

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**October 24, 2013
MINUTES**

Rock Island City Council met in a special session at 5:15 pm in Council Chambers of Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding and Aldermen Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, David Conroy, P.J. Foley and Kate Hotle. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Alderman Stephen L. Tollenaer was absent.

Mayor Pauley called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll.

Agenda Item #3

Council consideration for a Deer Management Program in the City of Rock Island.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Murphy to move forward with the Parks and Recreation Director's recommendation for a Deer Management Program in the City of Rock Island and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Discussion followed.

Karl Aronson of 3740 28th Street stepped forward. Mr. Aronson requested that if an ordinance is passed, he would like for three items to be respected, which included putting in a sunset provision where it can be reviewed or renewed after two or three years; let it be limited to specific areas where it is not residential in regards to the safety issue; and if there are private property owners that do not want people on their property hunting, then the hunters should respect the signs that indicate no hunting on that owner's property.

Mayor Pauley stated that this will be a two year trial and the safety issues have been addressed.

Alderman Conroy advised that he wanted to make sure that one thing will be added to the ordinance in regards to field dressing; all waste (entrails) must be removed. Alderman Conroy inquired as to whether a sunset law will be included in the ordinance.

City Attorney Kutsunis responded yes, two years.

Mr. Aronson was concerned about hunting on private property. Mayor Pauley advised that everyone within the three acre area has to agree, if not, then hunting cannot take place on that piece of property. Mayor Pauley further discussed the hunting issue as it related to acreage and the amount of hunters allowed on each site.

Alderman Conroy stated that for the first year, he would like it limited to eight sites. Council further discussed this issue.

Alderman Murphy inquired for clarification as it related to the sites. Alderman Conroy advised that there has to be at least five acres per one person. Alderman Conroy added that if there is 12 acres then two people could hunt on that site. Council further discussed this issue.

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Alderman Hotle advised that staff has worked hard on this item and this is an issue. Alderman Hotle stated that she would not support this item at this time because she is not comfortable with saying yes to people hunting in the city limits of Rock Island.

After discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, Alderman Hotle.

Agenda Item #4

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Foley to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, November 4, 2013. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being; Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 5:21 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk