

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**October 13, 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 Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, David Conroy and P.J. Foley. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Dave Morrison.

**Introductory Proceedings**

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

**Agenda Item #5**

**Minutes of the meeting of October 6, 2014.**

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the Minutes of the meeting of October 6, 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, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

**Agenda Item #6**

**Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.**

Mayor Pauley stated to please plan on attending the Community Workshop for the downtown planning process on October 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm at the Establishment Theatre. All residents and stakeholders are encouraged to attend! This is your opportunity to communicate your ideas about the growth and development of the downtown and ensure it reflects the community's vision. We hope to see you on Tuesday!

Mayor Pauley advised that during the week of the Columbus Day holiday, refuse, yardwaste and recycling will be on the normal collection schedule. The Drop-Off Center located at Millennium Waste, 13606 Knoxville Road, Milan will be open on Saturday from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Mayor Pauley stated that several citizens have recently contacted the City of Rock Island to inquire about a company promoting water service line coverage. The Mayor added that the City has offered a Water Service Repair Program and Sewer Lateral Repair Program for several years. Citizens have expressed concern because the mailing from HomeServe states “a recent review of our service area indicates that your home at... is not covered by Water Service Line Coverage from HomeServe”. Mayor Pauley advised that if citizens want to inquire whether or not they are subscribed to the City’s programs, they can contact the Public Works Department at (309) 732-2200.

Mayor Pauley advised that Broadway Church, 710-23<sup>rd</sup> Street, will host a clothing giveaway Saturday, October 18, 2014 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am. We will be pulling out all of our winter clothes. We have many sizes in womens, mens, childrens and babies. We also have several coats, mens and womens sweaters and sweatshirts. We also have several household items. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please feel free to call (309) 786-2631 or

email [broadway@broadwayqc.org](mailto:broadway@broadwayqc.org).

Mayor Pauley stated that the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center and Second Baptist Church of Rock Island will co-host a Trunk or Treat event scheduled for Friday, October 24, 2014 from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm. The Mayor added that both sites will offer activities including music, face painting, a haunted house and decorating their own cookies and cupcakes. Mayor Pauley commented that Trunk or Treat is an opportunity to provide a fun and more importantly a safe environment for the children in the Rock Island community during the Halloween season. Our volunteers will be decorating their cars for children to safely trick or treat from car-to-car instead of house-to-house. Trunk or Treat will take place at the Second Baptist Church parking lot.

Agenda Item #7

**Presentation of the 2014 Labor Day Parade Awards.**

Grace Shirk, a member of the Labor Day Parade Advisory Board and Mayor Pauley stepped to the podium for the Presentation of the 2014 Labor Day Parade Awards.

Ms. Shirk stated that this year's parade had 150 entries. It was noted that "30 Years of Community Pride" was the parade theme. Ms. Shirk commented on the highlights of the parade. Ms. Shirk thanked everyone involved with the parade for making it safe and successful and a special thank you went out to Art Milton, Mary Chappell and the citizens of Rock Island.

Mr. Art Milton, a member of the Labor Day Parade Advisory Board, recognized nine parade groups that have been involved with this community celebration for the past 30 years. The participants recognized included; Alleman Catholic High School, Alleman High School Marching Band, Association of Retired Firefighters of Rock Island, Rock Island Fire Department, Rock Island Police Department, Rock Island High School Band, Rock Island/Milan School District 41, Whitey's Ice Cream and Valley Construction Company.

At this time, Ms. Shirk along with Mayor Pauley presented the 2014 Labor Day Parade Awards to the winning recipients.

The following are the winners of the 2014 Labor Day Parade Awards:

The Citizen's Choice Award winners were selected by six citizens watching the parade. The winners included; Terror at Skellington Manor, Quad City 40 & Friends, Factory of Fear, Quad City Cutterz, Association of Retired Firefighters of Rock Island and Shannon Chiropractic.

The Council's Choice Award winners included; Celtic Cultures Alliance of the Quad Cities, Sunshine Performing Arts Studio, Eugene Field Elementary School, Ballet Quad Cities, The Doll-Fins, Jordan Catholic School and Zanie Janie Entertainment.

Rock Island Animal Hospital was the recipient of the Parade Committee's Choice Award. Rich Metals Company received the Marshal's Choice Award for the best theme-related entry, and

Cool Beanz Coffeehouse was the recipient of the Mayor's Cup Winner. All winners had their pictures taken with the Mayor.

Mayor Pauley congratulated all of the winners and everyone involved with the parade.

Agenda Item #8

**United Way Presentation.**

Kimberly Miller of the Parks Department and Chair for this year representing the City of Rock Island for United Way stepped forward. Ms. Miller advised that during a week in October, rallies are held, a kick-off type of event is held and at the end of the week, a cookout is held for the United Way campaign. Ms. Miller noted that earlier today, a pie eating contest was held to kick-off the United Way campaign. Ms. Miller commented that the theme for this year's campaign is Carnival. Ms. Miller stated that as part of the fundraising efforts, pumpkins have been decorated and employees are encouraged to enter the pumpkin contest. It was noted that you can vote for your favorite pumpkin by donating money. Ms. Miller indicated that the pumpkins will be on display all month. Ms. Miller stated that on Friday's during the month of October, employees can donate \$5.00 to wear their favorite football jersey. Ms. Miller added that rallies will be held this week and presentations will be made to showcase how different programs with United Way benefits Rock Island. Ms. Miller concluded that at the end of the week, a carnival - cookout will be held along with carnival type games.

Martin Luther King Center Director Dwight Ford advised that the King Center was one of the first recipients out of the 89 entities that received funding from United Way. Mr. Ford further discussed this item.

Ms. Kristia Leshoure Facility Supervisor at the Martin Luther King Center stepped forward. Ms. Leshoure stated that United Way funds two programs at the Martin Luther King Center under the KING Program (Kids Invested in National Growth). Ms. Leshoure stated that the purpose of this program is to provide after-school opportunities for youth from Kindergarten to eighth grade. Ms. Leshoure added that the other program under KING is to provide summer daycare for six to 14 year olds. Ms. Leshoure also discussed two stories of how these programs have helped two individuals.

Mr. Jerry Jones of the United Way stepped forward. Mr. Jones stated that agencies are very important in the work that United Way does. Mr. Jones advised that United Way's goals are bold and ambitious. Mr. Jones stated that United Way wants to see every child in the Quad Cities graduate with a high school diploma and viable plan for the future. Mr. Jones commented that United Way also wants to see every family that is in poverty to be able to walk the path towards financial stability. In addition, Mr. Jones stated that United Way wants to see wellness in the areas of physical and mental health for everyone in the Quad Cities.

Mr. Jones pointed out that there are local experts that volunteer to create strategies that prove to be effective in the community. In the income area, Mr. Jones stated that there is free income tax preparation to people that cannot afford it. Mr. Jones commented that last year, 6,200 people were served by this service. Mr. Jones added that over \$750,000.00 in tax fees are saved from

this program that is provided for free. Mr. Jones further discussed this program as well as other programs including the Kindergarten Skills Inventory. After more discussion on programs, Mr. Jones advised that it is all about strengthening the entire community in a strategic and effective way. Mr. Jones thanked everyone for their support.

Agenda Item #9

**A Resolution approving an agreement with the City Manager and authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract documents.**

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Murphy seconded to adopt the Resolution. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Clark and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Austin and Alderman Foley.

Agenda Item #10

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

- a. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of \$22,445.00 to Azteca Systems, Inc. for the Cityworks System annual update and support maintenance.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #36 in the amount of \$321,944.41 to Civil Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Wet Weather Treatment System project.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #10 in the amount of \$941,955.32 to Gilbane Building Company for preconstruction services provided for the Rock Island Police Station project.
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$185,669.67 to Langman Construction, Inc. for services provided for the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Water Main, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue project.

Agenda Item #11

**Claims for the week of October 3 through October 9 in the amount of \$624,216.78.**

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Foley 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, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #12

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2014 Tree Trimming, Removal and Stump Grinding Contract, recommending the bid be awarded to Acadian Tree Service in the amount of \$18,200.00.**

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Foley to award the bid as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #13

**Report from the Police Department regarding a proposal from RACOM for the emergency communication system upgrade in the amount of \$1,355,273.35, and the future purchase of tactical headsets in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 from a vendor to be determined.**

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the proposal and future purchase as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the proposal, along with the associated contract documents.

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

Chief VenHuizen advised that the Police Department has been working on moving to an 800 MHz trunked system, which is the standard platform in the IA/IL Quad Cities. Chief VenHuizen stated that all of our public safety partners are on that system with the exception of the Sheriff's Department. The Chief added that the 800 MHz system with P25 compliance will allow the Police Department to have true interoperability for the first time in the City of Rock Island with its public safety partners.

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

Agenda Item #14

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding a loan agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for construction of the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Relief Sewer project in the amount of \$10,941,066.29 and a bid from Brandt Construction Company in the amount of \$10,622,394.46.**

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Murphy to approve the loan agreement as recommended, award the bid to Brandt Construction and authorize the City Manager to execute all required documents.

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin inquired upon Public Works Director Randy Tweet to explain this item.

Mr. Tweet advised that all of the long term control projects are being funded with low interest loans. Mr. Tweet stated that the main projects are the wet weather treatment facility, which will have substantial completion next month and this project, which is the relief sewer that runs down 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. Tweet offered that other projects to come next year include the reconstruction of the Blackhawk lift station and some associated piping. Mr. Tweet advised that the other big project is the outfall relocation. Mr. Tweet further discussed the projects. Mr. Tweet commented that everything is on target to be completed in 2016 or early 2017.

Mayor Pauley advised that all of this was mandated by the Federal Government.

Mr. Tweet pointed out that as a result of the combined sewer overflows, the EPA mandated that the City come up with a plan and all of this is part of the plan. Mr. Tweet added that the City is required to be done by 2018.

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

Agenda Item #15

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding a proposal from Symbiont for engineering design and bidding services for the Outfall 007 Relocation project in the amount of \$349,800.00.**

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Murphy seconded to approve the proposal as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #16

**Report from the Police Department regarding a Dry Cleaning contract with Burke Cleaners, Inc., recommending a one year renewal expiring December 31, 2015 at the prices quoted in the existing contract.**

It was moved by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the contract as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, Alderman Foley.

Agenda Item #17

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an agreement with the Northwestern Illinois Housing Coalition as it relates to the Illinois Attorney General National Foreclosure Settlement Funds.**

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

Agenda Item #18

**Report from the Fire Department regarding an Ordinance authorizing an addendum to the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Agreement.**

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

Agenda Item #19

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding a Resolution for acquiring a utility permit for the installation of a new water main under 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue (US67) right-of-way at the intersection of 13<sup>th</sup> Street.**

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

Agenda Item #20

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Mr. Kevin Murphy for a rezoning from an R-2 (one family residence) district to a B-1 (neighborhood business) district at 1826 31<sup>st</sup> Street.**

It was moved by Alderman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Foley to deny the requested rezoning to a B-1 district as recommended and instead grant the applicant permission to seek a special use permit at a public hearing before Council at a future date to be determined. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #21

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Ms. Lisa Melton-Gaylor to apply for a Special Use Permit to locate a solar-lighted freestanding sign identifying her daycare home at 625 10<sup>th</sup> Street.**

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

Agenda Item #22

**Other Business.**

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

Alderman Hotle encouraged everyone to come to the first community meeting and give their input for the Downtown Revitalization Plan. Alderman Hotle stated that the meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Establishment Theatre. Alderman Hotle added that there is also a survey and mapping tool online.

Alderman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderman Murphy stated that as the holiday season approaches, there are a lot of great small businesses in Rock Island. Alderman Murphy commented that there are 16,000 households in Rock Island. Alderman Murphy added that if everyone would make a commitment that they are going to spend \$100.00 of their shopping money here in the City, it can make a great impact on all of the small businesses in the community. Alderman Murphy encouraged everyone to Shop local.

Agenda Item #23

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

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Murphy at 7:43 pm 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 Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #24

**Recess**

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 7:49 pm. A motion was made by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Murphy to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, October 20, 2014. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:50 pm.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk