

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 Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joshua Schipp, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, Virgil J. Mayberry and P.J. Foley. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, Information Technology Director Tim Bain, Ben McCready, Assistant to the City Manager, other City staff and City Attorney Dave Morrison.

**DISCUSSION ON CITY COUNCIL BUDGET FUNDS – ALDERMEN REIMBURSEMENTS**

City Attorney Dave Morrison discussed reimbursements for Council as it related to the travel and business expense policy.

City Attorney Morrison advised that the current policy incorporates expense guidelines for City employees, appointed officials and elected officials who conduct official business, represents the City at conferences or conventions, or attends training seminars and/or business meetings. City Attorney Morrison stated that the current reimbursement program that the City has reimburses things such as travel expenses, which may include food, lodging, mileage and other expenses. City Attorney Morrison added that this policy follows the IRS guidelines in the same way as it does for anyone else that travels through their employment and seeks reimbursement.

City Attorney Morrison explained the steps in which travel expenses are reimbursed in regards to the City's current policy. City Attorney Morrison stated that if Council members travel to a meeting for City business, they keep track of their mileage, food and/or hotel expenses and the Council members keep their receipts. City Attorney Morrison added that the receipts are provided to the Finance Department, and they are approved or not approved (depending on what the expenses are) through the City Manager's office, and this is to comply with the requirements of the IRS.

City Attorney Morrison advised that the question was raised as to whether or not there could be an expense account for some other things such as a newsletter. City Attorney Morrison explained that maybe an Alderman may want to stay in touch with their constituents by way of a newsletter, which may be printed, mailed out or emailed to each individual. City Attorney Morrison stated that he discovered that there is no law that prohibits such expenses. However, there are some cases and restrictions on that type of communication. City Attorney Morrison advised that the big distinction is that public funds cannot be used for the purpose of affecting any referendum, affecting the outcome of any election, or for the purposes of promoting one candidate over another that could affect an election.

City Attorney Morrison discussed the case regarding the Citizens Organized to Save the Tax Camp versus the State Board of Elections of the State of Illinois. City Attorney Morrison explained that in that case, there was a newsletter set up and it was intended to be for informational purposes only. However, there were some individuals that took issue with that and stated that the newsletter just didn't state when the meeting would be held on that particular night to vote on that particular issue; it was also colored with personal preferences on what should be done. City Attorney Morrison advised that the Court stated that the newsletter was mostly

informational, but it did seem to promote a particular result. City Attorney Morrison added that the result was that they were in violation of the policy that public funds could not be used for the purposes of trying to affect the result of a referendum or election.

City Attorney Morrison indicated that this is a slippery slope; what one person may think is strictly informational; another person may have the opinion that someone is using public funds to promote an outcome. City Attorney Morrison stated that it is a real danger and this is where litigation could come in and it could be problematic. Council and City Attorney Morrison further discussed this issue as it related to sending factual information out to their constituents in regards to City department weekly updates. City Attorney Morrison advised that if Council decided to allow a newsletter that was funded by the City then the policy would need to be changed.

Council discussed printing and paper costs as it related to whether or not those costs would be eligible expenses for reimbursement. City Attorney Morrison stated that if Council changed the policy to include printing and paper costs then they would be eligible expenses. City Attorney Morrison reiterated that the law doesn't prohibit the use of public funds for that purpose, but there are a number of issues that may come up in regards to whether it is strictly informational or not. Council further discussed the reimbursement policy.

City Attorney Morrison recommended that Council not change the policy to include a newsletter because at some point, there could be a real risk of someone thinking or saying it is not informational; it is promotional.

Council and City Attorney Morrison further discussed the reimbursement policy as it related to public funds being used for ward meetings and whether or not refreshments or rentals would be eligible expenses. Mayor Pauley stated that he thought that ward meetings would be reimbursable expenses. Mayor Pauley added that ward meetings are not used for political purposes; there may be opinions given, but they are not of a political nature; it is an opinion on a particular issue in that ward. Council further discussed the reimbursement policy.

#### **DISCUSSION ON REMOTE PARTICIPATION POLICY**

City Attorney Morrison discussed remote participation for Council members when they are not available to be at the Council meetings in person. City Attorney Morrison stated that there are a number of cities including the city of Moline and the Village of Milan that have existing ordinances that allow remote participation when Council members are not able to be physically present. City Attorney Morrison noted that the city of Moline passed the ordinance but they have not had the opportunity to use their technology yet.

City Attorney Morrison advised that in regards to remote participation, Council may want to consider deciding on parameters of what qualifies as a good cause to telephone in for meetings or to use video conferencing. City Attorney Morrison stated that one of the things that applies to every ordinance and is referenced in the Moline ordinance is that it would require a physically present quorum. City Attorney Morrison added that in this case, at least four Council members would have to be present to have a meeting. City Attorney Morrison added that another requirement as referenced in the Moline ordinance is that there has to be a good reason to remotely participate such as an illness, an emergency, or for employment purposes. City Attorney

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Morrison indicated that the Moline ordinance requires an advance notification of 48 hours. However, an advance notification is not required by law; Council could choose to allow for a reasonable notice of time when Council members may not be present at the meeting. City Attorney Morrison commented that electronic attendance and votes would be documented in the minutes just like it is when Council is physically present at the meetings. Council and City Attorney Morrison discussed this item as it related to advance notification and approving the request to attend electronically.

City Attorney Morrison stated that in regards to the Illinois State Statutes concerning a home rule unit, it is very wide open. However, it is required that a Council member would have to be able to hear what is going on at the meeting, hear the other Council member's responses, and be heard by the other Council members at the meeting. City Attorney Morrison indicated that as far as the statutory requirements, they are really the same as the Open Meetings Act in regards to hearing and participating through electronic communication.

City Attorney Morrison advised that if Council wanted to have video of the person that is participating remotely, it would have to be supported with that technology. City Attorney Morrison commented that one of things discussed was only using the voice component instead of the video component. City Attorney Morrison further discussed technology as it related to high speed internet in terms of the video component. Council discussed remote participation as it related to how many times a year Council could call in and participate.

At this time, Information Technology Director Tim Bain and Ben McCready, Assistant to the City Manager demonstrated how the technology works concerning remote participation in reference to voice and video.

After the demonstration, Mr. Bain advised that the intent of remote participation is to keep it as simple as possible. Mr. Bain commented that if Council went to just audio that would be the simplest approach and it can be done very easily. Mr. Bain added that it could be anything from using your cell phone and calling a special number, or using what the City has already set up, which is GoToMeeting. Mr. Bain indicated that there is a variety of options that can be used in regards to how Council can get connected to a meeting.

Alderman Austin requested that City Attorney Morrison come back to Council with an ordinance and make it as unrestrictive as possible. Alderman Austin added that the ordinance could be amended to deal with any issues that may come up.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Austin at 6:03 pm to recess to Executive Session on matters of Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:12 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle 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, Alderman Mayberry and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 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 Stephen L. Tollenaer, Kate Hotle, Joshua Schipp, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark, Virgil J. Mayberry and P.J. Foley. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Dave Morrison.

Introductory Proceedings

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

Agenda Item #5

**Minutes of the meeting of December 7, 2015.**

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Schipp to approve the Minutes of the meeting of December 7, 2015 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

**Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.**

Mayor Pauley stated that in observance of the holidays, City Hall will be closed Thursday, December 24; Friday, December 25; and Friday, January 1. The refuse schedule will be on normal schedule Monday thru Thursday and the rest of the week one day late both the week of Christmas and New Years. The recycling will be on the normal schedule. Mayor Pauley indicated that all Rock Island Library locations will be closed December 24, 25 and 31 and January 1 for the Christmas and New Year's Holiday. The City of Rock Island wishes everyone a very happy and safe holiday season!

As we enter the winter season, please note that parking is not allowed on designated snow routes when two or more inches of snow has fallen until the snow has been removed. Mayor Pauley advised that snow routes are marked by street signage. Vehicles in violation of this ordinance will receive a \$35 parking ticket. Vehicles that remain in violation will be towed. Mayor Pauley commented that in the event of snow, primary streets are plowed first and school areas are plowed second. Residential streets are plowed when the primary streets and school areas are complete.

Mayor Pauley advised that the new Winter/Spring activity guide from the Park and Recreation Department is now out. Check out the many activities available including Whodunit? Murder Mystery Dinner, Spring Egg Hunt and The Amazing Race Challenge. To see the complete listing of the many opportunities available go to [www.rigov.org/activityguide](http://www.rigov.org/activityguide).

Mayor Pauley stated that the Monday, December 21 City Council meeting has been cancelled. The next regular City Council meeting will be Monday, January 4 at 6:45 pm in City Hall Council Chambers, 1528 Third Avenue.

Mayor Pauley offered that applications are now being accepted for the 2016 Illinois Quad City Police Departments Citizen Police Academy. The Mayor added that the Citizen Police Academy is an 11 week program designed to give participants a basic knowledge of how your police department operates and is taught by police officers from the Illinois Quad Cities area. The academy will meet weekly January 13<sup>th</sup> through March 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm. If you are interested or want further information, you can pick up an application/information flyer at the Rock Island, Moline, East Moline, Silvis or Milan Police Departments, Rock Island County Sheriff's Department or the Illinois State Police.

Agenda Item #7

**A Special Ordinance amending a Special Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit at 2106 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

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

Agenda Item #8

**A Special Ordinance declaring one 1989 Crane Carrier Refuse Packer as surplus and allowing for trade-in.**

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

Agenda Item #9

**A Special Ordinance establishing a water rate increase for 2016 through 2020.**

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

Agenda Item #10

**A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 4, Article VI, Sec. 4-146 of the Code of Ordinances as it relates to Chronic Nuisance Property.**

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

Agenda Item #11

**A Special Ordinance establishing a handicapped parking space at 2319 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

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

Agenda Item #12

**A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 9, Article II of the Code of Ordinances as it relates to parking.**

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

Agenda Item #13

**A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article VI, Sec. 10-107.11 of the Code of Ordinances as it relates to overtime parking.**

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

Agenda Item #14

**Tax Abatement Resolutions**

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

a. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$542,847.50, such funds to be provided from revenues of the Tax Increment Financing, Hydropower, Wastewater, and Gaming funds to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds, series 2008A and General Obligation Bonds, series 2008B.

b. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$264,510.00, such funds to be provided from revenues of the Downtown TIF fund to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds, series 2008D.

c. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$50,015.00, such funds to be provided from revenues of the Hydropower fund to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Clean Renewable Energy Bonds, series 2008C.

- d. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$863,762.50, such funds to be provided from revenues of the Public Benefits, Park and Recreation and Tax Increment Financing funds to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds, series 2009A and General Obligation Bonds, series 2009B.
- e. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$80,130.00, such funds to be provided from revenues of the Tax Increment Financing fund to pay principal and interest on Taxable General Obligation Bonds, series 2009C.
- f. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$574,861.26, such funds to be provided from revenues of the Water fund and Wastewater fund to pay principal and interest on Taxable General Obligation Bonds, series 2010A BAB's.
- g. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$620,800.00, such funds to be provided from revenues of the Debt Services fund, Gaming and Water fund to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds, series 2010B.
- h. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$228,050.00, such funds to be provided from revenues of the Debt Service fund and Sewer fund to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds, series 2011A.
- i. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$321,787.52, such funds to be provided from revenues of the Debt Service fund, Gaming, Sunset Marina and Water funds to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds, series 2012A.
- j. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$734,818.76, such funds to be provided from revenues of the Debt Service Fund and Gaming to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds, series 2013A.
- k. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$118,770.00, such funds to be provided from revenues of the Gaming fund to pay principal and interest on Taxable General Obligation Bonds, series 2013B.
- l. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$669,712.50, such funds to be provided from revenues of Gaming to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds, series 2014A.
- m. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$1,012,763.50, such funds to be provided from revenues of Tax Increment Financing and Sales Tax to pay principal and interest on Taxable General Obligation Bonds, series 2014B.
- n. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$537,707.82, such funds to be provided from revenues of the Debt Service fund and Gaming to pay principal and interest on Taxable General Obligation Bonds, series 2015A.

- o. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$676,637.78, such funds to be provided from revenues of the Debt Service, Gaming and Sewer funds to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Refunding Bonds, series 2015B.

Agenda Item #15

**CLAIMS**

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

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$19,500.00 to Elliott Equipment for rental of two refuse packers for the 2015 Fall Leaf Collection.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$16,523.00 to Electric Pump for the emergency purchase and installation of a silent check valve, a stem gate valve with handle and accessories for the Raw Water Pump Station.

Agenda Item #16

**Claims for the week of December 4 through December 10 in the amount of \$3,697,151.31 and payroll for the weeks of November 23 through December 6 in the amount of \$1,471,408.85.**

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

Agenda Item #17

**Purchase Card Claims for the month of November in the amount of \$68,835.59.**

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

Agenda Item #18

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase and installation of a double disc belt press sludge transfer pump from Drydon Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$29,935.00.**

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Schipp seconded to approve the purchase and installation as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being;

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

Agenda Item #19

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the purchase of eight Rock Island County tax auction properties in the amount of \$274,779.00.**

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Clark to approve the purchase as recommended, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin inquired upon City Manager Thomas or Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder to explain the reason why Council is discussing this item again and what may be different now from what it was then.

City Manager Thomas stated that originally, there was a potential development deal on the table and that was the reason for recommending the purchase. Mr. Thomas added that since then, there is no deal ready to be made, but it is being recommended that the City purchase the land and try to market it to a developer. Mr. Thomas advised that it will probably take a year to find a developer to do something with the property. Mr. Thomas explained that the intent changed and he felt the need to bring it back to Council to reconsider it because what was originally brought to Council turned out not to be accurate.

Alderman Austin advised that the first time around, it was purchasing the old Norcross building for \$265,000.00 and then turn it over to someone else and they would assume the responsibility for demolition, which could be up to one-half million dollars. Alderman Austin added that at this point in time the costs are unknown.

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder advised that the demolition cost is pretty accurate; the cost of one-half million dollars was the same from a number of contractors.

Alderman Austin stated that he would be opposing this purchase. Alderman Austin added that he sees this purchase as a speculation and the last time the City did a speculation project, which was on Jumer's Crossing, the City kind of got burned. Alderman Austin commented that the City is playing with the taxpayer's money. Alderman Austin stated that he was not going to support this item until the City has something. Alderman Austin further discussed this subject.

Alderman Mayberry inquired as to whether all of the properties are vacant. Mr. Eder stated that collectively, they are all owned by the former Norcross and yes they are vacant. Mr. Eder added that a number of those properties are across the street along the parkway; they were former house properties. Mr. Eder commented that some of these properties have value to the City from a Public Works perspective. Mr. Eder indicated that there are no structures on any of the properties except for the main parcel.

Alderman Tollenaer advised that the City is buying it at the tax sale; whatever is owed to the Rock Island County Tax Assessor is the amount of money that the City is buying the property for. Mr. Eder stated that is correct. Council further discussed this item.

Mayor Pauley advised that this is a very smart purchase; the City needs to control that piece of property by purchasing it. Mayor Pauley added that the City has all of the availability to do what needs to be done in the future and to work with people to really develop it.

Alderman Hotle stated that she agreed with Alderman Austin's concerns, but this area is one that really can be an eyesore for that end of the City. Alderman Hotle stated that the last thing she wants to see is someone that doesn't have good intentions for that property to come in and get that property and let it sit there and further deteriorate. After more discussion, Alderman Hotle stated that she will be supporting this item.

Alderman Schipp inquired as to how soon it would be before the City has funds to work with from this new TIF district. Mr. Eder advised that there has to be a project created for the taxes to go up; a new project would be the fuel for it. Mr. Eder added that there would be some appreciation from other properties but you have to overcome the devaluation of this property as well. Mr. Eder further discussed the item.

Alderman Schipp inquired about EPA brownfield redevelopment grants or other types of grants as it related to funding for this project. Mr. Eder stated that staff is in the process of applying for assessment dollars; there is an application due later this month.

Alderman Schipp advised that this property has been in severe neglect for a very long time. Alderman Schipp stated that it is in the City's strategic interest to own this property before letting it fall off the tax rolls and into the hands of someone who will not take action on it. Alderman Schipp added that this is a smart decision for the City to buy this property in the long term; this is a site that should be developed. Alderman Schipp supported this project.

Alderman Clark stated that he agrees; the status quo is unacceptable. Alderman Clark commented that the property looks terrible. Alderman Clark advised that this is an example where the City can take leadership and say that we are not going to accept that; a vote in favor of this would be just that. Alderman Clark added that he will be supporting this project.

After discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Clark and Alderman Mayberry; those voting No, Alderman Austin and Alderman Foley.

Agenda Item #20

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the purchase of water treatment chemicals, recommending the bid for each of the water treatment chemicals listed in the report in the total amount of \$487,230.00.**

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to award the bid as recommended and authorize purchases in 2016. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting

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

Agenda Item #21

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the purchase of wastewater treatment chemicals, recommending the bid for each of the wastewater treatment chemicals listed in the report in the total amount of \$64,978.53.**

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Schipp to award the bid as recommended and authorize purchases in 2016. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #22

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for a three year lease of nine 2016 Ford F150 pickups, recommending the bid be awarded to Enterprise Fleet, Inc. in the amount of \$71,655.84.**

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to reconsider the motion passed at the meeting on Monday, December 7, 2015 regarding approval of awarding the bid to Enterprise Fleet, Inc. and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed. Alderman Hotle stated that she supported this item last week and she still supports the City looking into leasing the vehicles. Alderman Hotle advised that Alderman Tollenaer feels that he did not receive adequate information about the cost savings on this item. Alderman Hotle commented that it sounds like it could be an innovative option for the City to look towards future expenditures. Alderman Hotle added that she wants the City to consider new options on how to spend money wisely and increase cost savings. Alderman Hotle commented that she wants discussion on this item. Alderman Hotle advised that she would be supporting Alderman Tollenaer in reconsidering this item to get more information and to have a future study session.

Mayor Pauley advised that if you vote yes on this motion, it will be to reconsider last week's vote; it will make it neutral.

Alderman Schipp advised that when the City puts these things out for bid, it is the lowest responsible or qualified bidders for these things, and often times these bidders can be far outside the region. Alderman Schipp added that the City should take time and consider what the policy is about awarding these contracts. Alderman Schipp further discussed this item. Alderman Schipp stated that he would like to have a conversation about the policy because the City needs to put regionalism to work with Council actions.

Mayor Pauley stated that a yes vote means it will be reconsidered; it will be neutral. Mayor Pauley added that a no vote means that you support last week's motion.

After discussion, the motion to reconsider carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Mayberry and Alderman Foley; those voting No, Alderman Clark.

More Council discussion followed as it related to the leasing of vehicles. After discussion, Mayor Pauley stated that this item will be brought back in a study session to see what Council wants to do.

Agenda Item #23

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding an agreement with Backflow Solutions, Inc. for the administration of the Cross Connection Control Program in the amount of \$495.00.**

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

Agenda Item #24

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding a Conservation Easement and a Letter of Credit for a permit for the construction of mitigated wetlands as it relates to the development of the GTI facility.**

Alderman Schipp moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the conservation easement and letter of credit as recommended, authorize the City Manager to execute the conservation easement documents and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the letter of credit documents. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #25

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding the proposed rates for the 2016 Sunset Marina season.**

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Schipp to approve the rates as stated in the report. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #26

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the Jumer's Casino Rock Island TIF Surplus, recommending to declare a surplus of funds in TIF 4 in the amount of \$510,116.20.**

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to declare the surplus of funds as recommended and authorize the Finance Director to return these surplus funds to the Rock Island County treasurer for distribution. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #27

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Ken Arnold of UnityPoint Health for rezoning from a R-3 (one and two family residence) district to a B-1 (neighborhood business) district at 921-925 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Mayberry to approve the rezoning as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #28

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the Re-Plat of a one-lot minor final plat of the Metro-Link Addition located at 4501 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

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

Agenda Item #29

**Report from the City Attorney regarding the corporate affairs of the Hauberg Civic Center Corporation, recommending to approve the Mayor to act on behalf of the City of Rock Island as the Sole Shareholder of the corporation and nominate and select Mayor Dennis E. Pauley as sole Director of the corporation.**

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Schipp to approve the Mayor as being sole shareholder of the corporation, nominate and select the Mayor as sole director of the corporation, authorize the Mayor to execute the Action by Sole Shareholder documents and Action by Sole Director documents and authorize the Mayor to execute a Quit Claim Deed transferring title to the Hauberg Civic Center parcels to the City. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #30

**Other Business.**

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

Alderman Hotle wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season.

Alderman Tollenaer inquired as to where the City is at in regards to the development agreement extension on the VanDerGinst building. Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder advised that the gentleman has not returned that development agreement to staff; he has had it since it was approved and no work has been going on.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether it expires within a certain amount of time. Mr. Eder advised that he didn't know from a legal standpoint if there was an expiration date on it. Mr. Eder added that the only expiration date on it was a project completion date.

Mayor Pauley requested that City Attorney Morrison find out what the expiration date is and send it out to the Council members.

Alderman Schipp inquired as to what options the City has in regards to the development agreement. Mr. Eder advised that in the original development agreement, the City wouldn't have to pay out the incentives; the extension was only a time extension for the completion, which would have allowed him to still collect the incentives on the redevelopment of the property.

After further discussion on this item, Mayor Pauley stated to Mr. Eder that besides the legal opinion from the City Attorney, Council would like an update from you on the agreement and extension.

Agenda Item #31

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

The Executive Session was held prior to the regular meeting.

Agenda Item #32

**Recess**

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, January 4, 2016. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:16 pm.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk