

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 Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, David Conroy, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle and Joy Murphy. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Public Works Director Randy Tweet, Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen, other City staff and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Alderman P.J. Foley was absent.

PRESENTATION ON ALLEY POLICIES

Public Works Director Randy Tweet stated that there are approximately 593 alleys throughout the City. Mr. Tweet discussed alley usage. Mr. Tweet advised that about 43% of properties in the City have an alley. Mr. Tweet added that approximately 300 residential properties have no on-street parking and three properties have no street access; it is alley only. It was noted that refuse, recycling and yard waste are collected in the alleys.

Mr. Tweet discussed sealcoat and asphalt alleys. It was noted that there are seven sealcoat alleys and 16 asphalt alleys. Mr. Tweet advised that the sealcoat alleys are re-sealcoated as needed and the asphalt alleys are patched as needed unless there is a safety concern or a utility repair. Mr. Tweet further discussed these two types of alleys.

Mr. Tweet stated that the City has 182 gravel alleys and they are graded annually. It was noted that these gravel alleys are re-graded upon request. Mr. Tweet advised that the cost for maintenance on these gravel alleys is approximately \$45,000.00 to \$50,000.00 per year. Mr. Tweet pointed out that the gravel alleys cause the majority of complaints. Mr. Tweet advised that the majority of alleys in the City are concrete. Mr. Tweet commented that the concrete is not replaced unless there is a safety issue or utility repair. It was noted that generally, the concrete alleys are pothole patched as requested. Mr. Tweet added that there are no safety concerns in regards to these concrete alleys, but approximately 22% need some work.

Mr. Tweet discussed alley maintenance. Mr. Tweet advised that gravel alleys are graded annually and all other alleys are patched on a request basis. Mr. Tweet added that alleys are not part of the special assessment program. Mr. Tweet commented that TIF funds may be utilized for downtown alleys. Mr. Tweet stated that snow removal in alleys is typically done as needed and only for City vehicles such as refuse vehicles. However, Mr. Tweet noted that there are three alleys that the City plows due to it being the only access that a person has to their house. Mr. Tweet and Council further discussed snow removal as it related to alleys.

Mr. Tweet discussed the options for consideration, which included; continue with current policy; begin a pilot program to sealcoat designated gravel alleys; consider alleys for the asphalt milling and concrete patching programs; and explore options for snow removal after major snowstorms for all alleys or alleys where properties have limited access.

Council discussed gravel alleys, concrete alleys, sealcoat alleys, asphalt alleys and snow removal as it related to cost. Council also discussed alley policies as it related to the options. After more

discussion, it was a consensus among Council for Mr. Tweet to prepare a whole cost analysis for the options and bring it back to Council at a future Study Session.

INTRODUCTION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT'S NEW K-9

Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen introduced Bosco, the Police Department's new K-9. Chief VenHuizen added that Bosco's handler is Officer Andy Lawler. It was noted that Bosco is a Belgian Malinois and he is 1½ years old. Chief VenHuizen indicated that Bosco and Officer Lawler attended the Illinois State Police Academy for a 10 week session.

Police Chief VenHuizen advised that the Police Department's K-9's are full purpose utility dogs trained in all aspects of search for narcotics and for people. The Chief added that the K-9's are also trained in obedience, article search, area search and building searches for suspects and for contraband. Chief VenHuizen pointed out that Bosco is a high energy dog and his commands come in Dutch because he is an import from Holland. It was noted that Bosco alerts by scratching or by retrieval methods. Chief VenHuizen stated that the work expectancy of these K-9's are approximately nine years provided they maintain their health.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Murphy to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

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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 Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, David Conroy, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle and Joy Murphy. 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 Conroy gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of November 4, 2013.

A motion was made by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 4, 2013 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley stated to join us for the Night of Roaring Reads at the Rock Island Main Library, 401 19th Street on Thursday, November 14, 2013 from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm. The Mayor added that this special event will transform the Rock Island Library into a jazz-age nightspot, as part of an annual fundraiser for special programs, materials and other purchases funded by the Rock Island Public Library Foundation. Mayor Pauley stated that for one night only, the Main Library will be open for Food for Thought guests only, with admission including dining around the library, complimentary beverages at the library speakeasy, music, silent auction and shush-free conversation with your friends. Admission charged; RSVP and bring a friend for best rate. Pay with cash, check or credit card at the door.

Mayor Pauley advised that on Saturday, November 23rd from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, enjoy shopping at the annual Holiday Market in the comfortable and beautiful atmosphere of the Hauberg Civic Center located at 1300 24th Street in Rock Island. Find great gifts, decor and stocking stuffers in an array of prices for family, friends and coworkers. Stroll through the historic 103 year old "Tulip Mansion" and browse both uncommon and popular items including jewelry, purses, knit items, quilted items, Christmas decor, pet items etc. Mayor Pauley stated that there will also be a drawing for over 10 door prizes including a Christmas throw, Swarovski beaded ornament and a candy cane tree. It was noted that admission is free. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call (309) 732-7439.

Mayor Pauley stated that the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center invites the community to the Thanksgiving Holiday Dinner on Sunday, November 24, 2013 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, 630 9th Street, Rock Island, IL. Please come and enjoy a hot holiday meal and mingle with the neighborhood community. Please call (309) 732-

2999 for more information. Mayor Pauley stated that if you are interested in volunteering between the times of 7:00 am and 3:00 pm, then we have a variety of opportunities. Please come on that day, sign-up, and we will have someone available to facilitate you to anyone of the areas you would like to volunteer.

Mayor Pauley advised that Rock Island City Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Refuse collection and curbside recycling will be one day late on Thursday and Friday. All locations of the Rock Island Library will close at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, November 27th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Mayor added that all library locations are closed on Thanksgiving and will reopen on Friday, November 29th with normal operating hours. Mayor Pauley stated that the City wishes everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving Holiday!

Alderman Austin stated that this week Rock Island lost one of its former mayors. Alderman Austin indicated that Bob Millett was the mayor of Rock Island from 1985 to 1989, right after the economic downturn with the farm implement industries. Alderman Austin stated that he was a fine gentleman. The City's thoughts and memories go out to the Millett family. Alderman Austin added that Bob will be remembered for all that he did for Rock Island.

Agenda Item #7

Presentation of the "Best Rain Garden" Awards by the Beautification Commission.

Beautification Commission member Bob Towler stepped forward and joined Mayor Pauley at the podium to present the "Best Rain Garden" awards. It was noted that the purpose of the contest is to recognize residents who show pride in their homes and neighborhoods by keeping neat and well maintained rain gardens.

Mr. Towler then named the recipients of the Residential Beautification Award. The winners are as follows; Sandy Fischer (overall winner), Tom South, Sarah Pressly, Charlie & Evie White, Edward & Mary Littig, St. Pius - Jordan Catholic School, Dave & Amy Sill and Dave & Cindy Sill.

Agenda Item #8

Presentation of the "Best Community Garden" Awards by the Beautification Commission.

Beautification Commission member Bob Towler stepped forward and joined Mayor Pauley at the podium to present the "Best Community Garden" awards. It was noted that the purpose of the contest is to recognize organizations and citizens that show pride in their neighborhood by keeping remarkably neat and well maintained community gardens.

Mr. Towler then named the recipients of the Beautification Award. The winners are as follows; Positive Empowerment, Gloria Haymon, Preston/Constance Muhammad, Craig Norveisas, Josephine & Marshall Jackson, 6th Avenue Neighborhood Block Club, Broadway Church, Rev. Donald Johnson, Josh Schipp, Louise James, Alice Barber, Effie Hathaway, Dian Johnson, John Viren, Martha Johansan, Barutwanayo Jacques, Boonchoo DeSchepper, Vasheel Shepherd and William Bernauer.

Agenda Item #9

Presentation of the Financial Management Report for September 2013.

Finance Director Cynthia Parchert provided a few highlights from the Financial Management Report for September 2013. Ms. Parchert advised that there are really no significant changes in the General Fund, sales and local taxes. Ms. Parchert stated that revenues from income tax, replacement tax, sales tax, local option sales tax, use tax and food and beverage tax are projected higher than what was budgeted. Ms. Parchert added that the municipal utility tax and telecommunications tax are projected to be less than the budget. Ms. Parchert commented that no budget adjustments are recommended at this time.

Ms. Parchert pointed out that Gaming tax is projected below the budgeted amount by approximately \$200,000.00. Ms. Parchert commented that the admissions are down approximately 5.0% from the prior year and the adjusted gross receipts are down 4.75%. It was noted that there is a downward trend, but the revenues are only down 3.0%.

Ms. Parchert advised that the revenues for capital projects are down because bonds have not been issued yet. It was noted that bonds will be issued in December. Ms. Parchert stated that some of the Community and Economic Development funds are below budget. Ms. Parchert discussed the line of credit for the Walmart project. Ms. Parchert advised that the City does not draw on that line of credit until it is absolutely necessary to do so. Ms. Parchert added that the cash flow is trying to be managed and the City tries to borrow from the cash pool first and that helps manage the cost of the debt.

Ms. Parchert stated that there is a negative cash balance in the Martin Luther King Center Facility Improvement Fund because the City is still waiting to receive the State of Illinois Grant for \$400,000.00. Ms. Parchert noted that the Engineering Fund is down due to billing being done on a quarterly basis.

Alderman Austin discussed the hydroelectric plant as it related to generating electricity to power various City facilities. Public Works Director Randy Tweet advised that the hydroelectric plant is meeting expectations. Alderman Austin discussed the \$100,000.00 budget for Schwiebert Park signage. Ms. Parchert stated that this request was removed from TIF funding. Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson further discussed this item.

Alderman Austin then inquired about the \$12,000.00 for the Rock River Bridge Study. Public Works Director Randy Tweet advised that the Rock River Bridge Study and Blackhawk Road (\$61,000.00) are the final payments from the City to the State. Mr. Tweet noted that it takes the State five or six years to bill the City.

Agenda Item #10

Public Hearing on a request from Dr. Julie Hahn for an amendment to an existing Special Use Permit approved for a small animal veterinary clinic to allow for three additional non-resident employees to the three approved non-resident employees at 2300 18th Avenue.

Mayor Pauley closed the regular meeting at 7:07 pm and opened a Public Hearing on a request from Dr. Julie Hahn for an amendment to an existing Special Use Permit approved for a small animal veterinary clinic to allow for three additional non-resident employees to the three approved non-resident employees at 2300 18th Avenue.

Dr. Julie Hahn stepped forward. Dr. Hahn stated that they are a growing business and they have an agreement from the church for all of the employees to park at the adjacent parking lot that the church owns. Dr. Hahn commented that she needs more employees and possibly an additional doctor.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether there was anyone who wished to speak in favor of the Special Use Permit. No one stepped forward.

Mayor Pauley then inquired as to whether there was anyone who wished to speak in opposition to the Special Use Permit. No one stepped forward.

With no person present to speak in favor of or in opposition to the Special Use Permit, Mayor Pauley closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:08 pm.

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the amendment to the special use permit as recommended, subject to the stipulations that; a total of seven on-site parking spaces shall be made available for customers; all employees shall park at an off-site parking lot made available through an agreement with Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church; the property shall meet all applicable code requirements; and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #11

A Special Ordinance amending a Special Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit at 1808 7th Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #12

A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article 1, Sec. 10-9 of the Code of Ordinances regarding the hunting of deer with a bow and arrow in the city of Rock Island.

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Murphy to consider the ordinance.

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Discussion followed. Alderman Austin stated that he was approached today by constituents and residents of the City expressing concern in regards to safety. Alderman Austin advised that this is a reasonable approach to what he considers to be a problem. Alderman Austin added that he will support this item as this time. Alderman Austin further discussed this issue.

Mayor Pauley advised that he received an email from Mr. Ken Jacoby. Mayor Pauley addressed several of Mr. Jacoby's concerns. Mayor Pauley advised that this ordinance does not read the same as the Bettendorf ordinance because this ordinance was fashioned after the Mt. Vernon, IL ordinance. Mayor Pauley advised that Mr. Jacoby wants the Mayor to express his opinion on this deer issue. Mayor Pauley advised that he does not support a deer hunt at this time, but it is up to each Alderman to make up their mind.

Mr. Ken Jacoby of 1407 35th Avenue stepped forward. Mr. Jacoby discussed the issue of safety in regards to bow and arrow hunting. Mr. Jacoby was opposed to deer hunting in Rock Island.

Alderman Tollenaer discussed the issue of hunting deer with a bow and arrow. Alderman Tollenaer stated that it is not a safe environment to have arrows shot in the city of Rock Island.

Alderman Conroy stated that everyone has this fear that anyone can hunt anywhere in Rock Island. Alderman Conroy stated it is not true; it is limited to eight sites this year. Alderman Conroy advised that he will be looking for a \$500.00 fine for any person hunting inside the City of Rock Island without a permit on the eight parcels. Alderman Conroy stated that he wants to make sure that this is incorporated into the ordinance. Alderman Conroy advised that he doesn't want to see deer hunting either, but there is a problem inside the inner part of the City in certain neighborhoods. Alderman Conroy commented that he is voting for a very limited scope to do this in. Alderman Conroy advised that this is a one year chance to prove whether this works or not.

Alderman Hotle stated that she is not in support of this item. Alderman Hotle advised that she does not feel comfortable allowing hunting on City property.

Alderman Clark stated that there is an overpopulation of deer in this area. Alderman Clark was in support of this item.

Alderman Murphy stated that she agreed with everything that Alderman Conroy stated. Alderman Murphy added that this will be an opportunity to see if this works.

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

Mayor Pauley stated that this item will come back to Council next week for a second reading. Mayor Pauley advised that the meeting tomorrow night for people that want to hunt deer will still take place.

Agenda Item #13

A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 14, Article II, Sec. 14-20, Paragraph (3) of the Code Ordinances regarding the prohibition against discharging of a firearm shall not apply to the hunting of deer with a bow and arrow.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Murphy seconded to consider the ordinance.

Discussion followed. Alderman Tollenaer inquired as to why this item was brought up.

City Attorney Kutsunis advised that this section of the ordinance bans a firearm and that would include a bow and arrow; the ordinance had to be amended to include a bow and arrow for this purpose.

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

Mayor Pauley stated that this item will come back next week for a second reading.

Agenda Item #14

CLAIMS

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Hotle 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 Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

- a. Report from the Finance Department regarding payment in the amount of \$67,913.21 to Lane and Waterman for legal services rendered from October 15, 2012 through August 31, 2013 for Jumer's Crossing.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$125,580.06 to Brandt Construction Company for services provided for the 23rd Avenue Reconstruction: 12th Street to 17th Street project.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 and final in the amount of \$29,363.02 to Chicagoland Trenchless Rehabilitation for services provided for the 2013 Sewer Cleaning and Televising Program project.
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #25 in the amount of \$1,466,712.17 to Civil Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Wet Weather Treatment System project.

Agenda Item #15

Claims for the week of November 1 through November 7 in the amount of \$672,118.70.

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

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of 424 refuse carts from Toter, Inc. in the amount of \$24,013.98.

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

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a State bid for the purchase of 3,200 tons of rock salt at \$61.99 per ton from Morton Salt Company in the amount of \$198,368.00.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Murphy 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 Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding bids for the demolition of 13 residential properties and one commercial property, recommending the bid be awarded to Miller Trucking and Excavating in the amount of \$200,783.00.

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Murphy seconded to award the bid as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed. Alderman Murphy inquired as to whether the addresses could be included with the report in the future. City Manager Thomas stated yes.

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

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an ordinance approving a redevelopment agreement with D&L Surplus Specialties, Inc., subject to minor attorney modifications and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Murphy to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance.

Discussion followed. Mr. Devrin DeSplinter of 1438 34th Avenue stepped forward. Mr. DeSplinter stated that D&L Surplus Specialties is Milan Surplus. It was noted that they have been in business for 30 years, located in Milan. Mr. DeSplinter stated that they are hoping to relocate to Rock Island to further build the business and bring a hardware store to this side of the City. Mr. DeSplinter added that they would like for the City to help them relocate into Rock Island and they hope to build the 11th Street corridor to something a lot better than it is right now.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether they are relocating on the former Wakeen's Boat property. Mr. DeSplinter stated yes.

Mr. DeSplinter further discussed the relocation of his business.

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

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Finance Department regarding the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan, recommending a 3.0% stormwater rate increase for CY14 and a 3.0% sewer rate increase for CY 14 and CY 15.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan as recommended.

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin inquired about the \$500,000.00 for road improvements for the Villas at College Hill. Finance Director Cynthia Parchert stated that this is actually for CY15.

Alderman Austin inquired as to whether these are private roads in College Hill. Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder advised that they are private roads. Mr. Eder stated that most of those lots are still undeveloped. Mr. Eder added that there was a plan circulating to possibly turn those back into public roads. Mr. Eder stated that the bank is not working with the City as quickly as hoped for. Mr. Eder commented that this has not been brought to Council yet, but was still put in the CIP as a placeholder. Mr. Eder further discussed this item.

Alderman Austin inquired about the Gaming and General Fund carryover area as it related to the Growth Employee Assistance Program (EAP), Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau (QCCVB) and the Micro Loan Program. Ms. Parchert advised that the Growth EAP was removed because that was a three year program and this is the last year for the program. Ms. Parchert commented that the Micro Loan Program was not being recommended out of Gaming at this time and the QCCVB was moved to match up with the hotel/motel tax.

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Alderman Austin discussed the \$10,000.00 contribution for Metro Arts as it related to not seeing a mural for this year. Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder advised that Metro Arts has several programs, one of which is the performing arts and that is what the money went for last year. Mr. Eder added that they rotate the type of art they put on. Council and Mr. Eder further discussed this item.

Alderman Austin inquired about the long list of street projects in CY19+. Public Works Director Randy Tweet stated that it is a list of possible projects as this time.

After more discussion on the CIP, Mayor Pauley clarified Alderman Conroy's motion, which was to approve the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan as recommended.

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

Mayor Pauley then inquired as to whether there was a motion on the stormwater rate increases or sewer rate increases.

Alderman Austin moved to approve the recommended 3.0% stormwater rate increase for CY14 and 3.0% sewer rate increase for CY 14 and CY 15.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether there was a second to the motion. With no second coming forward, the motion died for lack of a second.

Agenda Item #21

Report from the Finance Department regarding the Municipal Compliance reports for Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2013 for the Police Pension Fund and Fire Pension Fund.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Murphy to accept the reports as recommended.

Discussion followed. Alderman Conroy inquired as to whether someone was going to come to Council and talk about this report.

Finance Director Cynthia Parchert stated that she spoke with Actuary Timothy Sharpe and it was explained that his business is as such that he cannot travel to come here to present the report. Ms. Parchert stated that Mr. Sharpe could participate by conference call. Ms. Parchert offered that she has started to put together a request for proposals (RFP). Council further discussed this item.

Alderman Austin inquired about the municipal contributions as it related to Police and Fire Pension Funds.

Ms. Parchert advised that the \$2,301,229.00 is this year's contribution and the \$2,420,576.00 is next year's contribution. Ms. Parchert stated that the City has never funded below the recommended amount for Police and Fire Pensions. Council further discussed this item.

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

Agenda Item #22

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from the Police Department to vacate a 120 foot long segment of a north/south alley south of 5th Avenue between 12th and 13th Streets.

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

Agenda Item #23

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from the City for rezoning from a PUD (planned unit development) district to a B-3 (community business) district at the addresses stated in the report for a consolidated development site located between 5th and 7th Avenues and 12th and 13th Streets for a new Rock Island Police Station.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Clark to approve the rezoning 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 Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #24

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from 11th Street Redevelopment Partners, LLC for a final PUD site plan review for a proposed two-story 16,200 square foot office building for Missman, Inc. at approximately 4422 9th Street.

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the request as recommended, subject to receipt of an adequate landscape plan that meets parking lot landscaping found in the City's Zoning Ordinance.

Discussion followed.

Alderman Austin inquired upon Mr. Pat Eikenberry, President of 11th Street Redevelopment Partners, LLC as to whether he would like to elaborate on this item.

Mr. Eikenberry stated that he saw the landscape plan for the first time on Friday. Mr. Eikenberry added that the entire development is taking off wonderfully. Mr. Eikenberry advised that next Monday is scheduled to break ground on this project. Mr. Eikenberry further discussed this item.

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

Agenda Item #25

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a review of an amended five lot major subdivision final plat of Black Hawk Commons First Addition for the office and business park development at 11th Street and Blackhawk Road.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the amended final plat as recommended with the requested variances, subject to the City Engineer's final approval of completed public improvements. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #26

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a review of a three lot major subdivision final plat of Black Hawk Commons Second Addition for the second phase of the office and business park development at 11th Street and Blackhawk Road.

Alderman Murphy moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve the final plat as recommended with the requested variances, subject to the City Engineer's final approval of completed public improvements. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #27

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from the Quad City Botanical Center to allow for the utilization of temporary banner signage in conjunction with some of their important events.

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

Agenda Item #28

Other Business.

Alderman Austin discussed the Plaza stage replacement item that was discussed at last week's meeting. Alderman Austin discussed the possibility of considering a portable stage. Alderman Austin further discussed this item.

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Alderman Conroy stated that before the \$50,000.00 is spent, he would like to have the projected cost for the stage itself. Council further discussed this item.

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to honor our Veterans. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to write a check and send it to a local Veteran's organization or a local non-profit that offers assistance to our Veterans. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to thank a Veteran.

James Webb of 1607 65th Avenue West, Rock Island stepped forward. Mr. Webb stated that when his neighborhood was brought into the City, they were promised City water, City sewer, sanitary sewer and stormwater sewer. Mr. Webb stated that they received the water, but the City has not done anything more with it. Mr. Webb stated that they are paying \$14.82 per quarter for services they don't receive. Mr. Webb further discussed this issue.

Mr. Webb also voiced concerns in regards to Jumer's Crossing as it related to the City not receiving complaints. Mr. Webb stated that he presented Council with a petition of 157 signatures opposing the project. Mr. Webb further discussed this issue.

Agenda Item #29

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #30

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Murphy to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, November 18, 2013. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being; Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle and Alderman Murphy; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 8:00 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk