

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, P. J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, 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 Jason W. Jones 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 16, 2012.**

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the Minutes of the meeting of April 16, 2012 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Brooks; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

#### **Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.**

Mayor Pauley stated that this will be Library Director Ave Ketter's last meeting. Mayor Pauley congratulated Ms. Ketter on her retirement and thanked Ms. Ketter for 13 years of service to the City.

Mayor Pauley stated that Keep Rock Island Beautiful and The Downtown Rock Island Arts & Entertainment District invite everyone to participate in the Annual Downtown Clean Up Day on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor added that help is needed to beautify our community and enhance our surroundings. The Mayor stated to meet at 8:00 am on the first floor of the City parking ramp located on Third Avenue between 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Streets. It was noted that complimentary coffee, juice, donuts, water and cleaning supplies will be provided. Mayor Pauley stated that projects will include sweeping, weeding and general clean up. It was noted to please call Carolyn Fuller at (309) 786-1334 or The District at (309) 788-6311 to volunteer.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Annual Spring Community Garage Sale will take place on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at Longview Park at 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Island. It was noted that admission is free. Mayor Pauley indicated that this huge sale will include everything from books, clothes, furniture, toys and more. The Mayor added that the rain date will be Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. It was noted to call (309) 732-7275 for more information.

Mayor Pauley advised that four area libraries, including Rock Island, are again working together to offer Community Shred Days as part of Money Smart Week Quad Cities, April 21-28, 2012. Mayor Pauley added that to use the service, patrons may just pull up and drop their materials in

locked bins with bonded staff of Document Destruction Services and Recycling Services of Davenport. It was noted that all items will be secured and shredded off-site for confidentiality. The Mayor commented that no shredding is done onsite. It was noted that the Rock Island Shred Day location is Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the Rock Island Main Library at 401 19<sup>th</sup> Street.

Mayor Pauley indicated that the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center's A.C.T.I.V.E. Club (Aging Citizens Taking Interest in a Variety of Experiences) is delighted to invite the community to their Annual Style Show on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center at 630 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive (9<sup>th</sup> Street), Rock Island. Mayor Pauley stated that this year's theme is: "Yes We Can A-G-A-I-N!!!" It was noted that adult tickets are \$5.00 and children under 12 years are \$2.00. The Mayor stated that proceeds benefit the Martin Luther King Center. It was noted that for more information, contact the Martin Luther King Center at (309) 732-2999.

Mayor Pauley stated to volunteer for Join Hands Day at the Quad City Botanical Center on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, a national day of service sponsored by Modern Woodmen of America. Mayor Pauley stated that you can help by mulching, edging, weeding and basic ground and garden beautification from 9:00 am to noon or 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. It was noted to call to sign up at (309) 794-0991 ext. 26.

Agenda Item #7

**Presentation by the Quad City Convention and Visitors Bureau.**

Joe Taylor, President and CEO of the Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau and Margo McInnis, Vice President of Visitor Services stepped forward. Mr. Taylor stated that the Mississippi Valley Welcome Center in LeClaire, IA was closed and over the past several months, the Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau have been reinventing how visitor services are being delivered to visitors to the Quad Cities. Mr. Taylor stated that they have opened a visitor center in Walcott, IA; partnered with several entities in Geneseo, IL to offer Quad Cities visitor information on the east side of the Quad Cities on Interstate 80; and looking at the implementation of portable kiosks throughout the Quad Cities. Mr. Taylor advised that the main change has been to initiate The District Visitors Center, which is now open. Mr. Taylor commented that the grand opening will be held in several weeks.

Ms. McInnis updated Council on the details of The District Visitors Center. Ms. McInnis advised that The District Visitors Center and Gift Shop is located on 17<sup>th</sup> Street across from Theo's Java Club. Ms. McInnis advised that the center has set hours, but they are working with The District and Renaissance Rock Island on expanding the hours as needed. Ms. McInnis then presented and read a Proclamation to Council regarding the new Quad Cities Visitor Center and Gift Shop in The District. Ms. McInnis then invited the Mayor, Council members, tourism industry,

businesses and the citizens of Rock Island and the Quad Cities to the Ribbon Cutting on Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

Agenda Item #8

**Proclamation declaring April 27, 2012 as Arbor Day.**

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation. Public Works Director Bob Hawes accepted the Proclamation. Mr. Hawes thanked the Mayor and Council for the Proclamation. Mr. Hawes invited everyone to a tree planting that the Mayor will do on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at Earl Hanson School.

Agenda Item #9

**Proclamation declaring Saturday, May 5, 2012 as Keep Rock Island Beautiful Day.**

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation. No one was at the meeting to accept the Proclamation.

Agenda Item #10

**Proclamation declaring the month of May as Motorcycle Awareness Month.**

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation. Blackhawk A.B.A.T.E. representatives accepted the Proclamation, which included Gregory Dorr, Beth Dorr, Marci Jenkins, Chad Jacobs and Tim Wassell, President of the Bi-State Motorcycle Awareness Council. Mr. Wassell thanked the Mayor and Council for the Proclamation. Mr. Wassell stated that the Motorcycle Awareness Ride will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Wassell added that the Bi-State Motorcycle Awareness Council appreciates the fact that the City has allowed this annual event to continue to promote motorcycle awareness. Mr. Wassell stated that this event is to remind people that motorcycle season has started.

Agenda Item #11

**A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 3, Sec. 3-11(i) of the Code of Ordinances regarding gambling devices.**

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

Agenda Item #12

**A Special Ordinance authorizing acquisition of property at 606 24<sup>th</sup> Street.**

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

Agenda Item #13

**A Special Ordinance providing for the sale of property at 606 24<sup>th</sup> Street.**

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

Agenda Item #14

**A Special Ordinance declaring two current City-owned trailers as surplus and allowing for disposal.**

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

Agenda Item #15

**A Special Ordinance declaring one current City-owned John Deere mower and one current City-owned John Deere lawn tractor as surplus and allowing for disposal.**

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

Agenda Item #16

**CLAIMS**

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

- a. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$2,493.65 to Stephen Jordan for General Liability Claim.
- b. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$2,196.50 to William Maylone for General Liability Claim.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #8 in the amount of \$24,695.25 to Maguire Iron, Inc. for services provided for the 14<sup>th</sup> Street and 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue water tower replacement project. (091)

Agenda Item #17

**Claims for the week of April 13 through April 19 in the amount of \$929,991.51.**

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

Agenda Item #18

**Payroll for the weeks of April 2 through April 15 in the amount of \$1,236,493.35.**

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

Agenda Item #19

**Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding a four-year labor agreement between the City and AFSCME A for the period of March 21, 2011 through March 29, 2015.**

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

Agenda Item #20

**Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding the 2012/2013 Liability Insurance Program, recommending approval of the self-insurance package and brokerage fees, and recommending payment in the amount of \$342,567.00 to Cleaveland Insurance for insurance renewals and brokerage fees and payment in the amount of \$16,061.00 to Crawford & Company for third party administration services.**

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the self-insurance package, insurance renewals and brokerage fees as recommended and authorize payments. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Brooks; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #21

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding a request from Larry O Melia to construct a retaining wall within the Public Right of Way at 2535 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

Note: The motion on the printed Agenda was whether or not to deny the request as recommended.

Alderman Tollenaer moved to approve the request from Larry O Melia and require Mr. O Melia to maintain appropriate insurance as to protect the city of Rock Island's liability; in addition, not

to hold the City responsible for future maintenance of the terrace and authorize staff to create an agreement. Alderman Brooks seconded.

Alderman Tollenaer stated that Mr. O Melia was at the meeting and if Council had any questions, Mr. O Melia would be more than glad to answer the questions.

Alderman Conroy advised that Alderman Tollenaer's motion answered all of his questions.

With no questions from Council, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Brooks; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #22

**Report from the Mayor regarding an appointment to the Rock Island Library Board.**

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

Michael Avgenackis was appointed to the Rock Island Library Board for a three year term ending on April 30, 2015.

**Agenda Item #23 and Agenda Item #24**

Alderman Conroy moved to approve the event on May 19<sup>th</sup> (Agenda Item #23) and the event on June 9<sup>th</sup> (Agenda Item #24), subject to complying with all liquor license regulations and subject to being closed down early if noise complaints are received. Alderman Foley seconded. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Brooks; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #23

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Kavanaugh's Hilltop Tavern to hold an outdoor fundraising event on Saturday, May 19, 2012 from noon to 8:00 pm at 1228 30<sup>th</sup> Street.**

Agenda Item #24

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Kavanaugh's Hilltop Tavern to hold an outdoor benefit (Ride with Kelly Foundation Charity Motorcycle Ride) on Saturday, June 9, 2012 from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm at 1228 30<sup>th</sup> Street.**

Agenda Item #25

**Report from the City Clerk regarding an application and Highway Resolution for the Quad Cities Marathon to be held on Sunday, September 23, 2012.**

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

Agenda Item #26  
**Other Business**

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

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that Lizano's Landscape and Maintenance is located in southwest Rock Island. It was noted that Mr. Lizano has been in business for over nine years. Alderwoman Murphy indicated that Mr. Lizano offers complete professional lawn care service for residential and commercial establishments in Rock Island. It was noted that Mr. Lizano does retaining walls, planting, lawn care maintenance, mulching and rock, builds brick patios and sidewalks and offers regular lawn care. Alderwoman Murphy stated that Mr. Lizano's website is [www.lizanos.com](http://www.lizanos.com). Alderwoman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local; Shop Rock Island.

Agenda Item #27  
**Executive Session on Property Acquisition and Litigation.**

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

Agenda Item #28  
**Recess**

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 7:19 pm. A motion was made by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to recess to Monday, May 7, 2012 at 5:30 pm. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Brooks; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:20 pm.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk