

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 5:30 pm in City Council Chambers at Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen Ivory D. Clark, David Conroy, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen, other City staff and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis.

## **DEER POPULATION PRESENTATION**

Mayor Pauley stated that last year, there was some extensive discussion regarding the deer population count. The Mayor added that some people were definitely opposed to hunting the deer and others thought that some deer should be eliminated. Mayor Pauley advised that on December 21, 2012 a deer count was completed. The Mayor added that Mr. Nelson will provide the results of the count and possible options.

Mayor Pauley advised that this is not a session where public input is accepted. Mayor Pauley pointed out that after the update, Council may request additional information on the options; this will come back to Council at another session with a recommendation and at that time, public input will be accepted.

Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson advised that there has been much concern about the deer population; there has been complaints regarding deer eating plants, concerns about vehicle/deer accidents and over population of deer in valleys and creek ways. Mr. Nelson made reference to several pictures in regards to the signs of over population. Mr. Nelson stated that a browse line tends to occur when there is an over population of deer in which twigs, branches and ground cover are eaten. It was noted that deer trails, destruction of gardens, bark being stripped from trees and the lack of fear of people all occurs when there is an over population of deer. Mr. Nelson commented that some people have health concerns with the spread of deer ticks. It was noted that deer ticks are primarily spread by mice in an immature form, when they mature, they have a tendency to attach to fox, raccoon and then deer.

Mr. Nelson stated that the Illinois DNR has identified some guidelines for deer. Mr. Nelson advised that they state that in urban areas an appropriate number of deer is 10 to 12 deer per square mile and in wooded and farmland areas, the recommendation is 20 to 30 deer per square mile.

Mr. Nelson indicated that there has also been discussion in regards to what has been previously done about the deer issue. Mr. Nelson advised that several years ago, the Parks and Recreation Department provided flyers on plants that deer are less likely to eat. Mr. Nelson commented that when deer are hungry, they are likely to eat just about any plant. Mr. Nelson added that plant selection does not resolve the issue of overpopulation with deer.

Mr. Nelson advised that the deer count was completed on December 21, 2012. Mr. Nelson commented that conditions were perfect for the count; there was about 4½ inches of snow. Mr. Nelson added that the flight was done in a grid pattern and there were two counters and a pilot. It

was noted that Mr. Nelson was told that for every deer counted, there will be two deer. Mr. Nelson advised that in preparation for the deer count, the City was mapped out in quadrants and several maps were developed. Mr. Nelson made reference to the maps that identified the areas where deer were located. The various mapped out areas included; deer around creeks and valleys, deer with street map location, deer around parks and cemeteries and deer per square mile. Mr. Nelson further explained these maps.

Council discussed the mapped out areas as it related to where the deer were located and how many deer were in those specific areas. It was noted that there was a total of over 400 deer counted. Council and Mr. Nelson discussed population growth as it related to the future deer population. Council also discussed safety concerns as it related to deer/vehicle accidents and the possibility of health issues.

Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen advised that deer/vehicle accidents have remained consistent for the last several years. The Chief added that there has been no dramatic increase in deer/vehicle accidents. Chief VenHuizen stated that in 2011, there were 37 deer/vehicle accidents and in 2012, there were 33 deer/vehicle accidents.

Mr. Nelson discussed options as it related to the deer issue. Mr. Nelson pointed out that there are a number of programs throughout the United States; the primary ones include: chemicals (sterilization), surgery to remove organs, hunts and sharpshooting. Mr. Nelson added that typically, the places that have had an over population program tend to do a combination of hunt (archery) and sharpshooting.

Council discussed these options. After discussion, it was a consensus among Council for Mr. Nelson to gather more information and come back to Council with a variety of options.

## **EMERALD ASH BORER DISCUSSION**

Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson updated Council on the Emerald Ash Borer. Mr. Nelson advised that the Emerald Ash Borer is a small destructive beetle in larval form and the adult is metallic green. Mr. Nelson advised that these insects are native to China and Eastern Asia, and it is suspected that they came through wood packaging materials shipped to the United States. Mr. Nelson added that these insects were identified as starting in Michigan and they have spread east and west.

Mr. Nelson indicated that the Emerald Ash Borer seems to follow highway corridors and they attach to firewood, wood packaging and nursery products. It was noted that ash trees are the only host for the Emerald Ash Borer and green, white and blue ash are their favorites. Mr. Nelson discussed the death rate of ash trees. It was noted that the Green Ash is the most susceptible and will die within a couple of years, while the White Ash will last a few more years and the Blue Ash will last a little longer.

Mr. Nelson discussed the life span of the Emerald Ash Borer. It was noted that it usually takes two years with the larval stage entering under the tree bark. Mr. Nelson commented that the adult

will lay about 75 eggs and the adults will stay with the tree until it is dead and then they will move to a new tree. Mr. Nelson stated that the signs of infestation include; dead branches, shoots from trunk of tree and D shaped tunnels in the tree.

Mr. Nelson stated that trees can be treated with a systemic chemical and there has been some thought about introducing predatory wasps. It was noted that some native wasps may also kill the Emerald Ash Borer. Mr. Nelson pointed out that the Illinois Department of Agriculture is recommending an ash tree reduction strategy. They are recommending treating some of the trees with a systemic chemical to try and get the trees to live longer. Mr. Nelson stated that the reason behind that is to take the death of the trees and spread it over a longer period of time so that the community is not impacted as much as it would be if all of the trees died at the same time.

Mr. Nelson discussed various communities that have been impacted by the Emerald Ash Borer. Mr. Nelson pointed out that in order to identify what needs to be done, at some point, an inventory of ash trees needs to take place in the community to find out how many ash trees and what kinds of ash trees there are and who owns the trees. Mr. Nelson added that at that point, some type of plan could be developed for tree removal. Mr. Nelson advised that the beetles are near our location. Mr. Nelson added that there is some thought that not all of the trees will die, but most are endangered. Mr. Nelson pointed out that the reason for removal of the trees is because ash trees have a tendency to dry out more quickly upon death and there is a high risk of falling limbs and trees becoming more dangerous in a shorter period of time. Mr. Nelson commented that ash trees should not be sold as firewood. Mr. Nelson indicated that if the trees are chemically treated, it should continue every other year or every year.

Council discussed Mr. Nelson's presentation.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 20, 2013  
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 Ivory D. Clark, David Conroy, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis.

**Introductory Proceedings**

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

**Agenda Item #5**

**Minutes of the meeting of May 13, 2013.**

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 13, 2013 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

**Agenda Item #6**

**Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.**

Mayor Pauley advised that Whitewater Junction Family Aquatic Center's season opening is May 25<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Pauley added that Whitewater Junction is a zero-depth to 9 feet deep pool featuring a body slide, tube slide, two drop-slides, tumble buckets, tea-cup, a tot slide, and fun for the whole family. Call (309) 732-SWIM for more information or go to [www.rigov.org](http://www.rigov.org). Also join us on June 1<sup>st</sup> (rain date will be June 2<sup>nd</sup>) as we celebrate Whitewater Junction's 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party. It was noted that there will be games, prizes and a few surprises. The cake cutting will take place at 1:00 pm.

Mayor Pauley stated that fast action bicycle racing, food and family activities take place at the Quad Cities Criterium on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> presented by the District in conjunction with the Quad Cities Bicycle Club. The Mayor added that admission is free. For more information, visit [www.quadcitiescriterium.com](http://www.quadcitiescriterium.com).

Mayor Pauley indicated that free walking tours of Locks & Dam 15 on the Rock Island Arsenal will be open Saturdays and Sundays between Memorial Day and Labor Day (weather permitting). Mayor Pauley stated to meet at the Mississippi River Visitor Center on the west end of Arsenal Island. It was noted that the tours are at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm and last approximately one hour. Mayor Pauley advised that topics covered during lock and dam tours are river history, lock and dam operation, towboats, barges, cargo, river hazards and much more. It was noted that participants must wear shoes with enclosed toes and heels (tennis shoes are best). Group sizes are limited and advance reservation is required. Call (309) 794-5338.

Mayor Pauley stated that Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, will kick off the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Starlight Revue Music Under the Stars Concert Series held at Lincoln Park. Mayor Pauley added that River City 6 will

start the series off and the first 100 guests will receive Starlight fans. Mayor Pauley advised that at 6:00 pm, enjoy dinner and an ice cream social from Hy-Vee followed by a dance lesson or family activity at 6:30 pm then at 7:00 pm the music begins. Concert rain date is Wednesday of the same week. Call (309) 732-RAIN.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Quad Cities Chamber recognized 15 businesses from throughout our region for their innovation, leadership and community involvement at the Quad Cities Small Business Excellence Awards. The Mayor added that Rock Island is home to 4 of 15 of our businesses recognized. It was noted that dphilms, Valley Construction Company, Quad City Arts and The Child Abuse Council from Rock Island were all recognized for their hard work and innovation. The Mayor commented that we wanted to ensure that you were informed of their successes and had every opportunity to recognize their accomplishments. The Mayor pointed out that dphilms was 1 of 5 finalists in the 1-50 employees category. Valley Construction was 1 of 5 finalists in the 51-250 employees category. The Child Abuse Council and Quad City Arts were 2 of the 5 finalists in our Non-Profit category. Mayor Pauley stated that dphilms, located in the District of Rock Island, specializes in high quality video and television production for national, regional and local clientele. The Mayor added that Valley Construction Company located in Rock Island, has been a pioneering provider of infrastructure development in the Quad Cities. Today, the company is one of the largest and most diversified contractors in the area providing services such as paving, underground utilities, site development, excavation and general contractor work for commercial, industrial and institutional customers. Mayor Pauley stated that The Child Abuse Council located in Rock Island, leads community efforts to eliminate child abuse and neglect by strengthening children and families through prevention, treatment and education. Mayor Pauley added that this year, The Child Abuse Council celebrates its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary, a testament to the value of their initiative and responsiveness to adapt and stay relevant to changing needs of the community. Mayor Pauley advised that Quad City Arts is located in Rock Island. A community-based organization, Quad City Arts focuses on collaboration as a path to reaching its goals of providing performing, visual and community arts programming and education.

Agenda Item #7

**Presentation by the Quad City Riverfront Council.**

Timothy Huey, Scott County Planning Director and Scott County's representative on the Quad City Riverfront Council stepped forward. Mr. Huey was also accompanied by Meghan Overton of Bi-State Regional Commission and Rock Island Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson.

Mr. Huey stated that the Quad City Riverfront Council is made up of representatives of all of the communities along the river. Mr. Huey advised that they encourage, coordinate and discuss quality riverfront developments among the various local jurisdictions. Mr. Huey then presented the Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation with two Certificates of Appreciation for the development of Jackson Square and the development of McKesson Lofts. Brian Hollenback, President of Renaissance Rock Island accepted the awards.

Agenda Item #8

**Presentation of the Rock Island Historic Preservation Awards.**

Ms. Linda Anderson of 1718 21<sup>st</sup> Street and representing the Rock Island Preservation Society stated that May is National Historic Preservation Month. Ms. Anderson noted that the theme for this year is “See! Save! & Celebrate!” Ms. Anderson stated that this year, the Preservation Society is presenting preservation awards for two home projects; four certificates of recognition for home projects and a special media award for an inspiring documentary video.

Ms. Anderson inquired upon Mayor Pauley to join her at the podium for the award ceremony. Ms. Anderson and the Mayor then presented the four Certificates of Recognition. The first award was presented to Karolyn Williams for restoration of the garage at 816 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. The next award was presented to Chris Dunn and Elizabeth Russell for the house at 1211 19<sup>th</sup> Street for continuing the unveiling tradition. The third Certificate of Recognition was presented to Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation for the rebuilding of the front porch on the house at 905 20<sup>th</sup> Street. The last Certificate of Recognition was also presented to Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation for the restoration of the historic garage at 1209 21<sup>st</sup> Street. Brian Hollenback accepted both awards.

Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation was presented with the Historic Preservation Award for home restorations at 1603 25<sup>th</sup> Street and the Levi Haverstick house at 544 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. Brian Hollenback accepted the awards.

The honoree for the Special Media Award was Todd Mizener, Director of Photography for the Argus/Dispatch for his video; “Lincoln School: The Final Chapter.”

Agenda Item #9

**Proclamation declaring May, 2013 as National Preservation Month.**

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation. Mr. Kent Cornish, Chairman of the Preservation Commission accepted the proclamation and thanked the Mayor and Council for the proclamation.

Agenda Item #10

**A Special Ordinance amending a zoning district and zoning map at 520 18<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 Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #11

**A Resolution urging Congress, the Department of the Army and the Department of Defense to again review Captain William Albracht's heroic actions at Firebase Kate, and if warranted, upgrade the Silver Star bestowed on him for those actions to the Medal of Honor.**

It was moved by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Conroy to adopt the resolution.

At this time, Mayor Pauley read the Resolution.

After the reading, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Mayor Pauley thanked Captain Albracht for his service.

William Albracht stepped forward. Mr. Albracht stated that he is deeply honored and thanked the Mayor and Council for the resolution. Mr. Albracht stated that he accepts the resolution on behalf of all his brothers that are here tonight and that served together in Vietnam.

Agenda Item #12

**Claims for the week of May 10 through May 16 in the amount of \$1,062,484.27.**

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

Agenda Item #13

**Payroll for the weeks of April 29 through May 12 in the amount of \$1,407,273.39.**

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

Agenda Item #14

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding a proposal from Missman, Inc. for construction inspection services for the new Quad City Botanical Center's Children's Garden in the amount of \$75,000.00.**

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve the proposal as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin stated that Agenda Items #14 and #19 deal with the City's relationship with the Quad City Botanical Center. Alderman Austin inquired upon Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson to explain these items.

Mr. Nelson advised that the Botanical Center through the City was able to obtain two different grants, which included a scenic byways grant and a museum grant. Mr. Nelson advised that it is typical of Illinois grants that the entity has to spend the money first and then they will reimburse that entity. Mr. Nelson added that the total project is a little over one million dollars, which is

very hard for the Botanical Center to do. Mr. Nelson indicated that they are asking the City to help them during this time. Mr. Nelson advised that the money will come back in a grant and that will be passed on to the City. Mr. Nelson added that it is just a transfer of funds back and forth. Mr. Nelson further discussed the grants.

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

Agenda Item #15

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding the 2012 Sewer Cleaning and Televising Contract, recommending to extend the maintenance contract with C.T.R. Systems, Inc. in order to perform the 2013 required sewer cleaning and televising maintenance.**

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

Agenda Item #16

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request for annexation of undeveloped property located adjacent to the Rock Island Parkway and 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue West (Big Island Road) in Blackhawk Township.**

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the request as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Discussion followed. Mr. Richard C. Nessler of 2909 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue West in Milan (Big Island) stepped forward. Mr. Nessler stated that he has property (seven acres) adjacent to the proposed annexation. Mr. Nessler brought forth a list of questions for Council as it related to the rezoning, public hearing and annexation of the property.

Mayor Pauley stated that the rezoning will come at a later time and Council will take the questions. It was noted that City Manager Thomas will get back to Mr. Nessler with answers to those questions. Mr. Nessler added that he wanted to be officially notified in writing of any changes in zoning for the proposed property.

Mr. Nessler stated that he was disappointed that the City has not maintained 27<sup>th</sup> Street West traveling south toward I-280 since that has been annexed. Mr. Nessler also discussed the levee as it related to flood protection. Mr. Nessler further discussed the proposed annexation and flood protection for Big Island.

Alderman Conroy stated that he would like to know and make sure that 27<sup>th</sup> Street West is being maintained.

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

Agenda Item #17

**A Special Ordinance annexing certain territory located adjacent to the Rock Island Parkway and 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue West (Big Island Road) in Blackhawk Township.**

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 Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #18

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from the Arts Advisory Committee for financial support in the amount of \$1,000.00 to The District for covering the cost to transport attendees of the One State Together in the Arts Conference to downtown Rock Island on Monday, June 24, 2013.**

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Murphy seconded to approve the request as recommended.

Discussion followed. Alderman Conroy inquired as to whether this money is being taken out of the TIF area.

Alderman Austin stated that he had asked staff that question and the money is coming out of the funds set aside to support the arts.

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder stated that the funds will be coming out of the TIF.

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

Agenda Item #19

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from the Quad City Botanical Center for a cash advance in the amount of \$237,500.00 for fully utilizing their awarded Public Museum Capital Grant for the Children's Garden project.**

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

Agenda Item #20

**Report from the Mayor regarding appointments and reappointments to the Arts Advisory Committee.**

Alderman Murphy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the appointments and reappointments as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Catherine Rodgers-Ingles and Jessi Black were appointed to the Arts Advisory Committee for three year terms expiring on June 30, 2016.

Brett Hitchcock and Carolyn Krueger were reappointed to the Arts Advisory Committee for three year terms expiring on June 30, 2015.

Lori Roderick, Ellis Kell and Joedy Cook were reappointed to the Arts Advisory Committee for three year terms expiring on June 30, 2016.

Agenda Item #21

**Report from the Parks and Recreation Department regarding a Highway Resolution for the closure of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue between 17<sup>th</sup> Street and 20<sup>th</sup> Street on Wednesday, July 3, 2013 for Fireworks and the Family Fun Event at Schwiebert Riverfront Park.**

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Conroy to adopt the resolution. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #22

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Denise Hiner owner of Legend's Corner Bar and Grille to serve alcohol outside in the fence enclosed patio during business hours at 3008 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Murphy seconded to approve the request as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations and subject to being closed down early if noise complaints are received.

Discussion followed. Denise Hiner owner of Legend's Corner Bar and Grille stepped forward. Ms. Hiner stated that she appreciated the motion to allow this request. Ms. Hiner added that if there are any noise complaints, she would appreciate to know that as well.

After discussion, the motion carried by the majority vote of six (6) in favor with one (1) Alderman abstaining.

Agenda Item #23

**Report from the City Clerk regarding requests from the College Hill District Organization to hold their Retro Rally event on Saturday June 29, 2013, requesting permission to allow vendors to utilize the City right-of-way along 30<sup>th</sup> Street and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, hang decorations and banners from signs and street posts, requesting an alley closing parallel to 30<sup>th</sup> Street between 30<sup>th</sup> Street and 31<sup>st</sup> Street and the alley next to Bike and Hike between 39<sup>th</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup> Streets and utilization of College Hill District funds in an amount not to exceed \$450.00.**

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the event and requests as recommended, subject to College Hill District contacting the Police Department for traffic control and removing the decorations, banners and signage by July 2, 2013. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #24

**Other Business.**

Alderman Foley stated that about a month ago, the Church of Peace and Spring Forward Learning Center applied for a grant from the National League of Cities; it's called cities combating hunger through afterschool and summer meal programs. Alderman Foley added that he was the City's Council sponsor and we were one of the 15 cities in the United States selected to go forward. Alderman Foley advised that they will be going to Denver on Wednesday and Thursday to a seminar and training. Alderman Foley added that they will be applying for a grant of up to \$60,000.00 through the National League of Cities along with the Walmart Foundation. Alderman Foley added that this will help to fund afterschool programs and summer meal programs here. Alderman Foley commented that he was excited to be involved.

Alderman Conroy stated that on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be a ward meeting (Coffee and Conversations) at the South West Branch Library. Alderman Conroy commented that it will be held from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Alderman Conroy invited anyone that is interested to come to the meeting. Alderman Conroy stated that he would like to hear feedback in regards to the deer population issue.

Alderman Murphy stated that the Starlight Revue Music Concert Series held at Lincoln Park is great fun. Alderman Murphy added that it is fun to sit, listen to the music and watch people dance.

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy stated that Eck's Auto Shine is located on Blackhawk Road and 38<sup>th</sup> Street; their actual address is 3720 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Alderman Murphy advised that they will wash, detail, polish and clean the interior and exterior of a vehicle. It was noted that for Rock Island customers, they have a pickup service. Alderman Murphy stated that a full service detail costs \$75.00 and an economy wash and polish is \$45.00. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local.

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Alderman Conroy reminded everyone that Whitewater Junction will open on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> and it is a heated pool. Alderman Conroy added that the pool is over 10 years old and it looks brand new.

Alderman Murphy thanked Council for the resolution for Bill Albracht.

Mayor Pauley stated that there were two people that signed up to speak, but one person left.

Mr. Anthony Heddlesten of 541 23<sup>rd</sup> Street stepped forward. Mr. Heddlesten discussed preservation and tourism as it related to people coming to the Quad Cities to see historic river towns. Mr. Heddlesten stated that he along with others are working on plans and when these plans come together, he hopes that Council will assist to help make Rock Island a top notch tourist destination. Mr. Heddlesten also suggested ideas for making preservation better in Rock Island.

Agenda Item #25

**Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.**

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy to recess to Executive Session on matters of Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:39 pm.

Agenda Item #26

**Recess**

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 8:00 pm. A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Murphy to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, June 3, 2013. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 8:01 pm.

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