

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 Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen, Fire Chief Jim Fobert, other City Staff and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Alderman David Conroy arrived at 5:34 pm. Aldermen Ivory D. Clark and P.J. Foley were absent.

CRIME STATISTICS PRESENTATION

Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen gave a year end update on crime statistics and an overview of the Downtown Police Initiative. Chief VenHuizen advised that the Rock Island Police Department participates in the Illinois crime reporting program, which requires agencies to report index crime. The Chief added that there are eight index crimes, which include murder / manslaughter, criminal sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft and arson.

Police Chief VenHuizen discussed comparisons as it related to Part 1 UCR offenses and Part 1 UCR violent offenses. The Chief indicated that in 2012, a total of 1,361 Part 1 crimes were reported and in 2013, there were 1,224 Part 1 crimes reported, which is a 10% decrease in overall crime. Police Chief VenHuizen commented that violent crimes are also tracked, which include murder/manslaughter, criminal sexual assault and aggravated assault. Chief VenHuizen noted that in 2012, there were 184 reported violent offenses and in 2013, there were 179 violent offenses reported, which is a reduction of 3%. Police Chief VenHuizen referred to the chart and stated that Part 1 UCR offenses were at a high in 1994 at 3,477 being reported and the low was in 2013 with 1,224 being reported. The Chief added that for Part I violent offenses, the high was in 1995 with 524 and the all time low of 179 violent offenses were reported in 2013.

Council and Chief VenHuizen further discussed the comparisons as it related to Part 1 overall crime and Part 1 violent crimes. Police Chief VenHuizen stated that the possibilities for the decrease in crime may be attributed to repeat offenders being incarcerated, policing initiatives, social programs and demographics. Council and Chief VenHuizen further discussed these issues.

Police Chief VenHuizen discussed the Downtown Policing Initiative. Chief VenHuizen advised that the Downtown Police Unit (DPU) is a specialized group of patrol officers that focus on policing and quality of life issues within the greater Downtown area. Chief VenHuizen offered that the unit is comprised of four officers and one supervisor. It was noted that this operation began on October 14, 2013. Chief VenHuizen commented that one of the goals was to not only focus on the nighttime entertainment district, but to look at the greater business district as a whole. The Chief commented that officers are provided in the Downtown area from 9:00 am to 11:00 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The Chief pointed out that on Friday and Saturday nights from 8:00 pm to 4:00 am, the late night entertainment is the focus where the entire unit is assigned to the Downtown Great River Plaza area. Chief VenHuizen further discussed the patrol areas, the responsibilities of the officers and how the beat patrol system works.

Police Chief VenHuizen advised that the Downtown Police Unit's objectives include; mitigating illegal and nuisance activity in the business-entertainment district; build policing partnerships with businesses and residents within the Downtown; and instill confidence for business owners, residents and visitors. Police Chief VenHuizen briefly discussed the status of the Downtown Police Unit as it related to service.

Council and Chief VenHuizen further discussed the Downtown Police Unit.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Fire Chief Jim Fobert gave an update on the Fire Department's infrastructure, firefighting and emergency medical services.

Fire Chief Fobert discussed infrastructure as it related to the four fire stations. Chief Fobert advised that a diesel generator was installed at Central Fire Station (5th Avenue) and the old generator and fuel tank were removed from the mechanical room in the basement. The Chief added that the sound system was replaced this year for the dispatch from RICOM. Chief Fobert commented that concrete was also replaced in the parking lot at Central Fire House. Chief Fobert stated that the engineering study has been completed for windows and entryways but it is being pushed back until next year. It was noted that a study for the HVAC system has been budgeted for 2014. Chief Fobert advised that the flat roof was replaced and a new furnace was installed on the 2nd floor at Station 2 (Southwest). It was noted that work has begun on remodeling the kitchen. Chief Fobert stated that the picture window will be replaced in the kitchen in the near future and the new generator will be installed by spring of this year.

Fire Chief Fobert advised that all of the windows at Station 3 (30th Street & 16th Avenue) were replaced with more energy efficient windows. It was noted that the overhead door openers were replaced for the apparatus area. Chief Fobert noted that the generator project will be complete by this spring. Fire Chief Fobert indicated that they are looking to replace one of the heating units in the vehicle area next week at Station 4 (31st Avenue & 9th Street). Chief Fobert stated that the replacement of the front entryway will be pushed back until next year and the new generator will be installed this spring.

Chief Fobert advised that on the firefighting side in regards to personnel, there are 58 sworn and one civilian; two firefighters have completed probation and recruitment started in August of 2013 for a new candidate list. Chief Fobert stated that the Fire Department has three engines, one aerial ladder truck, a rescue squad, and a command SUV. It was noted that one engine and one SUV is in reserve for command. Chief Fobert commented that an MDT was installed in the command SUV and the new ladder truck was purchased and placed into service on December 26, 2013. Chief Fobert advised that they are looking towards replacing two of the engines that were purchased in 1997 with smaller vehicles to keep the costs down. Chief Fobert noted that they are looking to replace the reserve SUV that was purchased in 1997 with a pickup style of truck. Fire Chief Fobert discussed fire incident data as it related to total incidents, estimated losses and average response time for 2012 and 2013. Chief Fobert discussed changes as it related to response territories concerning vehicles, EMS calls and high volume response areas.

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On the emergency medical services side, Chief Fobert stated that the Fire Department has two advanced life support ambulances and one ALS ambulance in reserve. It was noted that four fire apparatus also provide ALS care. Chief Fobert advised that MDT's were installed in all three ambulances, and Wi-Fi hotspots were installed for the MDT's and new heart monitors for sending 12 lead data to the hospital. Chief Fobert discussed EMS incident data as it related to total incidents and average response time for 2012 and 2013. Fire Chief Fobert advised that new heart monitors were purchased and placed into service in 2013. Chief Fobert commented that the Fire Department is proposing to purchase a new heart monitor for Engine 32 at Station 2. Chief Fobert further discussed this item.

Council discussed Fire Chief Fobert's presentation.

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 Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm.

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

Introductory Proceedings

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

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of January 20, 2014.

A motion was made by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 20, 2014 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley advised that the City of Rock Island is currently accepting applications online for the position of Police Officer. Applications will be accepted until February 13, 2014 at 5:00 pm. The Mayor added that applicants must have completed an online application by the required deadline to be eligible to take the physical agility test on March 15, 2014 at the Pepsico Recreation Center, 1025 30th Street, between the hours of 8:00 am and 11:00 am. Registration will begin at 8:00 am and testing will follow. A valid driver's license must be presented the day of the agility test. Mayor Pauley stated that the written test is scheduled for March 15, 2014 at 1:00 pm - location will be announced upon successfully completing the physical agility test. Any questions, please call (309) 732-2058.

Mayor Pauley stated that the Outdoor Show is coming to the Quad City Expo Center February 13 through February 16, 2014. Hours are Thursday, 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Friday 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am – 8:00 pm and Sunday from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Bring the kids and visit the trout pond, minnow races and archery at the Kids Kamp. From boats and tackle to decoys and gear...it's a sportsman's paradise! Attend seminars and presentations from big-name fishing professionals! Mayor Pauley advised that Adult tickets are \$7.00, Kids 6-16 are \$1.00 and kids under 6 are free. Friday is Senior Day from noon to 4:00 pm – just \$5.00 tickets at the door.

Mayor Pauley indicated that Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 6:30 pm in the Community Room of the Main Library on the 2nd floor, Rev. Dwight Ford, Director of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center, presents a discussion for Black History Month titled A Leap of Faith: The History of the Moral and Ethical Agency of the Black Church.

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Mayor Pauley advised that the Rock Island County Branch #3268 NAACP Religious Affairs Committee is hosting the 6th Annual Community Day on Sunday, February 23, 2014 at 3:30 pm. Gaines Chapel AME Church of East Moline will be the host church with their pastor, Rev. Adrian L. Johnson delivering the message “Knowing Who We Are, Helps Us Know What We Need To Do.” The Mayor added that refreshments will be served immediately following the program. Gaines Chapel is located at 311 19th Street, East Moline.

Mayor Pauley stated that the golf season is quickly approaching. Get your golf swing back in the groove. Take some swings and hit some balls in the Recreation Gym at the Rock Island Fitness & Activity Center. The Mayor added that there are four hitting stations with hitting net, turf mat, tee and practice balls. Available every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Sign up for 30 minutes or a full hour. \$5.00 per 30 minutes. Call (309) 732-7275 or stop in at RIFAC to sign up for a time.

Mayor Pauley indicated that free tax preparation assistance from certified volunteers will be available at the United Way Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) project next Saturday, February 8th from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm at the Rock Island Main Library Community Room, 401 19th Street. Free tax preparation is provided at no cost to qualifying individuals and families. Mayor Pauley stated that appointments are strongly encouraged. Please call United Way of the Quad Cities to make an appointment and to find out what papers you need to bring with you before you come. The library cannot take appointments. To reach the United Way information line, call 2-1-1 or (563) 355-9900.

Agenda Item #7

Presentation by Park Board Chair Fred Dasso in recognition of Parks and Recreation Director Bill Nelson as the Illinois Association of Park Districts Honored Professional for 2014.

Mr. Dasso advised that on Friday, January 24th, Bill Nelson, Director of the Rock Island Parks and Recreation Department received the Honored Professional Award at the Illinois Association of Park Districts and Illinois Park and Recreation Association’s annual conference in Chicago.

Mr. Dasso explained that the award is given annually to a Parks and Recreation professional that has demonstrated remarkable talents in encouraging local board members to excel as citizen’s advocates in order to advance the field of parks and recreation, and who has worked above and beyond the call of duty to promote park district representatives, forest preserves, conservation and recreational agencies in the community and throughout Illinois. Mr. Dasso then read the introduction that was read at the conference.

Mr. Nelson stated that he had no idea about the award. Mr. Nelson added that to be recognized by your peers is quite exceptional. Mr. Nelson commented that he loves this profession and thanked Council for this opportunity. Council congratulated Mr. Nelson on this honor.

Agenda Item #8

Presentation of the 2013 Commercial Beautification Awards.

Beautification Commission member Bob Towler and Mayor Pauley presented the 2013 Commercial Beautification Awards. The Rotary Trophy winner was presented to One Hair Place located at 1301 30th Street. The Mayor's Award was presented to Against the Grain located at 1340 31st Street. The Beautification Commission Award was presented to Bike n' Hike located at 3913 14th Avenue, and the City Council Award was presented to DAR-JAC Antiques located at 3115 14th Avenue.

The following businesses were awarded with Honorable Mention Certificates; Crawford Company, Thaddeus Electric, Quarter Til Tap, Unley Marine, Chuck's Auto Service, MJ Storm Investments, Mac Rock Inc. (McDonald's), Ganson's Bakery/Café, Rexie's Gourmet House, Herman's Inc., Billy Puckett Ins. Agency and Chippiannock Cemetery.

Agenda Item #9

Presentation of the Calendar Year 2014 Budget.

Finance Director Cynthia Parchert presented to Council the Calendar Year 2014 Budget. Ms. Parchert advised that this is a nine month budget beginning April 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2014. Ms. Parchert commented that this budget is organized differently than in the past; it contains the same data and includes the departmental summaries. Ms. Parchert added that the most significant difference within the budget document is that it is organized based on funds. It was noted that this change aligns the budget with the City's annual audit and management reporting. Ms. Parchert stated that the budget has been prepared with the goals of no property tax increase; general fund is balanced; services maintained at the high level citizens have grown to expect; continue to maintain the City's financial strength; and continued progress towards accomplishing the strategic goals developed by Council.

Ms. Parchert advised that the entire budget for all funds is a little over \$142 million. Ms. Parchert referred to the chart and stated that the general fund is at \$29.5 million and water and sewer is at \$29.1 million. Ms. Parchert added that the debt service is at \$18.1 million, which is a little larger than in prior years due to paying off the line of credit debt. Ms. Parchert indicated that personnel costs account for 25% of total expenditures, followed by capital at 22%. Ms. Parchert added that capital and debt include significant capital projects, which include; the Long Term Control Plan, new Police facility and the 11th Street redevelopment.

Ms. Parchert pointed out that total budgeted revenue is approximately \$137 million. Ms. Parchert added that debt proceeds make up 28% of this revenue. Ms. Parchert explained that this is loan proceeds for the Long Term Control Plan and bond proceeds for the Police facility and the 11th Street redevelopment. It was noted that charges, which include ambulance and sewer rate adjustments, account for 14% of revenue. Ms. Parchert advised that total revenue is less than expenses; the difference is being funded by cash on hand, derived from carryover projects.

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Ms. Parchert indicated that the total general fund budget is \$29.5 million. It was noted that 66% of the general fund budget is for personnel expenses, which include police and fire protection services and street repair and snow removal services. Ms. Parchert discussed the general fund budget expenses as it related to various City departments. It was noted that the largest share is police at 34%. Ms. Parchert stated that 84% of general fund spending is for the core services of Police, Fire and Public Works. Ms. Parchert then discussed general fund carryover history.

Ms. Parchert discussed equalized assessed value and property taxes. Ms. Parchert pointed out that the City's equalized assessed value (EAV) has decreased over the past two years. It was noted that this year, the EAV is expected to decrease 2.5%. Ms. Parchert advised that property tax allocations is projected at \$10,716,640.00. Ms. Parchert added that 43% of this revenue is allocated to support police and fire pensions, which is up 4% from 2013. Ms. Parchert offered that general fund support receives 20% of the property tax, and it is down 4% from 2013. It was noted that Library, Parks and Recreation and Public Benefit remain the same as 2013.

Ms. Parchert discussed property tax support for general fund operations. In addition, Ms. Parchert discussed equalized assessed value and property tax as it related to homeowners. Ms. Parchert pointed out that any property tax increase in a Rock Island home owner's property tax bill would not be attributed to City operations. Ms. Parchert noted that the tax rate has remained relatively stable since 2011.

Ms. Parchert stated that the budget maintains a high quality of services to the City's residents and businesses, and through this process, a financial plan has been prepared that will maintain the financial strength of the City. Ms. Parchert noted that this budget clearly reflects all the positive things that are being planned and accomplished. Ms. Parchert advised that the City has some challenges just as all the other communities do. However, the budget indicates the City's ability to meet and address those challenges. Ms. Parchert stated that the entire budget will be presented in detail at the two upcoming Saturday work sessions (February 8th and February 15th). Ms. Parchert added that the budget will be presented for approval in March so that it is adopted prior to the beginning of the City's nine month year beginning April 1st.

Ms. Parchert thanked everyone involved with the budget preparation. Ms. Parchert also thanked Budget Coordinator Don Reichert for all of his efforts in putting the budget documents together.

Mayor Pauley stated that the budget will be reviewed in detail over the next two weekends.

Agenda Item #10

Public Hearing on a request from Wanda Shelton for a Special Use Permit to operate a resale shop out of the attached two-car garage at 2405 34th Avenue.

Mayor Pauley closed the regular meeting at 7:19 pm and opened a Public Hearing on a request from Wanda Shelton for a Special Use Permit to operate a resale shop out of the attached two-car garage at 2405 34th Avenue.

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Ms. Wanda Shelton of 426 6th Street and owner of the property at 2405 34th Avenue stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Ms. Shelton.

Ms. Shelton stated that she wanted to turn the garage into a resale shop. Ms. Shelton added that she started a nonprofit in February of last year. Ms. Shelton noted that 10% of the funds will go to the organization, which is for children. Ms. Shelton indicated that donated items would be sold from the shop and after it gets started, she would like to turn the whole house into a resale shop.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to how many employees there would be. Ms. Shelton responded that there would be two employees for right now.

Alderman Hotle inquired as to how Ms. Shelton would accommodate off-street parking. Ms. Shelton responded that three off-street parking spaces are available and there could be four more parking spaces from the tree to the off-street parking.

Alderman Austin inquired as to whether the garage is heated.

Ms. Shelton commented that after they work on the garage, they are going to add heat. Ms. Shelton stated that the garage will also have restroom facilities.

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.

Mr. Steve Maginas of 3404 25th Street stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Mr. Maginas.

Mr. Maginas presented a petition opposing the Special Use Permit, which contained 24 signatures of the neighbors that reside on 34th Avenue, 25th Street and 24th Street. Mr. Maginas commented that they oppose the Special Use Permit because there are a number of small children that play in the area; there are no sidewalks, and very little off-street parking. Mr. Maginas added that the road is in poor condition in places and higher traffic will make it worse. Mr. Maginas concluded that it would be a significant change to put a commercial structure in this residential area.

Ms. Chris Smith of 2410 34th Avenue stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Ms. Smith.

Ms. Smith stated that she had concerns in regards to the garage door being left open during the summer with all of the donated items. Ms. Smith added that the garage only holds so much and she would be looking at a garage sale all summer. Ms. Smith was also concerned about security issues, the children and parking issues.

Ms. Shelton stepped forward and stated that the garage will be closed in; it would not be an open garage.

With no other 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 7:26 pm.

Alderman Murphy commended Ms. Shelton for wanting to start a business. Alderman Murphy stated that this neighborhood does not have a lot of other businesses. Alderman Murphy added that this residential neighborhood would not be a good fit for Ms. Shelton's business. Alderman Murphy advised that there may be other locations in the City for Ms. Shelton's business. Alderman Murphy suggested that Ms. Shelton contact the Community and Economic Development Department to help her find a reasonable location.

After discussion, it was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Austin to deny the special use permit as recommended because the site does not meet the seven standards identified in the zoning ordinance and approving the use without adequate parking would alter the character of the neighborhood. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #11

A Special Ordinance providing for the donation of two City owned properties at 914 3rd Avenue and 922 3rd Avenue to The Arc of the Quad Cities.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Austin to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #12

CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$10,870.67 to Jackson Square Lofts for General Liability claim.
- b. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$6,589.88 to Kutsunis and Weng P.C. for legal services rendered for the month of January.
- c. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of \$11,576.20 to DLT Solutions, Inc. for the annual Autodesk subscription maintenance.

d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 and final in the amount of \$41,387.79 to Walter D. Laud for the 37th Avenue Reconstruction: 30th Street to 32nd Street Special Assessment project.

e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #4 in the amount of \$109,382.19 to Brandt Construction Company for the 23rd Avenue Reconstruction: 12th to 17th Street project.

f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #3 in the amount of \$31,857.14 to Gilbane Building Company for the Rock Island Police Station project.

g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #27 in the amount of \$3,261,994.61 to Civil Constructors, Inc. for the Wet Weather Treatment System project.

Agenda Item #13

Claims for the weeks of January 17 through January 23 in the amount of \$1,155,160.74 and January 24 through January 30 in the amount of \$945,237.28.

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

Agenda Item #14

Payroll for the weeks of January 6 through January 19 in the amount of \$1,328,977.87.

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

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Finance Department regarding purchase card claims for the month of December in the amount of \$55,297.02.

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

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Human Resources Department regarding Builder's risk insurance, recommending payment to Cleveland Insurance Group and the necessary budget adjustment in the amount of \$21,959.00 for coverage of materials, fixtures and/or equipment being used in the construction of the Mill Street Waste Water Treatment Plant structure.

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

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of an Aries Seeker Series Lateral Inspection System (sewer camera) from Coe Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$16,076.00 and the trade-in of the Aries TR 7000 Steerable Large Line Tractor with controller.

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

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Police Department regarding request for proposals for consulting services to assist in the Rock Island public safety radio system upgrade, recommending Mazzitello Professional Services in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

It was moved by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the proposal as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin inquired upon Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen to explain this item.

Chief VenHuizen advised that the Rock Island Police Department is going to be moving from the VHF UA radio system to a 800 MHz communications system. Chief VenHuizen stated that the current system is outdated and in need of upgrades and the new 800 MHz system is the gold standard platform for public safety. Chief VenHuizen advised that this new system will allow the Police Department to have complete interoperability with the neighboring jurisdictions, which is critical in a time of crisis. Police Chief VenHuizen explained that the biggest challenge the department is faced with in regards to multiple agencies responding to a scene is the ability to communicate in a crisis. Council and Police Chief VenHuizen further discussed this item.

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

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget, recommending increasing the CDBG Loan Programs Fund budget in the amount of \$189,181.90.

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

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding review of a one lot minor subdivision final plat of RI - Dollar First Addition located at 2940 11th Street.

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

Agenda Item #21

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Kavanaugh's Hilltop Tavern for an additional day of Friday, March 14, 2014 from 7:00 pm to 11:30 pm as part of their outdoor tented event for St Patrick's Day at 1228 30th Street.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the additional day as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations and subject to being closed down early if noise complaints are received. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #22

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 Martinis on the Rock is under new ownership and it has a new name, which is On The Rock Grille and Bar. Alderman Murphy indicated that they are located at 34th Street and Blackhawk Road. Alderman Murphy commented that they have specials every day including all you can eat catfish on Friday nights. Alderman Murphy added that they also have entertainment in the heated enclosed pavilion off and on throughout the month. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local.

Agenda Item #23

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

An Executive Session was not held.

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Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Murphy to recess to 8:00 am, Saturday, February 8, 2014. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:41 pm.

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