Will Walloch. After the awards, pictures were taken with Mayor Pauley.

Agenda Item #9

Proclamation declaring Friday, August 12, 2011 as KJWW Day.

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation declaring Friday, August 12, 2011 as KJWW Day.

Mr. Paul VanDuyne and Larry Pithan accepted the Proclamation and the business benchmark award.

Mr. VanDuyne thanked the Mayor and City Council for the Proclamation and the award. Mr. VanDuyne stated that KJWW is honored, and thanked the City for helping KJWW expand their operation when they were landlocked.

Agenda Item #10

An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds Series 2011A to finance street improvement projects and the refunding of prior bonds.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Conroy to pass the ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #11

A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article I, Sec. 10-53 of the Code of Ordinances regarding Presence in City Parking Building and Parking Lot C.

Alderman Jones moved and Alderman Conroy 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 Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #12

A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article VI, Sec. 10-107.11 of the Code of Ordinances to include Sec. 10-23 Loitering and Sec.10-53 Presence in City Parking Building and Parking Lot C.

It was moved by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Conroy to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #13

CLAIMS

It was moved by Alderman Austin, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to accept the following reports and authorize payment as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

- a. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$4,607.59 to Kutsunis and Weng for legal services rendered for the month of July.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #10 in the amount of \$4,668.00. to the Treasurer of the State of Illinois for the City's share of the IL. 92 resurfacing project from 38th Street to the Moline border. (229)
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$96,349.50 to Langman Construction, Inc. for services provided for the 26th Avenue reconstruction: 32nd to 34th Streets project. (230)
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$194,393.08 to Valley Construction for services provided for the Rock Island Parkway improvements project. (236)
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #9 in the amount of \$648,710.30 to General Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Public Works street garage project. (241)
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$14,661.16 to Howard R. Green for services provided for the 14th Street water tower replacement project. (242)

Agenda Item #14

Claims for the weeks of July 22nd through July 28th in the amount of \$1,440,478.83 and July 29th through August 4th in the amount of \$861,898.95.

Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Foley seconded to allow the claims. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #15

Payroll for the weeks of July 11th through July 24th in the amount of \$1,317,270.03.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to allow the payroll. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of three (3) complete Externalift screw pump assemblies from Siemens Industry, Inc. in the amount of \$133,682.00.

Alderman Jones moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the purchase as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2011 Joint Sewer Lining Program, recommending the bid be awarded to Hoerr Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$142,647.50.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Foley to 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 Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for 46th Street, 29th Avenue and 47th Street Court Reconstruction, recommending the bid be awarded to Walter D. Laud, Inc. in the amount of \$328,263.50.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to 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 Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Police Department regarding a one (1) year contract with Rock Island/Milan School District #41 for the services of a School Resource Officer for the 2011/2012 school year.

It was then moved by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the contract 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 Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Police Department regarding a one (1) year contract with Rock Island/Milan School District #41 for a Police Liaison Detective at Rock Island High School for the 2011/2012 school year.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to approve the contract 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 Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #21

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a supplemental agreement with Stanley Consultants for the design, regulatory permits and construction elements for the proposed Schwiebert Riverfront Park transient boat dock.

It was moved by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to approve the agreement 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 Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #22

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a professional services agreement with the Lakota Group to prepare a visual preference survey and concept streetscape illustrations for the College Hill District.

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Jones seconded to approve the agreement 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 Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #23

Report from the Board of Local Improvements regarding two Special Assessment Ordinances for improvements to 15th Avenue from 33rd Street to 38th Street and improvements to 16th Avenue from 33rd Street to 38th Street.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Foley to pass the ordinances. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #24

Report from General Administration regarding the hiring of Attorney F. Jack Nathan to represent the City for Prairie View Litigation.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the hiring of Attorney Nathan as recommended and that he be compensated at the same rate as the City Attorney for his work on this case. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #25

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a request from David Requet of Platinum Hospitality Group LLC to install awnings that will hang over the City Right - of - Way at ~~3401 30th Street~~ 1401 30th Street.

Note: Mayor Pauley stated that the correct address for Agenda Item #25 is 1401 30th Street and not 3401 30th Street.

It was then moved by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the request as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #26

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Community Development Block Grant and Gaming Allocation Policies.

Alderman Austin moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to approve Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Community Development Block Grant and Gaming Allocation Policies as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #27

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from the Lighthouse Baptist Church for a Riverfront Corridor Overlay District site plan review for a proposed freestanding sign to be located at 4309 Blackhawk Road.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the request as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #28

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Clayton Peterson to apply for a Special Use Permit to operate a tailor, quilting and alteration business out of the downstairs dwelling unit at 1202 21st Street.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Jones seconded to allow for the application of the Special Use Permit as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #29

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request for removal of a handicapped parking space at 1917 9th Street.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the request as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #30

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request for installation of a handicapped parking space at 1529 40th Street.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to approve the request as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #31

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to restrict parking on the east side of 23rd Street from 1815 23rd Street south to 20th Avenue.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the request as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. The motion carried by the

following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #32

Items from the City Manager's Memorandum Packet.

Mr. Phillips stated that included in the memo packet is a report from the Finance Director regarding customer service improvements concerning the changes in technology and software. Mr. Phillips stated that the recommendation is to move ahead with the implementation of the iNovah centralized cash receipting system.

Mr. Phillips advised that included in the memo packet is a follow up report on trailer parking.

Council discussed this issue in regards to regulating the parking of trailers on City right-of-ways and in residential neighborhoods. Alderman Conroy stated that he would like to further look at this issue in a future Study Session.

City Manager Phillips commented on information included in the memo packet regarding the IEPA loan agreement confirmation letter. Mr. Phillips stated that this is a \$20 million dollar low interest loan for the EPA mandated improvements to the City's wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Phillips added that this also includes \$2.5 million dollars of forgiveness on the principal.

Mr. Phillips made reference to information included in the memo packet regarding the 2010 Census and ward boundary maps.

City Manager Phillips stated that included in the memo packet is information regarding MidAmerican Energy's required enforcement of the National Electrical Safety Code clearance issues.

Mayor Pauley advised that Floatzilla will be held at Lake Potter - Sunset Park on August 20th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Mayor advised that the Float to break the Guinness World record will be held at 2:00 p.m. Mayor Pauley offered that volunteers are needed from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to help launch boats, park cars, register paddlers, etc.

Alderman Foley advised that the community lost a great person - Esta Helpenstell on Friday, August 5, 2011.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that Simoniz car wash is located on 4310 46th Avenue. Alderwoman Murphy advised that Simoniz provides all types of car wash services and detailing services.

Agenda Item #33

Other Business

None.

Agenda Item #34

Executive Session on Personnel and Litigation.

The Executive Session on Litigation was held prior to the regular meeting. A second Executive Session on Personnel was not needed.

Agenda Item #35

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Jones to recess to Monday, August 22, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:15 p.m.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk