

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**February 17, 2014  
MINUTES**

Rock Island City Council met in regular session at 6:45 pm in Council Chambers of Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen P. J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark and David Conroy. Also present were Assistant City Manager Jeff Eder and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. City Manager Thomas Thomas was 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 February 8, 2014 and Minutes of the meeting of February 10, 2014.**

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 8, 2014 and Minutes of the meeting of February 10, 2014 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

**Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.**

Mayor Pauley advised that refuse and recycling collection will be on the normal collection schedule during the week of the President's Day holiday. The Drop-Off Center located at Millennium Waste, 13606 Knoxville Road, Milan will be open on Saturday from 7:00 am to noon.

Mayor Pauley stated that the celebration of Black History Month continues at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center at 630 Ninth Street with two upcoming events. On Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 6:00 pm, Dinner and Movie fosters dialogue and encourages intergenerational communication by a viewing of the motion picture, "The Butler." The movie is free to the public and dinner will be available for purchase with all proceeds benefiting the King Center's Athletic and Recreational Programs. Mayor Pauley added that on Thursday, February 27, 2014, at 6:00 pm, it's The Fabric of Our Lives: The History of African American Quilting. Learn of the unique story of quilting beginning in slavery and present day reflections from guest speaker and quilter, Debra Morgan. For more information concerning these events, call (309) 732-2999.

Mayor Pauley indicated that the 2014 RV & Camping Show is coming to the Quad City Expo Center February 21 through February 23, 2014. Hours are Friday, 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am – 8:00 pm and Sunday from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Mayor Pauley commented that no matter how you prefer to sleep under the stars – you can find your destination gear here. 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.

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Mayor Pauley stated that as a part of Black History Month, Rock Island High School is hosting educational screenings in the Little Theatre of the film, American Promise, on Monday, February 24, 2014 at 4:30 pm or 6:30 pm. The Mayor added that the screenings are free and open to the public. American Promise provides a rare look into black middle class life while exploring the common hopes and hurdles of parents navigating their children's educational journeys. The RIHS Little Theatre is located on the north side of the building along 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue & 17<sup>th</sup> Street. For more information, call (309) 793-5900 x281.

Mayor Pauley advised that on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 6:30 pm at the Main Library Community Room learn about the historic bridges of the Quad Cities. This illustrated presentation, given by Curt Roseman, will feature the major bridges on the Mississippi and Rock Rivers in the Quad Cities. Collectively they represent a great variety of styles and histories. This is free and open to the public.

Agenda Item #7

**Presentation of Awards by the Police Department.**

Police Chief Jeff VenHuizen inquired upon Officer Jack LaGrange and Officer Ryan Barnett to step forward. Chief VenHuizen advised that on October 31, 2013, Officer LaGrange and Officer Barnett were dispatched to the American Motor Inn at 4300 11<sup>th</sup> Street concerning a possible overdose. Chief VenHuizen added that when they arrived, they observed an unresponsive male on the floor of one of the motel rooms. Chief VenHuizen indicated that Officer's LaGrange and Barnett administered AED and performed CPR until the paramedics arrived. The Chief stated that prior to the paramedic's arrival, the victim was resuscitated four times. Chief VenHuizen stated that the victim was transported to the hospital and made a full recovery.

Police Chief VenHuizen advised that if the officers had not provided immediate life support saving measures, the victim would likely not have survived. At this time, Police Chief VenHuizen presented Officer LaGrange and Officer Barnett with the Life Saving Award. Chief VenHuizen commented that this is Officer LaGrange's third Lifesaving Award.

Police Chief VenHuizen inquired upon Officer John Hoyt to step forward. Chief VenHuizen advised that on July 21, 2012, Officer Hoyt was dispatched to assist another officer in the area of 12<sup>th</sup> Street and 18 ½ Avenue in an attempt to locate a wanted subject. The Chief added that the officers observed the subject standing with a group of individuals and as they approached him on foot, the suspect began to flee with Officer Hoyt and Officer Gable in foot pursuit. The Chief stated that during the foot pursuit, the suspect jumped a fence and the officers split up in an attempt to cut off the subject's escape path.

Chief VenHuizen indicated that as the suspect ran back towards 18 ½ Avenue, Officer Gable radioed that the suspect had a gun. Officer Hoyt continued to pursue the subject who ignored repeated commands to stop and drop the handgun. Chief VenHuizen stated that as the subject attempted to run up an incline, he fell, then turned towards Officer Hoyt and pointed a handgun directly at him. Chief VenHuizen advised that in fear and in defense of Officer Hoyt's life, he

was required to fire his sidearm, striking and disabling the subject. Police Chief VenHuizen advised that due to Officer Hoyt's dedicated efforts and even though his life was in jeopardy, a dangerous criminal was apprehended.

Police Chief VenHuizen then presented Officer Hoyt with the Medal of Honor, which is the second highest honor the department can bestow upon an employee. The Chief added that this medal is awarded to an employee for an individual act of heroism at imminent risk, hazard of life or serious injury, with full knowledge of the risk involved.

Mayor Pauley stated that everyone knows Rock Island has an outstanding Police Department. Mayor Pauley thanked the Police Department for everything they do to get the job done.

Agenda Item #8

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

- a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$2,000.00 to Teneshia Horne for General Liability claim.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #7 in the amount of \$2,906.81 to Valley Construction for services provided for the Rock Island Landing at Schwiebert Park.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding final payment in the amount of \$29,517.56 to the Treasurer of the State of Illinois for the City's share of the IL 92 Resurfacing from 38<sup>th</sup> Street to the Moline Border project.
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #28 in the amount of \$298,843.77 to Civil Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Wet Weather Treatment System project.

Agenda Item #9

**Claims for the week of February 7 through February 13 in the amount of \$343,824.49.**

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

Agenda Item #10

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of an additional 600 tons of rock salt from Morton Salt Company in the amount of \$37,194.00.**

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

Agenda Item #11

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding review of a one lot minor final plat of Quad City Industrial Center First Addition located at 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 46<sup>th</sup> Street.**

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

Agenda Item #12

**Report from the City Clerk regarding Plaza events for the upcoming 2014 season and a Resolution for the American Heart Association's Quad Cities Heart Walk, requesting a waiver of application and event fees for the District's two Gallery Hops and Fright Night, a waiver of the application and event fee for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Quad City Ride for the Cure sponsored by the Daiquiri Factory and a waiver of the event fee for the Spring Chaser 5K Run/Walk sponsored by Steve's Old Time Tap.**

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the events and waiver of fees as recommended and adopt the resolution.

Comments followed.

Alderman Hotle commented that she was excited when she read the report because that means that spring is almost here.

Alderman Murphy stated that there will be lots of events taking place in the District and Downtown this summer.

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

Agenda Item #13

**Other Business.**

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy stated that St. Patrick's Day is right around the corner and if anyone is thinking about sending flowers, there are some great local choices. Alderman Murphy stated that Hy-Vee has a great floral department. Alderman Murphy added that Lamps Florist is located at 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 39<sup>th</sup> Street; Colman Florist is located at 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Papillon Florist is located on the corner of 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 44<sup>th</sup> Street in the little strip mall. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local.

Mr. Vince Thomas of 1000 21<sup>st</sup> Street in Rock Island stepped forward. Mr. Thomas stated that he is pleased to live in the Broadway Historic District, but was disappointed that all people are not welcome in the neighborhood. Mr. Thomas discussed the staff recommendation for the donation of three properties to the Arc that was rejected by Council (at a previous Council meeting) in which only two of the three properties were approved. Mr. Thomas further discussed this issue. Mr. Thomas concluded by urging Council to rescind their vote and give the third property to the Arc.

Agenda Item #14

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

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #15

**Recess**

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, March 3, 2014. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:06 pm.