

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 9, 2012
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 David Conroy, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III and Terry M.A. Brooks I. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Alderman P. J. Foley was absent.

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 April 2, 2012.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the Minutes of the meeting of April 2, 2012 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Brooks; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley stated that Night of 1000 Dreams, a fundraiser where donations from over 400 individuals and businesses helped raise more than \$40,000.00 for elementary, junior high and high school “extras” last year, will be held Friday, April 13th at the Local 25 Plumbers & Pipefitters Hall at 4600 Blackhawk Road. It was noted that doors open at 6:00 pm and dinner is at 6:30 pm. Mayor Pauley advised that the evening includes fellowship, a meal and a silent auction followed by an exciting live auction with a game-show twist. It was noted that the highlight of the evening is the grand prize raffle where one lucky person will win a dream vacation for two. Mayor Pauley stated that the main beneficiaries of Night of 1000 Dreams are the students in the Rock Island-Milan School District.

Mayor Pauley advised that the City of Rock Island Public Works Department will begin the Spring Fire Hydrant Flushing Program on Monday, April 16th at 7:00 am. It was noted that crews will be flushing hydrants for approximately a four week period. The Mayor stated that the purpose of this program is to help maintain water quality standards and the fire protection system. It was noted that citizens may experience brief periods of discolored water or low pressure, which is normal during flushing operations. Mayor Pauley indicated that questions may be directed to the Public Works Department at (309) 732-2200.

Mayor Pauley stated that National Library Week will be celebrated with a photo presentation by Gayle Rein on logger baron and library patron Frederick Weyerhaeuser on Tuesday, April 10th from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Mayor Pauley offered that the presentation covers rafting logs down river and the start of Weyerhaeuser's lumber company in Coal Valley and Rock Island. It was noted that Frederick Weyerhaeuser also provided funds to build the Rock Island Library's downtown building in 1903.

Mayor Pauley advised that on Sunday, April 15th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, children are invited to the Quad City Botanical Center's lush enchanted garden for a Pixie Tea. The Mayor added that the attire is garden party dresses with glitter and wings optional. It was noted that this magical afternoon includes pixie size sweets, cakes, tea and punch. Mayor Pauley stated that there will be many magical crafts for the children and the gift of a pixie wand for remembering the day! It was noted that the cost is \$10.00 per person, children 2 and under are free. Mayor Pauley stated to RSVP to Beth at (309)794-0991 extension 30 or email vs@qcgardens.com.

Mayor Pauley advised that April 6th and 7th marks the 150th anniversary of the Civil War Battle of Shiloh, described by General U.S. Grant as "The most severe battle fought in the West during the war." Mayor Pauley stated that to mark this somber anniversary, the Augustana Historical Society will present a program by local historian John Norton entitled, "Augustana, Swedish Soldiers and Shiloh: Civil War Sesquicentennial Reflections." Mayor Pauley commented that the program will be held in Augustana College's Wallenberg Hall on Wednesday, April 11th beginning at 7:00 pm. It was noted that the program is free and open to the public.

Agenda Item #7

A Special Ordinance removing a handicapped parking space at 2615 5 ½ Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #8

A Special Ordinance removing a handicapped parking space at 2530 5 ½ Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #9

A Special Ordinance reserving parking spaces and establishing parking in a City parking lot at 1620-1624 2nd Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #10

CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$36,380.74 to Harris Computer Systems for the annual software maintenance contract for Northstar. (001)
- b. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$20,273.00 to Harris Computer Systems for the annual software maintenance contract for Govern. (002)
- c. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$39,604.00 to Harris Computer Systems for the annual software maintenance contracts for GEMS. (004)
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #6 in the amount of \$736,969.04 to Civil Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Wet Weather Treatment System project. (081)

Agenda Item #11

Claims for the week of March 30 through April 5 in the amount of \$444,932.47.

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

Agenda Item #12

Payroll for the weeks of March 19 through April 1 in the amount of \$1,312,794.68.

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

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding the annual purchase of computer replacement equipment from the Hewlett-Packard Company in the amount of \$50,000.00.

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2012 Weed Control Spraying Program, recommending the bid be awarded to Kymbyl Komplete Kare, Inc. in the amount of \$15,450.00.

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

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Public Works Department regarding an amendment to the contract with Langman Construction for the City's PCC Street Patching Program, recommending extending the contract to include work for the Southwest Business Park Street Patching project in the amount of \$230,000.00.

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

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Police Department regarding a Memorandum of Understanding for the 2012 Justice Assistance Grant.

Alderman Jones moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to approve the memorandum of understanding as recommended and authorize the Mayor, City Clerk and City Attorney to execute the contract documents. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Brooks; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Parks and Recreation Department regarding a Resolution supporting the Rock River Trail Initiative.

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

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Parks and Recreation Department regarding a Highway Resolution for the closure of 1st Avenue between 17th Street and 20th Street on Tuesday, July 3, 2012 for the Red, White and Boom event at Schwiebert Riverfront Park.

Alderman Jones moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to adopt the resolution.

Discussion followed. Alderwoman Murphy inquired as to whether there is a reason why people are not allowed to sit in their lawn chairs in the street (1st Avenue) during this event. Alderwoman Murphy commented that the street is already blocked for this event.

Police Chief Scott Harris advised that he didn't believe it was ever considered.

Public Works Director Bob Hawes stated that people are not allowed to sit in the street due to emergency access. Mr. Hawes explained that if the street is filled with people sitting in lawn chairs, then Fire, ambulance and Police would have a lot of trouble getting to where they need to be.

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

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding amendments to the Zoning Ordinance related to regulating the location and use of wind and solar energy systems.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the amendments as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Discussion followed. Alderman Conroy inquired as to where these regulations came from or are they part of the national code.

Public Works Director Bob Hawes stated that this is a zoning ordinance, not building codes. Mr. Hawes indicated that the regulations were developed by a team from the Illinois side of the river. Mr. Hawes commented that people would still need a building permit, but would not have to obtain a special use permit or variance.

Alderman Austin advised that in the report, differences were cited as it related to Moline, Milan, Rock Island County and Rock Island. Alderman Austin inquired as to why there are differences.

Mr. Hawes explained that he believed it was a legislative decision on how the city councils wanted to look at it. Mr. Hawes added that the technical specs are essentially the same everywhere. Mr. Hawes advised that the City of Moline decided that they didn't want the wind energy systems in residential areas at all. It was noted that Milan requires a special use permit for wherever they are placed and Rock Island County is doing the same thing. Mr. Hawes stated that the reason the City is not recommending a special use permit is due to Council not having to deal with everyone on an individual basis.

Alderman Conroy advised that he did not have enough information at this time to vote on this item. Alderman Conroy inquired as to whether the other cities are adopting what is proposed for the City of Rock Island.

Mr. Hawes responded that the other cities have adopted the technical part of it. Mr. Hawes further stated that the Planning Commission held a public hearing on this item and voted eleven to zero to recommend approval of the amendments to the zoning ordinance.

Alderman Conroy advised that he would like to see these wind energy systems under a special use permit. Alderman Conroy further discussed this issue. Alderman Conroy inquired as to whether staff is asking for the technical part of it to be approved or the technical part plus not needing a variance. Mr. Hawes stated that it would be the whole package.

Alderman Conroy advised that he would like visuals on these wind energy systems and what options people may have so that a decision could be made.

After more discussion, Alderwoman Murphy removed her motion. Alderwoman Murphy stated that more information is needed on this item.

After further discussion, this item was then pulled from the Agenda to come back at a later date.

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from the Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation to vacate a segment of 6th Avenue and several alleys north of 6th Avenue between 12th and 13th Streets.

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

Agenda Item #21

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from the Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation for a rezoning from a B-3 (community business) district to a PUD (planned unit development) district and a preliminary site plan approval for several properties located in the New Old Chicago Neighborhood as stated in the report.

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

Agenda Item #22

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Crawford Company for approval of a Riverfront Corridor Overlay District site plan review for a building expansion at 1306 Mill Street.

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

Agenda Item #23

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a request from Keep Rock Island Beautiful for permission to hang a banner for their annual Downtown Cleanup to be held on Saturday, May 5, 2012.

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

Agenda Item #24

Other Business

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

Alderman Austin stated that another opportunity is coming up for Rock Islanders to talk to City leaders. Alderman Austin advised that on Thursday, April 12th, he will be hosting his annual Ward meeting at the Nazarene Church at 29th Avenue and 38th Street at 6:30 pm. Alderman Austin advised that this is an opportunity for all citizens of Rock Island to listen to ideas and concerns, ask questions, share thoughts and get answers to questions.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that Panther Uniforms has just moved to a new location at 1600 2nd Avenue. Alderman Murphy indicated that Panther Uniforms sell a variety of uniforms including Police, Fire, Postal Service and uniforms for the hospitality industry. It was noted that they also sell to the general public. Alderwoman Murphy stated that they sell civilian mace; they offer in-house embroidery and they sell work clothes, boots and shoes. Alderwoman Murphy stated that one of their most popular items is cushioned socks. It was noted that they also offer gift certificates. Alderwoman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local; Shop Rock Island.

Agenda Item #25

Executive Session on Personnel.

A motion was made by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Jones at 7:10 pm to recess to Executive Session on matters of Personnel. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Brooks; those voting No, none. Alderman Foley was absent.

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Recess

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 7:15 pm. A motion was made by Alderman Brooks and seconded by Alderman Conroy to recess to Monday, April 16, 2012 at 5:30 pm. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Brooks; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:16 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk