

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 6:00 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, Ivory D. Clark and Virgil J. Mayberry. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, Human Resources Director John Thorson, other City staff and City Attorney Dave Morrison. Alderman P.J. Foley was absent.

PRESENTATION ON COUNCIL COMPENSATION

City Attorney Dave Morrison advised that he researched the legal requirements for compensation for elected officials and Human Resources Director John Thorson put the comparables together in regards to what rates of compensation elected officials receive in other local municipalities.

City Attorney Morrison advised that Illinois Statute 65 ILCS 5/3. 1-50-10 is the controlling section for the requirements for the compensation of municipal officers. City Attorney Morrison referred to the document that was distributed to Council and stated that in the Attorney General's opinion dated October 24, 2000, salaries or other compensation shall not be increased or diminished so as to take effect during the term of any officer holding an elective office. City Attorney Morrison advised that any pay increase or any pay decrease cannot become effective during the current term. City Attorney Morrison added that the law requires that for any increase in compensation for elected officials, it shall be set at least 180 days before the beginning of the term of the officer whose compensation is to be set.

City Attorney Morrison explained that if seven months from now, there is a new term for elected officials, it could be voted on today to increase the pay because it is more than 180 days out, but for anyone that is currently seated, there could not be an increase until the next term. City Attorney Morrison and Council discussed this item as it related to when pay increases could take effect.

Alderman Hotle referred to the comparables for wages concerning elected officials of the local Quad City communities and stated that the City is below average in regards to salaries. Alderman Hotle added that she does not support increasing Council's pay at all, or at any time until the budget situation in Rock Island County, the City and State is in a better situation.

Human Resources Director John Thorson discussed the comparables as it related to salaries for the Mayors and Councils of the Quad City municipalities. Mr. Thorson commented that the last time the Rock Island City Council and Mayor had a pay increase was in October of 1994.

Alderman Tollenaer referred to a letter from the handout written by former Mayor Mark Schwiebert in regards to pay raises for Council in which Mr. Schwiebert made the statement that "I continue to harbor serious misgivings about the timing of this proposal given our financially uncertain times." Alderman Tollenaer stated that there is never going to be a good time to do it.

Alderman Mayberry advised that he originally brought up this issue regarding pay increases for Council. Alderman Mayberry commented that he is in favor of pay increases. Alderman Mayberry explained that he brought this issue up because he has been doing his job as Alderman.

Alderman Mayberry indicated that he has spent over \$4,000.00 in the last six months working the 2nd Ward. Alderman Mayberry commented that he expects a paycheck and he expects to be paid properly.

Mr. Thorson and Alderman Mayberry discussed pay checks as it related to how the pay is broken down per hour concerning the 80 hour pay period. Mr. Thorson stated that Council members do not receive mileage pay. After more discussion on this item, Alderman Mayberry indicated that he wants more pay because he deserves it. Alderman Mayberry recommended that Council should get a pay raise. Alderman Mayberry inquired upon Mayor Pauley as to whether he supported a pay increase. Mayor Pauley stated that he was fine with his current salary. Alderman Mayberry stated that Council was elected to take care of their constituents and if they are doing that properly then it is not enough money.

Alderman Hotle agreed that when you are properly taking care of constituents, it is not enough money to compensate for the time put into the job. Alderman Hotle stated that she works very hard as an Alderman. Alderman Hotle added that she did not become an Alderman for the compensation. Alderman Hotle commented that if the pay was \$0, she still would have run for office and she still would spend just as many hours doing the job. Alderman Hotle explained that this is about public service and public service means being willing to sacrifice hours even if you are not fully compensated for those hours. Alderman Hotle further discussed this issue.

Alderman Tollenaer stated that seven years ago, he thought that Council's salary should be doubled. Alderman Tollenaer added that he supports Alderman Mayberry's recommendation to increase Council's pay. Alderman Tollenaer further discussed this subject.

Alderman Schipp was concerned that if there were pay increases, there would be a two-tier pay system on the Council. Alderman Schipp stated that it would only be for a partial cycle, but at the same time that seems to be a little off-putting on how this process is going to work out. Alderman Schipp commented that it is not a huge priority for him as to whether or not the recommendation for an increase in pay passes. Alderman Schipp suggested that there could be conversations on what kind of budgets the Council could have to work in each ward in terms of mileage and expenses, which would be above and beyond the compensation for time spent at these Council meetings, taking calls and visits. Alderman Schipp stated that at the present time, he will not support the proposal to increase Council's pay.

Alderman Austin discussed the Councils' budgets. Alderman Austin stated that each Alderman has an account for representation, training, etc. Alderman Austin inquired as to what would be acceptable uses of those funds for some of the expenses that are being discussed. City Manager Thomas stated that he would have to know what the expenses are. Mr. Thomas added that currently, Council members use the funds when they go to IML conferences or training. Mr. Thomas commented that mileage has never been an issue. Mr. Thomas advised that he would have to review this issue. Council further discussed this subject. Alderman Austin stated that he would not be in support of changing the base figure of the compensation.

After more discussion, Mayor Pauley stated to Mr. Thorson that more research will need to be done in regards to what other communities do in terms of reimbursements of some type.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**November 2, 2015
MINUTES**

Alderman Mayberry stated that at \$6,000.00 a year, very few working people are going to run for office; if you make it attractive enough, there will be people that may think about running for office. Council further discussed this subject.

After more discussion, Mayor Pauley stated that along with what Mr. Thorson will be doing, Mr. Thomas will have to determine what the dollars can and cannot be used for. Mayor Pauley stated that in years past, the funds have been used to go to events outside of the area.

City Manager Thomas advised that when he first came to the City, he increased the budget for each Council member because the budget amounts were not enough. Mr. Thomas further discussed this subject. After more discussion, Mayor Pauley suggested that the Aldermen could submit a list of what they think the funds could be used for and then it could be reviewed by Mr. Thomas and ultimately voted on by Council.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Mayberry to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Mayberry; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**November 2, 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, Joshua Schipp, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark and Virgil J. Mayberry. 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 Foley gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of October 19, 2015.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the Minutes of the meeting of October 19, 2015 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Mayberry; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley stated that Rock Island is working to prepare a city-wide Heritage Resources Plan to identify priorities for preservation and strategies to enhance the City's current preservation program. As part of this effort, the City is hosting a community workshop to discuss preservation issues and opportunities in an informal setting. Mayor Pauley added that the workshop will be held on Tuesday, November 3rd from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm in the Community Room at the Rock Island Public Library in downtown Rock Island. The City encourages any resident or business owner with an interest in historic preservation to attend.

Mayor Pauley advised that on Thursday, November 5, 2015 from 7:00 am to 10:30 am at the Central Fire House, the Rock Island City Employees will be participating in a Blood Drive to help the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center's blood supply. The City holds two blood drives a year to assist the blood center in collecting the area's much needed supply of blood.

Unique, handcrafted, popular – this is how to describe the large variety of items being sold at Hauberg Center's annual Holiday Market. On Saturday, November 7th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, enjoy shopping in the comfortable and beautiful atmosphere of the Hauberg mansion. Find great gifts, décor and stocking stuffers in an array of prices. Mayor Pauley stated that there will be a door prize drawing of two free tickets to "Champagne and Sparkling Wines for the Holidays" event featuring wine tasting and a four course dinner. Admission is free and hot drinks will be available to sip as you shop. Hauberg Center is located at 1300 - 24th Street. For more information, call (309) 732-2132.

Mayor Pauley advised that the City of Rock Island is pleased to announce some changes to the Water Service Repair Program (WSRP) and the Sewer Lateral Repair Program (SLRP).

Effective immediately, the cap for both programs has increased from \$8,000 to \$12,000 and is now available to commercial and residential customers. The Mayor added that there is no cost for these changes. Fees will remain the same, \$5 per month for the Water Service Repair Program and \$9 per month for the Sewer Lateral Repair Program. Mayor Pauley indicated that the new benefits are effective immediately and there is no need to fill out additional paperwork. Updated program agreements and applications to sign up for the programs, if you have not already done so, are available on the City's website at www.rigov.org. Please contact the Public Works Department at (309) 732-2200 if you have any questions.

Agenda Item #7

Presentation of the Best Rain Garden and Community Garden Awards by the Beautification Commission.

Beautification Commission member Bob Towler stepped forward and joined Mayor Pauley at the podium to present the Best Rain Garden and Community Garden awards. Mayor Pauley stated that the Beautification Commission began the Best Rain Garden Award Program 10 years ago to recognize the efforts made by citizens in creating and maintaining rain gardens for the City's Rain Garden for Rock Island Program. Mayor Pauley advised that rain gardens are shallow impressions planted with perennial plants that are located near a downspout or an area that sheds noticeable amounts of rain water. Mayor Pauley added that rain gardens provide beneficial functions, which include reducing storm water runoff, flooding, absorption of pollutants and sustaining native wildlife.

Mayor Pauley then named the 2014-2015 Rain Garden recipients. The winners are as follows; Kai and Jennifer Swanson (overall winner), Marvin and Judy Neely (second place) and David Round (third place). Jordan Catholic School received an Honorable Mention.

Pictures of the winning recipients were taken with Mayor Pauley and Bob Towler.

Mayor Pauley stated that the Beautification Commission began the Community Garden Award Program five years ago to recognize the greatest community gardens throughout Rock Island. The community gardens are run by neighborhood groups, churches, schools and community service organizations. They provide a place for citizens to grow vegetables and learn about gardening while strengthening the community.

Mayor Pauley then named the Community Garden recipients. The winners are as follows; Odell Hickman Garden, Sheila Solomon, 6th Avenue Neighborhood Block Club Garden and David Popp, 15th Avenue Christian Church Garden. The Denkmann Elementary School Garden received an Honorable Mention.

Pictures of the winning recipients were taken with Mayor Pauley and Bob Towler.

Agenda Item #8

Public Hearing on a request from Scott Krulik (manager) of Kongkeaw Family Corp. doing business as Soi 2 Thai Street Food for a waiver of the signature requirement to secure a liquor license at 1825 2nd Avenue.

Mayor Pauley closed the regular meeting at 6:55 pm and opened a Public Hearing on a request from Scott Krulik (manager) of Kongkeaw Family Corp. doing business as Soi 2 Thai Street Food for a waiver of the signature requirement to secure a liquor license at 1825 2nd Avenue.

Scott Krulik on behalf of Soi 2 Thai Street Food at 1825 2nd Avenue stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Mr. Krulik.

Mr. Krulik stated that he is at the meeting seeking approval for a liquor license for the restaurant at that location.

Mayor Pauley commented that Mr. Krulik is asking for a waiver of the signature requirement. Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether Mr. Krulik has most of the signatures.

Mr. Krulik stated that they completed all of the mandatory signatures required and they have more than half of the majority signatures that were required.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether there was anyone that wished to speak in favor of the waiver of the signature requirement for a liquor license at 1825 2nd Avenue. No one stepped forward.

Mayor Pauley then inquired as to whether there was anyone who wished to speak in opposition to the waiver of the signature requirement for a liquor license at 1825 2nd Avenue. No one stepped forward.

With no persons present to speak in favor of or in opposition to the waiver of the signature requirement for a liquor license at 1825 2nd Avenue, Mayor Pauley closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 6:56 pm.

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Hotle to recommend to the Mayor/Liquor Commissioner to waive the signature requirement as requested and approve the liquor license.

Comments followed. Alderman Hotle stated that their business is doing an excellent job. Alderman Hotle added that she has heard nothing but rave reviews and the City is excited to help add to their success in the downtown.

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

Agenda Item #9

Public Hearing on the Citizen's Advisory Committee recommendations for 2016-2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) monies and Gaming Grant Funds.

Mayor Pauley closed the regular meeting at 6:57 pm and opened a Public Hearing on the Citizen's Advisory Committee recommendations for 2016-2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) monies and Gaming Grant funds.

Mayor Pauley inquired upon Chairman Corey Ellis of the Citizen's Advisory Committee to present the committee's recommendations for allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) monies and Gaming Grant funds. Mr. Corey Ellis of 3405 22nd Street stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Mr. Ellis.

Mr. Ellis stated that the Citizen's Advisory Committee completed the review of applications for the Community Development Block Grant and Gaming Grant funding requests for the 2016 calendar year.

Mr. Ellis commented that they enjoyed learning more about the programs and services that help the residents thrive and support their health and well-being. Mr. Ellis stated that the committee agreed that the CDBG budget presented will disburse monies in a way that will improve housing, the economic and social condition of the City, adheres to the guidelines mandated by HUD, aligns with Rock Island's Consolidated Plan, and most importantly, benefits low and moderate income citizens. Mr. Ellis added that the committee agreed that the Gaming Grant budget presented will disburse monies in a way that benefits Rock Island citizens and Rock Island businesses with priority given to businesses within the city limits that provide services to the youth in the community.

Mr. Ellis advised that the committee budgeted \$904,777.00 for the CDBG allocations, which represents a 3% decrease in funds from the 2015-2016 grant year. Mr. Ellis commented that the committee received funding requests totaling \$1,443,289.00. However, there is a shortfall of \$538,512.00 and the committee could not accommodate every applicant's full request for administrative and program costs. Mr. Ellis explained that after discussion, the committee agreed to stretch the CDBG funds to enable the City and social service providers to offer assistance to those in the City with the greatest needs.

Mr. Ellis advised that the committee budgeted \$50,000.00 for the 2016 Gaming Grant allocations, which is the same amount that has been allocated since the inception of the program. Mr. Ellis added that each committee member reviewed 16 grant applications, heard presentations and had questions answered by all applicants. Mr. Ellis explained that they utilized an individual scoring mechanism with eight categories that corresponded to the most critical components of the grant application; scores were then tallied for each applicant and committee discussions on funding levels for the top grants were conducted. Mr. Ellis commented that this process ensured a fair and open discussion about the merit of the requests, which totaled \$84,390.00, with a shortfall of \$34,390.00. Mr. Ellis recommended that 14 organizations be awarded funding.

Mr. Ellis stated that CDBG and Gaming Grant funds enable the City and social service providers to offer assistance to those in the City with the greatest needs. The task of allocating these monies in a manner that affects the greatest good is certainly difficult, but fulfilling. Mr. Ellis further discussed this item.

Alderman Austin stated that if the funds received would be greater than this amount then everybody would be treated proportionately. Alderman Austin inquired that if the funds are less than what is the plan. Mr. Ellis advised that it would be the same thing if we were short; it would be anticipated that there would be that much if not more in funding to be able to provide it to the applicants.

Alderman Austin asked about what happens if more than the budgeted amount is received. Alderman Austin stated that some of them cannot be increased because they are at the amount requested right now; demolition took the biggest hit at the committee level. Mr. Ellis stated that anything above and beyond would go directly towards the demolition request.

Alderman Hotle stated that last year, the MLK Center took a little bit of a hit from what they were requesting. Alderman Hotle added that it is not major, but it is \$5,000.00 in each of these categories. Alderman Hotle inquired upon Martin Luther King Center Director Dwight Ford to offer his thoughts on this item. Mr. Ford advised that it is something that we hope and intend to make up. Mr. Ford added that they are focusing primarily on the two categories, which include the after school program and the summer program. Mr. Ford stated that we are in conversations with several other entities that are offering smaller grants. Mr. Ford stated that he was confident that this could be made up and still make the budget with it.

Alderman Mayberry stated that the demolition was cut down from \$503,000.00 to \$25,000.00. Alderman Mayberry inquired as to what was going to be demolished for \$503,000.00.

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder stated that throughout the year, there is a long list of properties that are in a lot of disrepair and there is a long list in code enforcement that the City would like to take action on. Mr. Eder added that if there was more money, the City could get to more properties on the list.

Mayor Pauley stated that there is extra money in the HUD fund that they plan on putting towards demolition. Council and Mr. Eder further discussed this item.

Alderman Schipp was concerned about the need for that amount (\$503,000.00) of money for demolition, and inquired as to why there was such a drastic reduction of the allocation. Mr. Eder stated that a lot of the other programs are either staff to work or other programs to rehab houses such as the emergency roof program or furnace program. Mr. Eder advised that they rather put money into those programs to keep houses maintained than to tear down houses. Council and Mr. Eder further discussed this item.

Alderman Mayberry inquired as to whether anyone could apply for the Gaming money. Mayor Pauley stated that they have to be a 501c3 and have to serve the Rock Island population.

Mr. Ellis stated that although they may not be directly in Rock Island, they do serve the residents of Rock Island for various reasons. Mr. Ellis further discussed this item. Mr. Ellis also discussed the Gaming Grant funding allocation process.

Mayor Pauley then inquired as to whether there was anyone that wished to speak in favor of the recommendations from the Citizen's Advisory Committee. No one stepped forward.

Mayor Pauley then inquired as to whether there was anyone that wished to speak in opposition to the recommendations from the Citizen's Advisory Committee. No one stepped forward.

With no persons present to speak on the Citizen's Advisory Committee recommendations for the 2016-2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) monies and Gaming Grant funds, Mayor Pauley closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:12 pm.

Mayor Pauley stated that decisions on the CDBG and Gaming allocations will be made on Monday, November 9, 2015 at the regular Council meeting.

Agenda Item #10

A Special Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit at 512 24th Street.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Schipp to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance.

Mayor Pauley stated that last week he asked Randy Tweet and Jeff Eder to go to Bent River and do some checking on some other complaints. Mayor Pauley asked for the report on this item.

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder advised that Public Works did go and televise the sewer and there were no issues with the sewer. Mr. Eder added that the Inspections Department went to Bent River and issued a notice of violation with some corrective actions. Mr. Eder explained that Bent River removed the main issue in regards to the trailer. Mr. Eder added that staff is still working with them on the rest of the corrections; it is an active case with the notice of violation going on right now.

Alderman Foley stated that he was not at the meeting last week and inquired upon Mr. Eder to explain what was going on. Mr. Eder advised that there was a resident that made a complaint due to some smells and runoff out of the trailer outside of Bent River where they were putting their spent grain, so staff addressed the issue with Bent River.

Alderman Hotle stated that she talked to the owner at Bent River and they will be holding a meeting at the establishment on Wednesday night. Alderman Hotle stated that she invited the neighborhood to discuss the issues. Alderman Hotle noted that anyone is welcome.

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

Agenda Item #11
CLAIMS

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

- a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$6,155.00 to Broadspire for Timothy Gano's Worker's Compensation Settlement.
- b. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of \$18,100.00 to ESRI, Inc. for the ESRI ArcGIS software maintenance.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$46,346.00 to Greenspace Associates for services provided for the 2015 Sod Replacement Program project.
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$106,135.81 to Valley Construction for services provided for the 11th Street Improvements at 47th Avenue project.
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$528,318.00 to Civil Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Farmall Storage Tank project.
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$76,726.80 to Centennial Contractors of the Quad Cities for services provided for the Shadybrook Phase II Resurfacing project.
- g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$153,866.38 to Centennial Contractors of the Quad Cities for services provided for the 20th Avenue Resurfacing: 27th Street to 30th Street project.

Agenda Item #12

Claims for the weeks of October 16 through October 22 in the amount of \$966,462.61, and October 23 through October 29 in the amount of \$527,581.47 and payroll for the weeks of October 12 through October 25 in the amount of \$1,448,779.50.

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

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Police Department regarding the purchase of a new Livescan fingerprinting scanner from Crossmatch Technologies in the amount of \$16,584.74.

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a State bid for the purchase of 3,700 tons of rock salt at \$79.10 per ton from Central Salt Company in the amount of \$292,670.00.

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Schipp seconded to approve participation in the state bid as recommended and authorize purchase. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Mayberry; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for landfill disposal services for refuse, waste water sludge, yard waste and tree waste, recommending Millennium Waste, Inc. for a five year contract at the prices quoted in the report.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Clark to award the bid as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Alderman Schipp inquired about using the garbage trucks, waste disposal trucks and service bins for advertising space. Public Works Director Randy Tweet stated that there is not an update yet; it is something that staff is looking into to get all the information.

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

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a proposed lease agreement with Andrew Kordik of Colony Point, Inc. for farming a City-owned parcel of land at the northwest corner of IL 92 and Andalusia Road.

Alderman Schipp moved to table the proposed lease agreement.

Discussion followed. Alderman Schipp stated that he has talked to some of the Aldermen and also to the CED Director on this item. Alderman Schipp added that he thinks that some research has to be done in terms of making sure that the City's costs are competitive with the market in terms of the lease rate for this land. Alderman Schipp stated that since this land is connected to a

farmer's existing property, the City may want to explore to see if this individual is interested in purchasing this land from the City; this would be in the City's interest. Alderman Schipp offered that he has looked this over and knows that there are some agreements throughout the City on City property where farm land is being leased. Alderman Schipp stated that at \$100.00 an acre, he didn't think the City is doing their due diligence to get the most for the land.

At this time, Alderman Hotle seconded the motion to table the proposed lease agreement. The motion to table carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Mayberry; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a proposed lease agreement with Triumph Community Bank for use of an ATM drive-through lane on the north side of 5th Avenue between 18th and 19th Street.

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the proposed lease agreement as recommended, subject to minor City Attorney modifications 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 Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Mayberry; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a lease renewal for the continued use of Government premises on Lock and Dam 15 and payment in the amount of \$1,500.00 to FAO, USAED, Rock Island for administrative fees.

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

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a redevelopment agreement with GROWTH for the Star Block Rehab project.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the agreement as recommended, allow for minor attorney modifications and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin stated that the City is using unspent CDBG funds and these unspent funds cannot be used for administration; they need to be used for specific uses. Alderman Austin added that we are looking at \$700,000.00 of HUD CDBG funds. Alderman

Austin inquired as to whether any of the \$700,000.00 could be eligible to be used for some of the things that CDBG would normally be supporting.

Mr. Eder stated yes, it could be and demolition would be one of the programs. Mayor Pauley stated that there is \$500,000.00 more; there is \$1.2 million dollars.

Alderman Austin advised that the City received the money; took it for a purpose and now the City is legally diverting it to another purpose, which is housing. Mr. Eder stated that housing is an eligible cost and it is one of HUD's preferred activities. Alderman Austin and Mr. Eder further discussed this issue.

City Manager Thomas stated that when a project like this come up, which is a very good project, having those funds becomes very crucial. Mr. Thomas added that we look for projects where the City can use those funds; this project fits that criteria.

Alderman Hotle stated that demolition needs to be a high priority and Council has made it a high priority, but it is also one of those things where those houses will be there and the City will continue to allocate dollars, but it's important to prioritize and revitalize them instead of tearing them down. Alderman Hotle added that this is a project that can't happen if the City doesn't do this and there has already been a substantial amount of private investment in this and so it is a prioritization and a time sensitive matter. Those houses aren't necessarily time sensitive. Alderman Hotle stated that she still supports the project.

Alderman Foley stated that he agreed with Alderman Hotle. Alderman Foley added that it is nice to see the City rehab rather than always tear down. Alderman Foley commented that this is a great example of doing that with this historical building on 2nd Avenue.

Alderman Schipp agreed that it is a great project and agreed with Alderman Austin's philosophy about the amount requested from the 501c3's versus what was granted; the difference was \$34,390.00. Alderman Schipp stated that there is a need in the community and the City has the resources built up to do these projects; \$34,000.00 is no small amount of money but we are about to drop a lot into this project. Alderman Schipp echoed the concern that Council should think about these things from a moral standpoint too as much as an economic stimulus standpoint.

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

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a redevelopment agreement with GROWTH as it relates to the Star Block project for building stabilization and the creation of additional parking located in the rear of 1815 and 1819 2nd Avenue.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve the agreement as recommended, allow for minor attorney modifications 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 Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin and Alderman Mayberry; those voting No, none. Alderman Clark abstained.

Agenda Item #21

Other Business.

Alderman Austin inquired upon Library Director Angela Campbell to say a few words about the upcoming Food for Thought event to be held on Thursday, November 12th. Ms. Campbell stated that anyone can call the library at 732-READ and ask for Kathy where she will get the person on the list to get in. Ms. Campbell offered that the event is Food for Thought and the theme is American Classics. Ms. Campbell advised that it will be a celebration of American Classic literature while having multiple food stations, drinks, adult beverages and live music. Ms. Campbell commented that it is \$40.00 per person and there will also be some silent auction items.

Alderman Austin inquired upon Public Works Director Randy Tweet as to whether rain gardens are as popular as they once were; are people taking advantage of the City's willingness to partner with them; and is the City spending every penny set aside for that purpose. Mr. Tweet stated no, the City is not spending every penny this year. Mr. Tweet added that the same amount is allocated every year. Mr. Tweet commented that the desire to put rain gardens in has dropped off a bit, so the City is going to be looking at some ways to generate interest in the program. Mr. Tweet and Alderman Austin further discussed this item.

Alderman Hotle stated that she will be hosting the final quarterly 5th Ward meeting of the year on Tuesday, December 1st at 6:30 pm at the Botanical Center. Alderman Hotle added that everyone is welcome.

Alderman Tollenaer discussed Agenda item #16 in regards to the lease agreement and the future development of that site. Alderman Tollenaer stated that it is kind of a pass through amount because the City has no access in regards to the 16 acres to lease it to anyone else. Alderman Tollenaer inquired upon Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder to discuss this item.

Mr. Eder stated that the Council at that time purchased it a number of years ago from IDOT when they were looking at the Centennial Parkway expansion. Mr. Eder stated that originally, the two sides out there were designed for an on ramp and off ramp on a larger intersection. Mr. Eder commented that Mr. Kordik has been farming it for a while now. Mr. Eder added that there is not an access road to the property; it has a creek running through it and it is low-lying property.

Alderman Tollenaer stated that if the City doesn't allow Mr. Kordik to lease the property at a discounted rate and if it grows up into trees and saplings then the City may never be able to develop it. Alderman Tollenaer further discussed this item.

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Alderman Foley inquired upon Mr. Eder as to whether that property will ever be developable. Mr. Eder stated that in the long term plan it shows that it is developable land. Mr. Eder added that it is technically out of the floodplain, so it makes it much easier to develop. Mr. Eder further discussed this issue.

Council further discussed this issue as it related to the possible purchase of the land as well as the future development of the land.

Alderman Schipp had concerns in regards to not only the lease and cost issue, but also the land being public land. Alderman Schipp stated that it belongs to the tax payers in the community and it is 17 acres of really good farm land. Alderman Schipp stated that if the City gives up soil for that cheap of a cost and the City doesn't really have that much back in return to the tax payer then that is something to think about. Council further discussed this issue.

Mayor Pauley stated that a ribbon cutting ceremony was held last Thursday for Hawk Technology on 8080 Centennial Drive. Mayor Pauley advised that they started developing out there with one building and just added 18,000 square feet; they are looking at adding another addition this spring and possibly a 4th addition after that. Mayor Pauley stated that they do a lot of things with robotics and they do a lot of things with fabricating steel. The Mayor added that it is a great business to add to Rock Island.

Alderman Schipp stated that there was a letter written and addressed to him last week in the Dispatch/Argus and it was an apology note written from Mr. Bill Pilcher. It was noted that it referenced an article Mr. Pilcher had written in July about Alderman Schipp concerning the discussion about cameras, streets and policing. Alderman Schipp stated that he appreciated the apology. Alderman Schipp further discussed this item.

Dennis Heggen of 3204 39th Avenue stepped forward. Mr. Heggen voiced concerns in regards to the proposed crematory at 30th Street. Mr. Heggen passed out a packet full of dust and a handout regarding mercury. Mr. Heggen stated that the one pound bag of dust represents that it is -200 particulates. Mr. Heggen added that it is a little larger than anything that would be emitted, but it does represent the weight. Mr. Heggen further discussed this item. Mr. Heggen also discussed State regulations as it related to emissions, and mercury as it related to dental amalgam fillings. In addition, Mr. Heggen voiced concerns in regards to property values as it related to the proposed crematory being in a residential neighborhood. Mr. Heggen asked Council to take back the approval of bringing the crematory into a neighborhood zoned R-2 residential.

Linda Chandler of 3 Knoll Court stepped forward. Ms. Chandler voiced concerns in regards to the proposed crematory at 30th Street. Ms. Chandler stated that she did receive a public notice and at that time, she had no objections to the crematory. Ms. Chandler voiced concerns in regards to some of the statements that were made at the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting. Ms. Chandler was very concerned about the odor and emissions that will come from the proposed crematory and was not in favor of this proposed crematory operation.

Robin Stone of 5 Knoll Court stepped forward. Ms. Stone voiced concerns in regards to the proposed crematory at 30th Street. Ms. Stone expressed concerns in regards to the children

playing in the area and the children that have asthma in terms of the pollutants coming from the proposed crematory.

Ms. Heather Elliott of 24 Knoll Court stepped forward. Ms. Elliott voiced concerns in regards to the proposed crematory at 30th Street. Ms. Elliott voiced concerns in regards to the zoning ordinance and the sub-division portion of the ordinance concerning the proposed crematory. Ms. Elliott also expressed concerns in regards to the equipment used in the crematory process. In addition, Ms. Elliott voiced concerns in regards to various statements made at the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting concerning smoke, odor and particulates being emitted from the proposed crematory.

It was noted that one other person had signed up to speak about the assessment on 23rd Avenue, but that person had already left the meeting.

Agenda Item #22

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Clark at 7:55 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 Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Mayberry; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #23

Recess

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 8:28 pm. A motion was made by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Foley to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, November 9, 2015. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark and Alderman Mayberry; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 8:29 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk