

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers at Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy and David Conroy. Also present were Interim City Manager Bob Hawes, Chief Building Official Tom Ayers, Fire Marshal Jeff Hindman, other City staff and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Alderman Charles O. Austin III was absent. Alderman Terry M.A. Brooks I arrived at 6:05 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE DISCUSSION

Chief Building Official Tom Ayers discussed the recommendations for the adoption of the 2009 International Building Code. Mr. Ayers advised that meetings were held for over six months. It was noted that the residential code generated the most comments and requests for changes. Mr. Ayers referred to the report and stated that all of these changes were agreed upon by all of the jurisdictions in the Quad City area. Mr. Ayers commented that the residential sprinkler requirement was written into the residential code.

Fire Marshal Jeff Hindman discussed the international residential code regarding sprinkler systems. Mr. Hindman stated that these are small and simple systems that are designed to help in life safety situations to give residents time to escape the house prior to the fire going to a magnitude that would prohibit them from escaping. It was noted that the systems are also designed for a minimal amount of water usage. Mr. Hindman advised that the residential sprinkler systems are designed to flow approximately 15 gallons of water a minute out of two heads. Mr. Hindman further discussed the design and how the sprinkler heads are installed in a house.

Mr. Ayers noted that for planning and adoption purposes, the jurisdictions that have adopted the 2009 residential sprinkler code have put a compliance date of January 1, 2013 for residential sprinklers. Alderman Conroy and Mayor Pauley inquired as to who has adopted the 2009 code. Mr. Ayers stated that Rock Island County, Silvis, Bettendorf, Davenport, Scott County and East Moline have adopted the code thus far.

Mr. Ayers stated that the cost to install sprinklers for an average new 2,000 square foot house is estimated at approximately \$1,200.00. Mr. Ayers reiterated that this sprinkler system code is only for new residential construction. Council further discussed this issue as it related to new residential construction compared to existing homes. Council discussed smoke alarm detection systems compared to residential sprinkler systems as it related to house fires.

Mr. Ayers and Mr. Hindman discussed the installation of residential sprinkler systems. Alderman Conroy advised that it is not only a safety measure for people buying new houses; it is also a safety measure for the fire department that has to put the fires out.

Mr. Ayers explained that a community can be severely penalized if that community is not on a current code and insurance rates will go up. Mr. Ayers further discussed the penalties as it related to other communities. Mr. Ayers also discussed the 2003, and 2006 International Building Codes as it related to comparisons with the 2009 code.

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Alderman Conroy clarified as to what Mr. Ayers explained in regards to adopting the 2009 code. Alderman Conroy stated that if the City does not adopt the 2009 code, the insurance industry will come back and state that the City is a lower rate fire city and everyone that lives inside the City will have to pay higher insurance premiums. Mr. Ayers responded yes, every property owner.

After more discussion, Mr. Ayers pointed out that the City is currently using the 2003 International Building Code with a lot of amendments, and staff is asking Council to adopt the 2009 International Building Code. Mr. Ayers added that these are necessary technical changes.

After more discussion regarding this issue, there was a consensus among Council for staff to bring back the 2009 International Building Code for Council consideration.

Mayor Pauley noted that an Executive Session discussing Personnel and Litigation was not needed this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Jones to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Brooks and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 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, P. J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy, Terry M.A. Brooks I and David Conroy. Also present was Interim City Manager Bob Hawes. Alderman Charles O. Austin III was absent.

Introductory Proceedings

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

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the Meeting of October 10, 2011.

A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of October 10, 2011. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Brooks and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley stated that several citizens have recently contacted the City of Rock Island to inquire about a company promoting water service line coverage. It was noted that the City has offered a Water Service Repair Program and Sewer Lateral Repair Program for several years.

Mayor Pauley advised that citizens have expressed concern because the mailing from American Water Resources of Illinois states “our records indicate you are not protected by the water line protection program.” Mayor Pauley added that if citizens want to inquire whether or not they are subscribed to the City’s programs, they can contact the Public Works Department at (309) 732-2200.

It was noted that many citizens do not realize that they own the water service to their property all the way to its connection with the City water main and the sewer lateral that connects their property to the City sewer system. Mayor Pauley advised that if your water service begins to leak or your sewer lateral fails, you are required to repair it or replace it. The Mayor added that the City offers programs to help with these repairs. It was noted that if anyone wishes to sign up for the Water Service Repair Program or the Sewer Lateral Repair Program go to the City’s website at www.rigov.org or call Public Works at (309) 732-2200.

Mayor Pauley offered that on Thursday, October 13th, U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) announced that MetroLink transit projects have been awarded a total of \$5,082,400.00 in grants through the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). The Mayor stated that the DOT grants include \$2,082,400.00 in funding to build a transportation hub in downtown Rock Island at 20th Street and 2nd Avenue. It was noted that the proposed 1,600 square-foot building will accommodate 10 buses at any given time and will include a lobby and restrooms. Mayor Pauley stated that the current transfer hub is much smaller and has no bus berths for transferring

passengers outside traffic lanes, greatly impeding traffic flow. It was noted that this project was selected on a competitive basis through the 2011 Bus Livability Program. Mayor Pauley added that \$3,000,000.00 in funding will replace buses in the MetroLink fleet that are beyond their useful lives with clean-diesel and compressed natural gas buses. The Mayor noted that this project was selected on a competitive basis through the 2011 State of Good Repair Program.

Mayor Pauley offered that the City is grateful to Senator Durbin and the DOT for their support of funding especially for the transportation hub downtown. In addition, this will help with future developments that the City is pursuing for the area, including a mixed-use transit-related residential and commercial project.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Estate of Grace antique store held a special celebration to mark the official opening of their new business. It was noted that the store is located in the College Hill District at 1230 30th Street in Rock Island. Mayor Pauley indicated that Estate of Grace offers vintage lace and textiles in Victorian inspired clothing with a modern fit. It was noted that owner Karolyn Williams brings a wealth of experience to this new business; she has a fashion design background along with a love for home décor. Mayor Pauley stated that the new store joins four other antique stores located in the College Hill District area.

Agenda Item #7

A Special Ordinance vacating a north/south alley right-of-way east of 38th Street between 6th and 7th Avenues to Augustana College.

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

Agenda Item #8

CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$58,716.59 to General Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Turkey Hollow Road Bridge Replacement project. (293)
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$682,990.00 to Civil Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Wet Weather Treatment System project. (294)

Agenda Item #9

Claims for the week of October 7 through October 13 in the amount of \$554,400.78.

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

Agenda Item #10

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of a remanufactured diesel engine from Interstate Power Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$20,118.75.

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

Agenda Item #11

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a State bid for purchase of 3,200 tons of rock salt at \$70.28 per ton from the North American Salt Company in the amount of \$224,896.00.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve participation in the state bid as recommended and authorize purchase. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Brooks and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding bids for demolition and site clearance of 23 residential properties and one vacant lot, recommending the bid be awarded to Valley Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$298,300.00.

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

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget, recommending increasing the Capital Improvements Fund in the amount of \$1,078,482.00 through a transfer from the Gaming Fund.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the budget

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adjustment as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Brooks and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to restrict parking on the west side of 15th Street from 13th Avenue to the turnaround in front of 18th Avenue. (A Motion remains on the floor - Alderman Brooks moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to approve the request.)

Note: Agenda Item #14 was deferred from the October 3, 2011 Council meeting.

Discussion followed. Alderman Brooks stated that a petition went around the neighborhood again and more signatures were obtained. Alderman Brooks then amended the motion.

It was moved by Alderman Brooks to have the parking requirements from 13th Avenue to 15th Avenue on 15th Street, Alderman Conroy seconded.

Mr. Jason Hayes of 1330 15th Street stated that he thought that the other side of the street is suppose to be no parking, but there are no signs posted.

Interim City Manager Hawes advised that he would check on that.

After discussion, the amendment to the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Brooks and Alderman Conroy, those voting No, none.

The amended main motion reads as follows:

It was moved by Alderman Brooks, seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to restrict parking on the west side of 15th Street from 13th Avenue to 15th Avenue and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Brooks and Alderman Conroy, those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #15

Report from the City Clerk regarding a Street Closing request for the east 100 feet of 42nd Avenue between 1445 42nd Avenue and the dead end at 42nd Avenue on Saturday, October 22, 2011 from 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm for a neighborhood Halloween block party.

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

Agenda Item #16

Items from the City Manager's Memorandum Packet.

Interim City Manager Hawes did not have any items to discuss.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that Tapas Yoga Shala is a new business Downtown located at 1st Avenue and 19th Street in the McKesson building. It was noted that Tapas Yoga Shala is a premiere studio for Quad City yoga that is owned by Evan and Kelly Harris. Alderwoman Murphy stated that to find out about class schedules and all other events, please visit their website at www.tapasyogashala.com. Alderwoman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop Rock Island.

Alderwoman Murphy commented on Senator Durbin's announcement that MetroLink transit projects have been awarded a total of \$5,082,400.00 in grants through the U.S. Department of Transportation. Alderwoman Murphy stated that this will be a plus especially for all of the people that ride the bus Downtown.

Agenda Item #17

Other Business

Timothy Dooling of 832 14 ½ Street stepped forward.

Mayor Pauley advised Mr. Dooling that if he wished to speak on the issue regarding Hy-Vee again, it would not be allowed. Mayor Pauley pointed out that last week, when Mr. Dooling spoke on this Hy-Vee issue, it was disruptive and obscene and the taped was pulled.

Mr. Dooling then voiced concerns regarding other police and civil issues.

Agenda Item #18

Executive Session on Personnel and Litigation.

The Executive Session on Personnel and Litigation was not held.

Agenda Item #19

Recess

A motion was made by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to recess to Monday, October 24, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Brooks and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:02 p.m.

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