

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 Pro Tem David Conroy presiding, and Aldermen Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy and Ivory D. Clark. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Library Director Angela Campbell, Public Works Director Randy Tweet, other City Staff and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Alderman P.J. Foley arrived at 5:52 pm. Alderman Charles O. Austin III and Mayor Dennis E. Pauley were absent.

LIBRARY STRATEGIC PLAN

Library Director Angela Campbell presented the Rock Island Public Library's Strategic Plan to Council. Ms. Campbell explained how the Rock Island Library Board of Trustees arrived at their goals through the strategic planning process. Ms. Campbell advised that a Community Planning Committee was formed and two meetings were held to discuss the needs of the City of Rock Island and how the library could meet the needs of the City. It was noted that through these meetings, a list of needs was created, narrowed down, voted on and finally a list of four goals were determined, which included; Create Young Readers: Early Literacy; Learn to Read & Write: Adult, Teen and Family Literacy; Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical & Virtual Spaces; and Stimulate the Imagination: Reading, Viewing & Listening for Pleasure. Ms. Campbell indicated that these four goals are the areas where the Rock Island Public Library can help Rock Island realize what it is to be a community and a city.

Ms. Campbell discussed each goal, the objectives for each goal and the activities to meet the objectives. Ms. Campbell advised that for the goal of creating young readers, children from birth to age five will have programs and services designed to ensure that they will enter school ready to learn reading, writing and listening skills. Various objectives for that goal include; 75% of all children ages five and under will have a library card; the library will partner with a local healthcare provider to offer a reach out and read program; and focus on literacy program evaluations that will have a 90% approval rating for staff competency, staff enthusiasm and program value. Various activities to meet these objectives include; creating library training cards; creating a targeted literacy program; and creating a targeted marketing plan.

Ms. Campbell advised that under the goal of learn to read and write, adults and teens will have the support they need to improve their literacy skills in order to meet their personal goals and fulfill their responsibilities. Objectives noted by Ms. Campbell to accomplish this goal included; increasing teen library usage by 25%; increasing attendance at computer literacy classes by 15%; increasing adult literacy program participation by 15%; and increasing family literacy program participation by 15%. Ms. Campbell stated that the activities to meet these objectives include; increasing school visits; offer one-on-one computer help; create a Begin Here helpline; continue and expand ESL offerings; and offer job training programs.

Ms. Campbell indicated that residents will have safe and welcoming physical places to meet and interact with others, or to sit quietly and read, and will have open and accessible virtual spaces that support library initiatives under the goal of visit a comfortable place. Ms. Campbell offered that one objective is that the library would like to create a new website. Ms. Campbell added that the library would like to see the physical surroundings improve each year while increasing

library patron's visits by 10% annually. Ms. Campbell commented that the library would also like to increase computer users by 25% at all locations and they would like a new outreach vehicle. Various activities noted to reach these objectives include; conduct a feasibility study for all three library locations; complete the maintenance plan; and upgrade computers and network.

Ms. Campbell offered that for stimulate the imagination, the goal is for residents to have resources to explore topics of personal interest and continue to learn throughout their lives. Ms. Campbell stated that the objectives are to increase attendance for library programs and increase circulation of all formats. Various activities noted to accomplish these objectives include; strategically place mini-library kiosks throughout the community; and develop programming partnerships within the community to further the library's mission.

Ms. Campbell stated that they are working on a branding and marketing campaign plan and they are aligning the budget to fund activities and seeking outside funds where possible. Ms. Campbell stated that they are also working on a timeline to implement the plan.

Council discussed Ms. Campbell's presentation.

SANITARY SEWER RATES

Public Works Director Randy Tweet discussed the proposed increase for sanitary sewer rates. Mr. Tweet referred to a chart for sewer utility projections and stated that this would assume a 3.0% increase for each year of the next five years. Mr. Tweet further discussed the projections.

Mr. Tweet stated that the biggest item is the Long Term Control Plan. Mr. Tweet advised that currently, the treatment plant is scheduled for completion in the summer. Mr. Tweet indicated that the next big project is the 6th Avenue sewer that will run right by the new police station. Mr. Tweet further discussed other upcoming projects over the next four years.

Mr. Tweet advised that the current debt is approximately \$3 million and in two years, it will be about \$4.8 million, which is the principal and interest on the loan. Mr. Tweet advised that costs are increasing due to the new wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Tweet added that it is estimated that it will cost approximately \$250,000.00 or more per year to run the plant. Mr. Tweet further discussed this item.

Mr. Tweet indicated that the capital projects for the next five years are basically sewer replacement projects in some of the neighborhoods. Mr. Tweet also discussed some of the upcoming maintenance program projects and repair projects. Mr. Tweet commented that these are not major projects; it is the Long Term Control Plan that is driving these projects.

Mr. Tweet discussed revenues that will be generated assuming that there is a 3.0% increase. Next, Mr. Tweet discussed the impact that the proposed rate increase will have on customers. Mr. Tweet advised that an average quarterly residential sewer bill is approximately \$136.39. Mr. Tweet advised that the customer would be looking at an average monthly increase of approximately \$1.36 for CY14 and \$1.40 for CY15. Mr. Tweet added that the average quarterly

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increase would be approximately \$4.09 for CY14 and \$4.21 for CY15. Mr. Tweet also discussed services charges and usage fees. Council discussed rates as it related to other Quad City area communities.

After more discussion, Mr. Tweet recommended a sanitary sewer rate increase of 3.0% for CY14 and CY15. Mr. Tweet stated that he would come back to Council with a memo recommending a 3.0% increase.

Council further discussed Mr. Tweet's presentation.

At this time, various staff and others left Council Chambers and returned after the Executive Session concluded.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Foley 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 Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 6:05 pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Conroy reconvened the regular meeting at 6:27 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Foley to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 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 Pro Tem David Conroy presiding, and Aldermen P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy and Ivory D. Clark. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Alderman Charles O. Austin III and Mayor Dennis E. Pauley were absent.

Introductory Proceedings

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

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of December 16, 2013.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Clark to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 16, 2013 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Presentation of the 2013 Holiday Lighting Awards.

Beautification Commission member Bob Towler and Mayor Pro Tem Conroy presented the 28th annual Holiday Lighting Awards to two (2) residential and two (2) commercial winners. The first place residential winner was Joseph Diulio at 3200 31st Avenue, and the second place award winner was Michael & Sara Thoms at 4205 14th Street. Commercial winners were Modern Woodmen of America located at 1701 1st Avenue, which won first place, and the second place winner was Circa 21 Playhouse located at 1828 3rd Avenue.

The following businesses were awarded with Honorable Mention Certificates: Frost Mortgage Lending Group, Ganson's Neighborhood Bakery, Aunt Joy's and Icons Martini.

The following citizens were awarded with Honorable Mention Certificates: Edgar & Shirley Granberry, Jeremiah Israel, William Barlett, Dennis & Denise Ruby, Patrick West, Coletta Macaluso, Russell Kosche, Nina Robinson, William Land, Thomas Stontz, George Oelschlaeger, Peter & Karen Nyman, Darron & Jacquelyn Niles, Victor Boblett, John Vanspeybroeck, Jeffry & Deborah Marlier, Curtis Oelschlaeger, Frank & Linda Plumb, Barbara Cook, William Berry, Lisa Lonergan, Angela Diederich, Delbert & Sallie Huntley, Mark Russell, Lehman McNair, Darryl Hixon, Steve & Rachel Stephens, Dean Lackey, Paul Magnuson & Deb Kuntzi and Marilyn McKinley.

Agenda Item #7

A Special Ordinance establishing a tow zone at the bus stops located on both sides of 3rd Avenue between 16th and 17th Streets.

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

Agenda Item #8

A Special Ordinance establishing a no parking/tow zone at the MetroLink Transfer Station located at 1975 2nd Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #9

CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #5 in the amount of \$19,329.59 to Valley Construction for services provided for the 11th Street Sidewalk Reconstruction project.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 and final in the amount of \$38,259.10 to Legacy Construction for services provided for the 2013 Storm Water Outfall Program project.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 and final in the amount of \$25,976.28 to Langman Construction, Inc. for services provided for the 2013 Catch Basin and Manhole Program projects.
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #3 and final in the amount of \$14,345.32 to RAMSCO for services provided for the Asbestos and Lead Paint Abatement project at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$31,857.14 to Gilbane Building Company for pre-construction services provided for the Rock Island Police Station project.
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$10,203.63 to Langman Construction, Inc. for an emergency sewer lateral repair at 3210 38th Avenue.

g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$16,071.76 to Valley Construction Company, Inc. for an emergency sewer repair at 2503 29th Avenue.

h. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$54,390.00 to Brandt Construction Company for an emergency sanitary sewer repair at 15th Avenue and 31st Street and 2608 34th Street.

i. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$10,734.59 to Valley Construction Company, Inc. for an emergency sewer repair at 1853 and 1855 40th Street.

j. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$34,163.50 to Valley Construction Company, Inc. for an emergency sewer repair at 20th Street and 3rd Avenue.

Agenda Item #10

Claims for the weeks of December 13 through December 19 in the amount of \$2,300,040.52 and December 20 through January 2 in the amount of \$646,623.74.

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

Agenda Item #11

Payroll for the weeks of December 9 through December 22 in the amount of \$1,324,571.61.

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

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the purchase of water treatment chemicals, recommending the bid for each of the water treatment chemicals listed in the report in the total amount of \$429,877.00.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Murphy seconded to award the bids as recommended and authorize purchases. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget, recommending a budget transfer decreasing the Brick Street Repair Program in the General Fund in the amount of \$1,152.52 and increasing the Seal Coat Program in the General Fund in the amount of \$1,152.52.

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Ms. Wanda Shelton to apply for a Special Use Permit to operate a resale shop out of the attached two-car garage at her residence at 2405 34th Avenue.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Foley to allow for the application of the special use permit as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

Agenda Items 15, 16 and 17

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Clark to approve the requests for Agenda Items 15, 16, and 17 as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for ordinances. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Albert Beuselinck to install a handicapped parking space at 2355 39th Street.

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Brady Shaw to remove a handicapped parking space located between his home at 2900 5½ Avenue and the neighbor's home at 2846 5½ Avenue.

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Jim Schaffer to install a handicapped parking space at 1818 5th Street.

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Mayor regarding the reappointment of Aleisha Patchin to the position of City Clerk for a four year term ending May 2017.

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

Comments followed. Alderman Hotle stated that after college, she had worked in the City Clerk's office with Ms. Patchin. Alderman Hotle added that the City is fortunate to have Ms. Patchin as the City Clerk.

Agenda Item #19

Other Business.

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

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy stated that Gannon's Pool and Spa has been in business since 1992 and they are located at 4480 48th Avenue Court behind Rock Valley Plaza off of Blackhawk Road. Alderman Murphy advised that they have a great website that offers a lot of good information and they offer great service. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local.

Mayor Pro Tem Conroy advised that if anyone wants to dispose of their Christmas tree, do it before January 10th. Mayor Pro Tem Conroy added that the City offers free Christmas tree pickup on your regular garbage day.

Mayor Pro Tem Conroy stated that Bald Eagle Days is coming up next weekend at the Quad City Expo Center.

Mayor Pro Tem Conroy advised that the 32nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Awards Ceremony will be held at the Martin Luther King Center on January 20th from 10:30 am to noon.

Alderman Murphy advised that during the Study Session earlier this evening, Library Director Angela Campbell gave a nice presentation on strategic planning that the Library Board, library patrons and staff have been involved in. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to go to the library's website and look at all of the exciting free services that they offer.

Agenda Item #20

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

The Executive Session was held prior to the regular meeting.

Agenda Item #21

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, January 13, 2014. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting

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Aye being; Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:05 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk