

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 P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Charles O. Austin III and Ivory D. Clark. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, Fire Chief James Fobert, Economic Development Manager Bret Gardella, other City staff and City Attorney Dave Morrison. Alderman David Conroy arrived at 6:27 pm. Alderman Joy Murphy was absent.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Fire Chief James Fobert gave an update on the Fire Department's infrastructure, fire suppression, emergency medical services and fire prevention.

Fire Chief Fobert discussed infrastructure as it related to the four fire stations. Chief Fobert advised that the installation of new entryways and windows has been approved; the RFP's are out and it is scheduled for completion this year. Chief Fobert stated that once this project is completed, it will bring Central Fire Station into compliance with ADA. Chief Fobert advised that the engineering study for the HVAC system that Council approved last year was completed. The Chief added that a lot of options were received, but cost is an issue. Fire Chief Fobert furthered discussed this item. Chief Fobert offered that some of the concrete on the north side of the parking lot at Central Fire House will need to be replaced and it will be completed this year.

In regards to Station 2 (Southwest), Fire Chief Fobert advised that the picture window in the kitchen was replaced last year and the generator was also installed. Chief Fobert added that the kitchen remodel has been completed. Chief Fobert stated that some exterior painting will have to be done this year on the peaks (towers) of the station. Chief Fobert indicated that at Station 3 (30th Street & 16th Avenue), the generator was installed last year and it is capable of running the whole station. The Chief added that recently, Council approved the replacement of the HVAC system. It was noted that this project will start in the next month.

Fire Chief Fobert indicated that the front entryway was replaced at Station 4 (31st Avenue & 9th Street) with an updated modern entry system, which is accessible for wheelchairs. The Chief commented that the generator was also installed. The Chief stated that concrete work still needs to be done on the driveway and they need to finish the fencing enclosure of the driveway. The Chief added that remodeling is underway on the 2nd floor bathroom.

Chief Fobert advised that on the fire suppression side in regards to personnel, there are 58 sworn and one civilian; two firefighters completed probation in 2014; two firefighters were hired in 2014 and one firefighter was hired this past January. Chief Fobert added that one firefighter will retire on April 23rd and one firefighter will start on April 27th. The Chief noted that one probationary firefighter is at the academy and he will graduate this Friday.

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 advised that they are looking towards replacing two of the engines (E34 and E35) that were purchased in 1997 with smaller vehicles in order 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 2013 and 2014.

Chief Fobert discussed the ISO Public Protection Classification. The Chief explained that an independent insurance organization does the study. The Chief indicated that the City's classification improved from a 4 to a 3 and this rating could lead to reduced premiums for homeowners and businesses. The Chief added that a low PPC attracts businesses due to a community's investment in fire mitigation and reducing fire losses. The Chief then discussed the nationwide Public Protection Classification numbers. Next, Chief Fobert discussed the 800 MHz communications system. Chief Fobert stated that the Fire Department went live on March 23rd and it is working really well. The Chief added that this allows for greater interoperability with other agencies. Chief Fobert stated that this is a plus for Public Safety.

Fire Chief Fobert indicated that the construction of the new rescue boat is being completed and it should arrive at the end of April. Chief Fobert stated that the Fire Department's next objective is the equipment for the boat and to train personnel as boat operators.

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 commented that a heart monitor was purchased for Engine 32 and placed into service in 2014 and the AED that was on Engine 32 was moved to Truck 31. Chief Fobert further discussed this item. Next, Chief Fobert discussed EMS incident data as it related to total incidents and average response time for 2013 and 2014.

Chief Fobert pointed out that the Fire Department is looking to upgrade the ambulance cots. The Chief added that the biggest issue is larger patients. The Chief stated that the current cots are rated at about 750 pounds and they are not big enough for those particular patients. The Chief added that another service has to be called that has specialized equipment and their cots are rated at over 1000 pounds.

Next, Fire Chief Fobert discussed fire prevention. The Chief advised that the Fire Marshal has implemented revisions in the education and inspection divisions. The Chief added that a select number of personnel have been assigned as inspectors and educators. Fire Chief Fobert indicated that Fire Marshal Greg Marty will be completing a specialized arson investigator course this spring. Chief Fobert further discussed this item.

Council discussed Fire Chief Fobert's presentation.

RETAIL CONSULTANT DISCUSSION

Economic Development Manager Bret Gardella advised that the reason staff likes Retail Attractions is because this gentleman (Rickey Hayes) started out working for city government as an economic development director. Mr. Gardella stated that in eight years of being in business, Mr. Hayes has consulted in over 240 cities and in 27 states. Mr. Gardella added that the nice thing about this company is that it is reactionary; Mr. Hayes can react quickly to questions the

City may have, and he can react quicker on bringing in retailers or developers that the City may want to work with. Mr. Gardella pointed out that in negotiating the agreement, staff looked at a one year contract because it is based on results.

Mr. Gardella advised that the other government agencies that he has talked with about Retail Attractions have stated the same thing, which is that Mr. Hayes has all of the contacts in the retail world; Mr. Hayes works from the top. Mr. Gardella added that when Mr. Hayes sees a project that may work, he can start at the higher levels and make the contacts and get them interested in the City. Mr. Gardella explained that if Retail Attractions is hired, Mr. Hayes will work for the City and put the information in the hands of the developers and retailers and tell them that this is where they need to be.

At this time, Mr. Gardella showed two brief videos, one of which related to testimonials of a municipality's opinions on Retail Attractions' performance and the other video relating to a brief message from Mr. Hayes relating to Retail Attractions' mission and building partnerships with the organization he may potentially work for.

Mr. Gardella commented that if Mr. Hayes' organization is brought in, it will give the City an extra advantage that is not currently available. Mr. Gardella explained that he has talked to 10 different organizations from government through development and these folks think very highly of this gentleman and the work he has done for their organizations.

Council discussed this organization as it related to the geographical areas that Retail Attractions has worked in. Council discussed demographics as it related to the City of Rock Island's profile. In addition, Council discussed other communities in the Quad Cities that have worked with a similar consulting organization. Council discussed the proposed one year agreement with Retail Attractions as it related to cost and the budget. Council also discussed marketing concerning economic development.

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder stated that this is a direct targeted marketing effort. Mr. Eder stated that if Retail Attractions is hired, the City should have a number of visits from developers and retailers within the next year that will be looking at specific sites and projects.

Council further discussed Mr. Gardella's presentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle 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 Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 6:18 pm. Alderman Conroy arrived at 6:27 pm.

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:31 pm.

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 13, 2015
MINUTES**

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Conroy to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
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**April 13, 2015
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, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark and David Conroy. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Dave Morrison. Alderman Joy Murphy was absent.

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 April 6, 2015.

A motion was made by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the Minutes of the meeting of April 6, 2015 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley stated that on Wednesday, April 15, library guests can learn about the history of one of Illinois' longest serving libraries with "Rock Island Library: A History." Reference Librarian James Shearouse will share details and photos from the Rock Island Library's more than 140 years of service, including the beginnings of the library in 1872, the construction of the present-day Main Branch in 1903, and other history highlights gleaned from library archives. Mayor Pauley indicated that the program will be presented at 6:00 pm in the Main Library Community Room, 401 19th Street. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 309-732-READ (7323).

Interested in becoming a lifeguard? Mayor Pauley stated that lifeguarding classes begin April 17th at Rock Island Fitness & Activity Center. Certification is awarded after successfully completing all skill and written tests. Call 732-7275 (PARK) for more details and to register.

Mayor Pauley advised that Gilda's Run for Laughs 2015 is taking on a new theme and new location with an aim to *beat the blues*. Mayor Pauley added that the annual 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run, presented by UnityPoint Health Trinity, will be located in The District of Rock Island on Saturday, April 18th at 9:00 am. Participants will each receive a T-shirt, pair of sunglasses, and fedora hat to fit the theme. Mayor Pauley commented that runners and walkers are encouraged to wear their best Blues Brothers-inspired outfits. In addition, RIBCO will host a post-race party featuring The Bluz Brothers tribute band from Chicago. For more information or to register over the phone, call Gilda's Club at (563) 326-7504.

Mayor Pauley stated to mark your calendars for the library annual drive up and drop off event for shredding personal papers. Arc Industries secure document destruction operation in partnership

with local libraries will provide free shredding of up to two containers of personal papers per person dropped off during Shred Days. The Mayor commented that the free Community Shred Collection Day for Rock Island is Saturday, April 18th, from 9:30 am - 11:30 am in the alley outside the Main Library. For more information, call the library at (309) 732-7323.

Agenda Item #7

Proclamation declaring Saturday, April 18, 2015 as Augustana College Men's Track & Field Day.

Mayor Pauley read the proclamation. Head Coach Paul Olsen of Men's Track & Field at Augustana College and athletes Isaac Smith, David Devore, Keith Cline and David Voland accepted the proclamation. A video was presented of the four team members that won the national championship in the 4x400 meter relay at the 2015 NCAA Division III Indoor National Track and Field Championships. Each athlete along with the coach said a few words in regards to the relay race.

Agenda Item #8

Special Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit at 2106 7th Avenue.

Agenda Item #9

A Special Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit at 3866 28th Avenue.

Agenda Item #10

A Special Ordinance establishing a four-way stop intersection at 27th Street and 20th Avenue.

Agenda Item #11

A Special Ordinance removing a handicapped parking space in front of the business at 1831 3rd Avenue and extending the two-hour parking zone to cover the entire area.

Agenda Item #12

A Special Ordinance regulating parking at the MetroLink facility parking lot at 4501 4th Avenue.

Agenda Item #13

A Special Ordinance removing a handicapped parking space at 1816 35th Street.

Agenda Item #14

A Special Ordinance removing a handicapped parking space at 1827 34th Street.

Agenda Item #15

A Special Ordinance removing a metered parking space on the north side of 3rd Avenue between 15th and 16th Streets and extending the two-hour parking zone to cover this space.

Agenda Item #16

A Special Ordinance allowing for special parking in a residential area on the west side of 12th Street between 20th and 21st Avenues for Olivet Baptist Church without Type B parking permits all day on Sundays, Wednesdays between the hours of 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm and during special events.

Alderman Tollenaer moved to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinances for items 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, Alderman Hotle seconded. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #17

CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$13,381.03 to Electric Pump for the emergency repair of the Franciscan store treat basin pump.

Agenda Item #18

Claims for the week of April 3 through April 9 in the amount of \$1,032,961.91.

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

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the Long Term Control Plan Farmall Storage Tank project, recommending approval of the notice of intent to award the bid to Civil Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$4,375,000.00.

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Clark to approve the notice of intent to award as recommended.

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin advised that this is a high priced item, and it is also one of the things that was part of the agreement with the EPA many years ago as part of the Long Term Control Plan. Alderman Austin further discussed this item.

Alderman Tollenaer requested a study session on how much more has to be done concerning the Long Term Control Plan.

Public Works Director Randy Tweet advised that a presentation is being put together and a study session will be held after the new Council members are seated.

Alderman Tollenaer inquired as to whether a tour could be scheduled for the new facility - the Wet Weather Treatment Plant. Mr. Tweet stated that a tour would be scheduled.

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

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a one year retail consulting contract with Retail Attractions for assisting in the development of various City owned commercial properties in the amount of \$3,000.00 per month and a onetime initial market analysis fee of \$7,500.00.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Austin seconded to approve the contract as recommended, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents and allow for minor City Attorney modifications.

Discussion followed. Alderman Hotle stated that one of the things that sold her on this potential project from the CED Director and the Economic Development Manager was the fact that the City has not been spending any money on marketing this year. Alderman Hotle added that this particular contract allows the City to have someone that does this full-time and they will be working on marketing for what the City has to offer in terms of economic development. Alderman Hotle further discussed this item as it related to the marketing and economic development component.

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

Agenda Item #21

Report from the Mayor regarding an appointment to the Library Board.

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

Karen Phillips was appointed to the Library Board with the term to expire on April 30, 2018.

Agenda Item #22

Report from the Mayor regarding appointments to the Community Garden Committee.

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

Christopher Strunk, Michael Woods, Joshua Schipp, Tim Chambers, Beth Zambone, Reverend Dr. Jacqueline J. Cunningham-Walls and Reverend Donald Johnson were appointed to the Community Garden Committee for one year terms.

Agenda Item #23

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Cool Beanz Coffeehouse and Radicle Effect Brewerks to hold an outdoor event on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 3:00 to 9:00 pm, a request to close a portion of the alley at 14th Avenue between 1325 30th Street and 1340 31st Street, a request for sound amplification and to allow alcohol outside until 9:00 pm in the enclosed area.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the event as recommended, the partial alley closing and sound amplification, and the request for alcohol outside until 9:00 pm in the enclosed area, subject to providing the proper fencing, allowing sidewalks to remain open, complying with all liquor license regulations and subject to being closed down early if noise complaints are received.

Comments followed. Alderman Hotle advised that this is a testament of an area in Rock Island that is a true collaboration between the business owners. Alderman Hotle added that they continue to add more events to what they are doing and they bring more people into Rock Island.

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

Agenda Item #24

Report from the City Clerk regarding an application from Alleman High School requesting to hold a 5K and 1-Mile race event on Saturday, June 27, 2015 from 7:30 am to 9:30 am.

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

Agenda Item #25

Other Business.

Alderman Hotle advised that on Wednesday, April 22nd at 6:30 pm in the dining room of the Hauberg Center, she will be hosting her second 5th Ward meeting of the year. Alderman Hotle stated that everyone is welcome to attend. Alderman Hotle added that residents will have the opportunity to ask questions and share their concerns.

Alderman Foley stated that he was over at the Rock Island Arsenal yesterday and noticed that they were getting ready to shut the viaduct down. Alderman Foley added that the Arsenal viaduct is shut down and the only entrances onto the island are through Moline and Davenport for the next month. Alderman Foley stated that if anyone is going that way, they will not be able to drive onto the Arsenal from the Rock Island gate while the improvements are taking place. Alderman Foley commented that the Great River Trail is open. Alderman Foley further discussed this item.

Mayor Pauley stated that they wanted to do this last year when the Centennial Bridge was closed down. Mayor Pauley added that they partnered so that both bridges wouldn't be closed at the same time.

Mr. Jerry (Gerald W.) Epperson of 8119 10th Street West stepped forward. Mr. Epperson stated that he was the only one that called to get the hill fixed in his area. Mr. Epperson commented that the street was put in 50 years ago. Mr. Epperson added that he received a letter about paving the street.

Alderman Conroy advised that he encouraged people to come to the meeting to make sure that their concerns were answered. Alderman Conroy stated that he let these residents know that when Shadybrook Phase I was done, the numbers came back from about \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00 per person. Alderman Conroy added that at that time, the City cut the amount in half of what the residents would have spent. Alderman Conroy stated that this assessment in Phase II is coming in at \$3,000.00 or \$4,000.00, which is quite high for this neighborhood.

Mayor Pauley commented that the meeting for this item is on April 22nd.

Alderman Conroy stated that he would recommend to the City Council to do the same thing for Phase II and limit the amount to a maximum of \$1,000.00 for every person in that neighborhood. Alderman Conroy added that this is not a full street reconstruction; it is grinding it and putting in blacktop. Alderman Conroy stated that the actual vote is a few weeks away, but he wanted to make sure that the people were here when he was here because he knows what happened in the first phase. Alderman Conroy further discussed this item.

Mr. Epperson stated that the City needs to fix the hill and not the whole street.

Dion Baal of 8220 10th Street West stepped forward. Mr. Baal stated that he bought his house five years ago and every year the taxes have gone up and now he receives this letter asking for a payment of \$5,304.00 to fix the street. Mr. Baal stated that his neighbor also received the same letter asking for a payment of \$1,300.00. Mr. Baal stated that he doesn't understand and he

cannot afford to make this kind of payment to live on that street; it is not worth it. Mr. Baal stated that he hopes that Council will reconsider and come to a happy agreement for everyone.

Ed Dye Jr. of 8020 10th Street West stepped forward. Mr. Dye stated that he received the same letter and they want him to pay \$2,680.00. Mr. Dye explained that the street has been bad for 30 years. Mr. Dye inquired as to how come the street has been so bad for so long and nothing has been done to fix it until now, and why are the residents that are there now getting stuck with something that should have been fixed 30 years ago. Mr. Dye further discussed this issue.

Melissa Brown of 8115 10th Street West stepped forward. Ms. Brown stated that the average income in the neighborhood is \$40,000.00, and the City is asking on average of about 10% from the neighborhood to pave a road that has been that way for 30 years. Ms. Brown added that this is not something people can afford on top of already paying property taxes.

Mr. Doyle Pool stepped forward. Mr. Pool stated that he has a business at 816 West 10th Avenue in Milan and he has a piece of property on 10th Street West in which he was assessed for about \$9,000.00. Mr. Pool added that he has a house at 1009 83rd Avenue West. Mr. Pool expressed concerns that this assessment was not fair to the people. Mr. Pool discussed the process for this street repair. Mr. Pool commented that the repairs will not work; the City is throwing money away.

Linda Baker of 8216 10th Street West stepped forward. Ms. Baker stated that her assessment was over \$5,000.00. Ms. Baker added that the gross median income for that neighborhood is probably \$40,000.00. Ms. Baker explained that they have people in the neighborhood that are retired, widowed, people on Social Security, single income families and parents. Ms. Baker stated that they cannot afford to pick up the tab on all of this. Ms. Baker agreed that the street is in disrepair. Ms. Baker added that she didn't think any of the residents would object to contributing a portion to it, but it needs to be in align with what the neighborhood can afford. Ms. Baker further discussed this issue.

Mayor Pauley stated that at the April 22nd meeting, everyone can give more detailed information. Mayor Pauley inquired upon the residents to call Alderman Elect Virgil Mayberry so that he can come to that meeting so he knows what is going on.

Council further discussed this item.

Alderman Foley advised that he has gone through four or five of these special assessments in his ward. Alderman Foley discussed various special assessments in Ward 3. Alderman Foley stated that this is not a full reconstruction on this street and somehow it is a problem. Alderman Foley advised that when the residents come back, he will support them on this item and drop this amount way down.

Agenda Item #26

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

The Executive Session was held prior to the regular meeting.

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Agenda Item #27

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Clark to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, April 20, 2015. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Conroy; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:27 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk