

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 5:00 pm in City Council Chambers at Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joshua Schipp, Charles O. Austin III and Ivory D. Clark. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, Library Director Angela Campbell, Library Board members, Library Planner George Lawson, Jeff Dismer of Gere/Dismer Architects and other City staff. Alderman Virgil J. Mayberry arrived at 5:03 pm and Alderman P.J. Foley arrived at 5:18 pm. City Attorney Dave Morrison arrived at 5:30 pm.

### **ROCK ISLAND LIBRARY'S LONG RANGE PLANS**

Library Director Angela Campbell presented an update to Council on the Rock Island Library's long range planning process. Ms. Campbell stated that the strategic planning sessions were completed in 2013 and with those sessions, there was community input. Ms. Campbell stated that it became clear the library needed to start looking at how they could better their facilities. Ms. Campbell indicated that their patron survey established that there was a need for better or modern facilities. Ms. Campbell added that from the needs assessment document, the Library Board had five alternatives or options to choose from and they chose the one building concept for the library's main location.

Ms. Campbell advised that the library has recently educated the public at three informational meetings, and a finalized long range plan will be available to look at in November at the Library Board meeting. Ms. Campbell indicated that Rock Island Public library card holders deserve superior modern library services.

Ms. Campbell then discussed the differences between the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Library and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Library. Ms. Campbell advised that when one thinks of a 20<sup>th</sup> Century Library, it is thought to be quiet and where there is a warehouse of materials in different formats that people can check out and bring back. Ms. Campbell stated that there is also a reference desk where trained individuals answer questions and give out accurate information, and there are a few children's programs. Ms. Campbell advised that one of the reasons public libraries continue to stay relevant in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century is by giving up their warehouse model. Ms. Campbell added that 21<sup>st</sup> Century libraries include new additions such as emergent literacy programs and a place for young adults. Ms. Campbell commented that the Rock Island Public Library does not have a place for young adults. Ms. Campbell advised that there is a huge emphasis on outreach and partnerships in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Library where physical space is not relied on as much as partnerships and being out in the community. Ms. Campbell stated that 21<sup>st</sup> Century libraries also offer media spaces, computer lab spaces, learning centers that complement the current core curriculum that kids have in school, a focus on creation in literacy projects, opportunities to create materials with self publishing machines, and modular type things such as kitchen labs and sewing and craft labs. Ms. Campbell further discussed this item.

Ms. Campbell advised that the Rock Island Library is currently structured as a warehouse type library. Ms. Campbell indicated that it became clear throughout the study that the library's facilities were actually limiting the future of the library. Ms. Campbell stated that the library needs to look at creating a facility with modular spaces that will provide the library with

unlimited opportunities to serve the public. Ms. Campbell explained that modern libraries are more cost effective to operate because they focus on outreach and partnerships, sponsorships and grant writing to do the activities.

Ms. Campbell commented that no other city comparable in size to Rock Island has three library branches. Ms. Campbell added that because of the three branches, Rock Island is open almost triple the amount of time and the library is similarly staffed to libraries with just one location.

Ms. Campbell discussed budget considerations and options. It was noted that the library has had five years worth of budget deficits in which they had to make up through cuts or by using reserves. Ms. Campbell advised that there will be a \$236,000.00 deficit in CY2016. Ms. Campbell added that if one location is looked at with increased services, there could be a surplus of a little under \$100,000.00, but that also depends on staffing. Another budget option Ms. Campbell discussed was having one location with more enhanced services; there would be a larger surplus but less staff would be needed. After more discussion on the budget, Ms. Campbell stated that the bottom line is that the Rock Island Library cannot operate three buildings with the current and projected budget.

Ms. Campbell then introduced George Lawson who is a Library Planner. Mr. Lawson discussed the special needs assessment for the one library concept. Mr. Lawson stated that the building program that was created suggested that 50,000 square feet of space is needed to make this a 21<sup>st</sup> Century quality library. Mr. Lawson discussed the current types of spaces that are found in the library, the existing square footage of each space use and how the square footage will be allocated in the new and improved Rock Island Library. Space uses and square footages that Mr. Lawson discussed included; collection space, public service desk area, information commons, program space, staff work space, children's space, young adult space, mixed space, and structure and support space.

Council and Mr. Lawson discussed various space needs as it related to a café or vending area and a children's museum.

Mr. Jeff Dismer of Gere/Dismer Architects discussed the site plan for the future Rock Island Library. Mr. Dismer stated that they are taking the program that has been developed and turning it into a vision for what the Rock Island Library could be for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Mr. Dismer commented that the Library Board voted for a single library location downtown at the current main library facility. Mr. Dismer referred to the site plan and stated that the current main library parking does not have a line of sight to the main entry. Mr. Dismer added that the new approach is to enhance this and create a new entry. Mr. Dismer advised that the lobby would be accessed from the south side and from the north. It was noted that the south side would focus on the new parking lot and the north side would be in front towards 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and accessible from the downtown. Mr. Dismer advised that the addition occurs off to the east side, which is currently the parking lot of the building. Mr. Dismer further discussed the parking component.

Next, Mr. Dismer discussed the layout of the facility as it related to the main floor, lower level, floor mezzanine and floor two. Mr. Dismer also discussed program spaces for each floor. Mr.

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Dismer noted that the second floor of the new addition will align with the existing second floor of the historic library.

Mr. Dismer discussed costs for the proposed new library. Mr. Dismer stated that the total cost for the plan is approximately \$29 million dollars with the goal of having a new library by 2020.

Council discussed the plan as it related to cost in terms of building a complete new facility versus expanding the existing facility. Council and Mr. Dismer discussed parking as it related to property acquisition for a new parking lot. Council and Ms. Campbell discussed fundraising in reference to the feasibility study. In addition, Council and Ms. Campbell discussed staffing and hours as it related to the budget concerning the proposed new library. Library Board member Kevin Koski and Council discussed technology as it related to gathering and sharing information and broadband. Council further discussed Ms. Campbell's presentation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Clark to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 pm.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

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Rock Island City Council met in regular session at 6:45 pm in Council Chambers of Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding and Aldermen Virgil J. Mayberry, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joshua Schipp, Charles O. Austin III and Ivory D. Clark. 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 Mayberry gave the Invocation.

**Agenda Item #5**

**Minutes of the meeting of October 5, 2015.**

A motion was made by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the Minutes of the meeting of October 5, 2015 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

**Agenda Item #6**

**Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.**

Mayor Pauley stated that the City of Rock Island Public Works Department started the Fire Hydrant Flushing Program today, October 12, 2015. Crews will be flushing hydrants for approximately a four week period. Mayor Pauley commented that the purpose of this program is to help maintain water quality standards and the fire protection system. Citizens may experience brief periods of discolored water or low pressure which is normal during flushing operations. Questions may be directed to the Public Works Department at (309) 732-2200.

Mayor Pauley advised that on Saturday, October 10, 2015, water main construction started requiring a road closure on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 20<sup>th</sup> Street for approximately two weeks. Then starting October 12, 2015, water main construction will require road closure to through traffic for the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersections of 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Streets. Pending favorable weather, the resumption of normal traffic is anticipated to be within two months. Mayor Pauley stated that travel delays can be expected during the construction at or near this location. Please follow all posted construction signs for detour directions when needed, and watch for trucks entering and leaving the construction zone. Mayor Pauley stated that the City of Rock Island is sorry for any inconvenience due to this road and utility work and appreciates the patience and consideration of the traveling public.

Mayor Pauley stated 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 noon.

Sunday, October 18, 2015 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm stop down at the Quad City Botanical Center and visit the Mad Scientists & Zombies. Participate in mad scientist experiments,

ghoulish games, a zombie obstacle course and enjoy the s'more bar & fire pit. Mayor Pauley stated that pets are even welcome, especially if in costume! General admission prices are Adults \$6.00, Seniors \$5.00, Youth (6-15 yrs) \$4.00, Children (2-5yrs) \$2.00, Children under 2 and Members of the Quad City Botanical Center free.

Mayor Pauley advised that the City of Rock Island is hosting a Trivia Night to support the 2015 United Way Campaign. Gather your friends and join us at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center on Friday, October 23, 2015 at 6:00 pm. Cost is \$80 per table. Bring your own food and snacks. Beverages will be available for purchase. To reserve a table, contact Nancy Blair at (309) 732-2147.

Join the Rock Island 30/31 Branch Library Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm for family-friendly Monster Mash Costume Party. Enjoy Halloween party games and a costume contest. Mayor Pauley stated that it's sure to be a graveyard smash!

Mayor Pauley stated that next year is the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rock Island, and the City is going to form a committee to start working on the plans for this event. Mayor Pauley added that Alderman Mayberry will be the Chair of that committee. It was noted that if anyone would like to participate, please let the Mayor know so that the committee can be formed.

Agenda Item #7

**Presentation of the 2015 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 2015 Labor Day Parade Awards.

Ms. Shirk stated that this year's parade had seven sponsored musical events. Ms. Shirk thanked everyone involved with the parade for making it safe and successful and a special thank you went out to Executive Assistant Linda Mohr for her administrative support for this year's event. It was noted that "Hats Off to Our Military - Past and Present" was the parade theme. Ms. Shirk then commented on the highlights of the parade.

At this time, Ms. Shirk along with Mayor Pauley presented the 2015 Labor Day Parade Awards to the winning recipients.

The following are the winners of the 2015 Labor Day Parade Awards:

The Citizen's Choice Award winners were selected by various citizens watching the parade. The winners included; the Rock Island Futbol Club and Rock Island Soccer Team, American Bank & Trust, Terror at Skellington Manor, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Association of Retired Firefighters of Rock Island and Celebrate Recovery/Edgewood Baptist Church.

The Council's Choice Award winners included; Rich Metals Company, Factory of Fear, Rock Island Horticultural Club, Denkmann Elementary School, Rock Island Center for Math and Science, Rock Island Animal Hospital and Celtic Cultures Alliance of the Quad Cities.

Cool Beanz Coffeehouse was the recipient of the Parade Committee's Choice Award. Two Rivers United Methodist Church received the Marshal's Choice Award for the best theme-related entry, and Church of Peace UCC 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

**Proclamation declaring Sunday, October 18, 2015 as Pilot International Day.**

Mayor Pauley read the proclamation. Carol Triebel accepted the proclamation. Ms. Triebel stated that if anyone wonders why the Pilot Club in Moline is asking Rock Island for a proclamation, there is a connection. Ms. Triebel added that there was a Pilot Club in Rock Island for many years and when that club disbanded, the members were asked to merge into the Moline club. Ms. Triebel advised that the Pilot Club was chartered in 1946 in Moline. Ms. Triebel commented that the Pilot Club will be celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next spring. Ms. Triebel stated that Pilot International will be 100 in six years. Ms. Triebel advised that for the last 25 years, the Pilot Club of Moline has donated over \$100,000.00 to local Quad City agencies that deal with brain related activities and diseases.

Agenda Item #9

**Proclamation declaring October as Homeless Action Month.**

Mayor Pauley stated that item #9 has been pulled from the Agenda until next month.

Agenda Item #10

**A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 13, Article II, Sec.13-25: Collection; Removal Generally of the Code of Ordinances regarding refuse service charges.**

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

Agenda Item #11

**CLAIMS**

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Hotle to accept the following reports and authorize payments as recommended.

Discussion followed. Alderman Hotle inquired upon Public Works Director Randy Tweet to address item 11(d) in regards to the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Relief Sewer project.

Mr. Tweet stated that the last time we talked about this subject, OSHA complaints with the Department of Labor were discussed. Mr. Tweet advised that there were a number of complaints for a total of 12 items and a number of the complaints had multiple items.

Mr. Tweet discussed those complaints, some of which included improper use of shackles and slings, trench box work plates not being tied down and workers exposed to cave-ins. Mr. Tweet added that there were a couple of complaints about high levels of silica dust, but the dust was tested and nothing was found. Mr. Tweet advised that another complaint was found; they were trenching on one of their trenches; it was Type B soil and it was required to be trenched at a 45 degree angle and they had a 46 degree angle, and this violation resulted in a fine of \$1,700.50. Mr. Tweet advised that they do not have anything outstanding; there are no open claims. Mr. Tweet and Council further discussed this item.

Alderman Foley was concerned about various streets in the City being under construction at the same time in regards to not knowing what streets are open and what streets are closed in terms of accessibility. Alderman Foley and Mr. Tweet further discussed this issue.

Alderman Schipp inquired about the timeline as it related to when the project would be completed. Mr. Tweet advised that December 15<sup>th</sup> is the timeline and if it is not completed then the City could pursue liquidated damages. Mr. Tweet stated that they are on schedule and the weather is cooperating. Council and Mr. Tweet further discussed this issue.

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

- a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$701.00 to Pekin Insurance Company for General Liability Claim.
- b. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of \$22,550.00 to Cloud Sherpas, Inc. for the Google Apps annual update and support maintenance.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #22 in the amount of \$1,588,410.34 to Gilbane Building Company for construction services provided for the Rock Island Police Station project.
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #8 in the amount of \$583,163.78 to Brandt Construction for services provided for the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Relief Sewer project.

Agenda Item #12

**Claims for the week of October 2 through October 8 in the amount of \$1,297,132.91.**

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

Agenda Item #13

**Purchase Card Claims for the month of September in the amount of \$49,026.68.**

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the purchase card claims. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #14

**Report from the Information Technology Department regarding the Cityworks System annual update and support maintenance and an addendum for additional users in the amount of \$32,995.00 to Azteca Systems, Inc.**

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Schipp seconded to approve the addendum as recommended, authorize payment and authorize the City Manager to execute the addendum. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #15

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding a proposal from Utility Service Company, Inc. for Ice Pigging Services for potable water mains at five locations throughout the City in the amount of \$21,000.00.**

It was moved by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Hotle 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 Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #16

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding a construction contract with Otto Baum Company, Inc. for completing the tuck point repair project at the Rock Island Pump Station.**

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

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**Other Business.**

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

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Alderman Austin stated that tomorrow evening (Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>) the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward will be having a ward meeting at 6:30 pm at the First Church of the Nazarene located at 38<sup>th</sup> Street and 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Alderman Austin stated that the Mayor, City Manager and various department heads will be there and it is open to all residents of the City.

Alderman Clark advised that the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward will be having a ward meeting at 6:00 pm at the King Center on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Alderman Clark added that the Police Chief and the Mayor will be there.

Alderman Schipp stated that Columbus Day is recognized in the State of Illinois and in Rock Island as a holiday. Alderman Schipp added that there is a growing trend around the country at least in nine of the major cities where they are celebrating Indigenous People's Day. Alderman Schipp stated that it is important to consider why this is happening. Alderman Schipp added that during Columbus' rule in the Indies, he was subsequently disbarred from governor for his atrocities; he was a tyrant. Alderman Schipp commented that in this day and age, it is no longer useful to celebrate myths that are grounded in tyrannical rule and bloodshed. Alderman Schipp hoped that the City would consider breaking away from the State of Illinois in recognizing Columbus Day as a holiday at least in terms of renaming it and celebrating the indigenous people who lived in these lands for thousands of years before the conquest.

Alderman Mayberry and Alderman Schipp discussed the meaning of indigenous.

Alderman Mayberry stated that a proclamation is being asked for next month for American Indians. Alderman Mayberry advised that the government labels you what they want you to be like with Native Americans and some of these other words. Alderman Mayberry commented that Columbus labeled Indians because he was looking for the West Indies and he thought he found it, so he named the people that he had seen Indians, and that is what they have been called since 1492. Alderman Mayberry added that to a certain extent everybody born in America is a Native American, but these are labels. There were hundreds if not thousands of tribes of American Indians. Alderman Mayberry stated that instead of calling them what they are today, coming up with these new words is insulting. Alderman Mayberry further discussed this issue.

Alderman Tollenaer stated that today, the City of Rock Island did not celebrate Columbus Day; City facilities were open. Alderman Tollenaer further discussed this issue.

Agenda Item #18

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

A motion was made by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Foley at 7:27 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 Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none.

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**Recess**

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 7:33 pm. A motion was made by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Austin to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, October 19, 2015. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin and Alderman Clark; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:34 pm.

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