

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 Ivory D. Clark, Virgil J. Mayberry, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Joshua Schipp and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, Economic Development Manager Bret Gardella, Public Works Director Randy Tweet, other City staff, City Attorney Dave Morrison, and Terry Brandt from Brandt Construction. Alderman Kate Hotle was absent.

DISCUSSION ON 6TH AVENUE RELIEF SEWER PROJECT

Mayor Pauley stated that a representative from Brandt Construction was asked to come in and discuss why there were overruns on the current project on 6th Avenue. Mayor Pauley advised that Terry Brandt will be the only one to talk except for the Aldermen. Mayor Pauley added that if anyone wants to address the issue, they will have to sign up and speak after the Council meeting.

Mayor Pauley inquired to Mr. Brandt as to why there were overruns on the 6th Avenue project.

Terry Brandt from Brandt Construction stated that it was a large project for the City of Rock Island. Mr. Brandt added that his company has done a number of other projects over the years with the City. Mr. Brandt indicated that this was a utility project through the heart of Rock Island; it was 18 blocks. Mr. Brandt commented that there has been a lot of challenging things on the project. Mr. Brandt noted that 16,000 cubic yards of rock had to be excavated in order to install the piping along 6th Avenue and there has been substantial changes made to this project. Mr. Brandt added that there were unknown sewer lines and fuel tank systems as well as underground lines. Mr. Brandt stated that they have not had any complaints from residents or businesses. Mr. Brandt added that he felt his company has done an excellent job.

Alderman Austin stated that it is past the original deadline for completion of this project. Alderman Austin inquired as to what Mr. Brandt's company has done to expedite the process since last fall. Mr. Brandt explained that they had crews throughout the whole project, but there were different obstacles they ran into; there were a lot of changes and unknowns. Mr. Brandt added that he felt they had adequate support with the exception of a couple of areas. Mr. Brandt also discussed the underground work that was done with explosives.

Alderman Clark commented that he and the Mayor received a number of complaints about this project. Alderman Clark inquired as to whether Mr. Brandt anticipated that the project would take this long. Mr. Brandt stated that they anticipated it would take the planned scheduled time, but there were complications we ran into during the project and that information was provided at the bi-weekly meetings.

Mayor Pauley stated that the biggest complaint he received was the amount of time it took for the restoration from down on 8th Street up to 11th Street and then 17th Street to 19th Street. Mayor Pauley commented that those streets were torn up for an extremely long period of time. Mr. Brandt stated that 10th Street had utility (gas lines) work and a structure was added, which was unknown at the time. Mr. Brandt added that a lot of time was spent on a lot of the changes.

Mayor Pauley and Mr. Brandt further discussed the restoration issue in regards to 17th Street to 19th Street.

Alderman Schipp stated that 113 days has gone by since the substantial completion date per the terms of the contract. Alderman Schipp commented that the City has the right to enforce the liquidated damages at \$2,200.00 a day and that totals \$248,600.00. Alderman Schipp stated that he and many of the Council members will hold firm on that. Alderman Schipp added that it was his understanding that Brandt Construction has not made clear their intentions about the City enforcing that provision of the contract. Alderman Schipp and Mr. Brandt discussed Brandt Construction's qualifications as it related to the project. Alderman Schipp also discussed the extensions as it related to the project. Alderman Schipp inquired as to what is going to be done to make sure that the project is done as quickly as possible without compromising quality. Mr. Brandt stated that the crews are down there every day; they work six days a week on the project. Mr. Brandt added that he felt they have done 110% on the project. Alderman Schipp and Mr. Brandt further discussed this issue.

Alderman Foley stated that this is a disservice to individuals in Wards one and five. Alderman Foley stated that he voted against this project in the beginning because he didn't have the confidence that it would be done. Alderman Foley commented that at one point in the project, 9th Street, 10th Street, 11th Street, 12th Street, 13th Street, 14th Street and 15th Street were shut down and that is more than an inconvenience.

Mayor Pauley stated that Brandt Construction has done other projects for the City and there were no issues, but this project had a lot of major issues, one of which is restoration, and there were too many intersections closed at one time. Mayor Pauley added that several more people should have been put on the restoration portion of the project so that it wouldn't have taken so long. Mayor Pauley and Council further discussed these issues.

Mayor Pauley and Mr. Brandt discussed extensions as it related to the project. Mayor Pauley inquired to Mr. Brandt that when he noticed that they needed an extension, did his company meet the contract's 30 day requirement. Mr. Brandt stated that he couldn't say that they met every 30 day requirement.

Council further discussed this project as it related to Brandt Construction disputing the overcharges and the time component for completing the project. Mr. Brandt noted that they would dispute the overcharges. Mr. Brandt stated that most of the work should be done by the first of May, but there is some work that will not be completed until the middle of May.

Council discussed Brandt Construction's performance at the job site. Alderman Mayberry and Mr. Brandt discussed safety regulations in reference to fencing as it related to exposed equipment and mounds of dirt at 6th Avenue and 21st Street. In addition, Council and Mr. Brandt discussed OSHA violations in reference to this project. Council further discussed the issues in regards to the 6th Avenue project.

PRESENTATION ON RETAIL ATTRACTIONS

Economic Development Manager Bret Gardella advised that the City brought Retail Attractions on board about one year ago and they have done a wonderful job this past year. It was noted that their contract is up for renewal. Mr. Gardella pointed out that Retail Attractions has worked very hard on behalf of the City over the last year; they have made contacts with over 66 businesses a month and that includes retail franchises as well as other retail opportunities.

Mr. Gardella stated that Retail Attractions has brought three developers to town and staff is in the process of working with two of them on finding the right site. Mr. Gardella added that these are national developers who work with large concept stores and large concept retailers. Mr. Gardella commented that staff is working with one of them on a potential downtown project that is in the infancy stages.

Mr. Gardella advised that Retail Attractions has done very well in 11 months; the first month they were on board with the City, they had to compile their data on behalf of the City before they could share that with the retailers, franchises, corporations and developers they are working with.

Mr. Gardella indicated that he attended an ICSC RECON retail conference in Las Vegas. It was noted that Mr. Gardella had six meetings with six national developers in Las Vegas. Mr. Gardella offered that Retail Attractions is scheduling other meetings for staff this year at the event. Mr. Gardella commented that staff now has the ability to have more direct meetings with a couple of potential franchises that we are looking to bring in on 11th Street once Walmart is up and running. Mr. Gardella advised that two of the businesses that staff has consistently wanted to bring to Rock Island is Starbucks and Chick-fil-A. Mr. Gardella added that they are looking at specific sites next to Walmart and staff is trying to get them introduced into another location in the City.

Mr. Gardella stated that he didn't think anyone expected staff to make any major announcements in the first year with Retail Attractions. However, the workload they have put forth is exemplary. Mr. Gardella recommended that Council bring Retail Attractions back for another year.

City Manager Thomas stated that when the retail consultant was brought in, it was known that it would have to be for the long gain. Mr. Thomas added that there have been other communities that have been very successful in bringing in commercial and retail development. Mr. Thomas further discussed this item.

Council discussed the presentation as it related to bringing in major retailers versus small retailers. Mr. Gardella commented that staff is looking at every aspect; staff has not ruled out large box corporations and franchises; they are in the mix. Mr. Gardella further discussed this item.

Council further discussed Mr. Gardella's presentation.

Mayor Pauley stated that the presentation on downtown parking will be deferred until next week when Alderman Hotle is back.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Mayberry and seconded by Alderman Schipp to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Schipp and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 11, 2016
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 Ivory D. Clark, Virgil J. Mayberry, P.J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Joshua Schipp and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Dave Morrison. Alderman Kate Hotle was absent.

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 April 4, 2016.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the Minutes of the meeting of April 4, 2016 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Schipp and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley stated that Gilda's Club of the Quad Cities is holding their annual 5K run/walk and 1 mile fun run on Saturday, April 16, 2016 starting at 9:00 am. The Mayor added that the Blues Brothers themed race is presented by UnityPoint Health – Trinity and will take place in The District of Rock Island. In addition, RIBCO will host a post-race party featuring a live tribute band “The Bluz Brothers” from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. For more information and registration, please go to www.gildasclubqc.org.

Mayor Pauley commented that rivers are time machines and they will take us back in our history if we listen to their songs. Touring singer and songwriter Barry Cloyd traces that history in story and song on April 13, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Main Library. Mayor Pauley stated that Cloyd is a West Peoria musician, storyteller and historian, specializing in roots, blues, originals and Celtic music traditions. The event is free.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Rock Island Library will hold their annual drive up and drop off event for shredding personal documents and papers. Mayor Pauley added that the Shredder, a document destruction truck will be at the Main Library on Friday, April 29, 2016 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Attendees are limited to 3 normal size file boxes of documents per vehicle. For more information, call the library at (309) 732-7323.

Agenda Item #7

A Special Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit at 1512 25th Street.

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

Agenda Item #8

CLAIMS

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

Comments followed. Alderman Austin referred to item (d) in regards to road salt. Alderman Austin stated that he questioned as to whether the City has a good price to go ahead and buy the extra amount of salt in which the City is entitled to. Alderman Austin stated that Public Works Director Randy Tweet told him no because the domes are about 100% full. Alderman Austin stated that this is the benefit of having a nice winter.

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

- a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$19,763.07 to Broadspire for Worker's Compensation Settlement for Timothy Steines.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #6 in the amount of \$408,478.95 to Civil Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Farmall Storage Tank project.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #28 in the amount of \$73,013.15 to Gilbane Building Company for construction services provided for the Rock Island Police Station project.
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$82,949.02 to Central Salt for providing 1,048.66 tons of salt for this year's winter season.

Agenda Item #9

Claims for the week of April 1 through April 7 in the amount of \$706,711.50.

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

Agenda Item #10

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 38th Street and 18th Avenue Intersection Resurfacing project, recommending the bid be awarded to Tri-City Blacktop in the amount of \$457,915.30.

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

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin inquired upon Public Works Director Randy Tweet to discuss this item. Mr. Tweet advised that there are basically three projects, but there are two main projects. Mr. Tweet stated that one project is the resurfacing on 18th Avenue from 17th Street to the Moline border and that is currently scheduled for a bid letting next month, but it will probably be pushed back a little bit. Mr. Tweet advised that the next project is the resurfacing of 38th Street from 7th Avenue all the way out to Blackhawk Road and that is scheduled for sometime later this year, but it will probably go to the next year. Mr. Tweet advised that both of these projects are being paid with the majority of funds through the Federal Government, which is the Surface Transportation Program (STP funds). Mr. Tweet explained that it is a 80% - 20% match, so 80% of that is being paid for by the Federal Government and those projects go through the State.

Mr. Tweet stated that the City is doing the intersection of 38th Street and 18th Avenue first. Mr. Tweet noted that it really is the worst section and they would like to get that completed. Mr. Tweet pointed out that the Federal funds on the 18th Avenue project are approximately \$2.8 million dollars and 38th Street is almost \$4.8 million dollars. Mr. Tweet advised that the total for the City is between \$1 and \$1.5 million dollars, but it depends on the final cost of the projects.

Council and Mr. Tweet further discussed this item as it related to cost, the prep work for the resurfacing of the streets, and the review and approval process for the projects by the State.

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

Agenda Item #11

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2016 Weed Control Spraying Program, recommending the bid be awarded to TruGreen Lawn Care in the amount of \$12,999.53.

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

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a proposal from Symbiont for engineering design services for the Partial Sewer Separation of the Combined Sewer Outfall 006 Basin project in the amount of \$211,900.00.

It was moved by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the proposal as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

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

Mr. Tweet advised that the 6th Avenue project is part of the Long Term Control Plan and there are three components left to that, which is the upgrade of the Blackhawk Lift Station in which the engineering work is underway. Mr. Tweet added that there is the relocation of the Outfall 007, which is by Blackhawk State Park, and the last project is the separation of the sanitary storm sewers in the Greenbush neighborhood. Mr. Tweet pointed out that currently, the Greenbush neighborhood is a combined sewer, in which everything from there flows to the plant. Mr. Tweet stated that they are taking some of that neighborhood and it will flow directly to the outfall and will not actually come to the plant; they will have a separated storm sewer system through part of that.

Alderman Schipp and Mr. Tweet further discussed this item as it related to the Long Term Control Plan and cost.

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

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the 2016 Storm Water Outfall & Pipelining Program maintenance contract, recommending to extend the 2015 Storm Water Outfall & Pipelining Program maintenance contract with Legacy Corporation in order to perform the required maintenance through 2016.

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a contract with B&H Real Estate Ventures (Pawn King) for the sale of two properties at 2101 11th Street and 2117 11th Street.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Mayberry seconded to approve the contract as recommended, subject to minor modifications being implemented by the parties legal counsel prior to execution, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents at his discretion and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Schipp and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a Special Ordinance ceding the City's 2016 private activity volume bonding cap to the Quad Cities Regional Economic Development Authority.

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

Discussion followed. Alderman Schipp inquired upon Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder to explain this item.

Mr. Eder stated that this is something the City has done for a number of years and QCREDA is one of the partners that the City works with. Mr. Eder advised that the private activity bonding cap is something we get as a home rule community; it is based on population. Mr. Eder indicated that the City has a time limit where the City can allocate it to a project. Mr. Eder added that if the City can't allocate it to a project then the City can cede it to an organization such as QCREDA or it goes back into the State pool. Mr. Eder pointed out that the City chooses to send it to QCREDA because then the City has some input on where this bonding cap gets used. Council and Mr. Eder further discussed this item.

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

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the CY2016 Budget, recommending increasing the TIF #1 Downtown Fund in the amount of \$300,000.00.

Alderman Clark moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the budget adjustment as recommended.

Discussion followed. Alderman Schipp clarified that he understood that the money is transferred into the TIF fund.

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder stated yes, that is technically correct. Mr. Eder advised that when the annual budget was done, we had no idea that we were going to do this project so staff doesn't have the authority to spend that amount of money. Mr. Eder commented that the TIF will generate that kind of money to spend out. Mr. Eder stated that he just needs the authority to go ahead and spend it out per the development agreement that was passed last week. Mr. Eder further discussed this item.

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

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an amendment to Chapter 8, Sec. 8-234 (d) and (j) of the Code of Ordinances as it relates to bicycle parking on the Great River Plaza.

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to approve the amendment as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Discussion followed. Alderman Schipp stated that the strange thing about the proposed change and language is that it will be allowing bicycles on the Plaza, but it will bar those who are on rollerblades or skateboards. Alderman Schipp stated that at one point, there was a skate shop downtown.

Mayor Pauley advised that Switch Stance Skate Shop is moving into a larger store where the Singer Sewing Machine shop was previously located at in the City.

Alderman Schipp stated that the spirit of what the City is trying to do is to open up the Plaza to more human powered transportation. Alderman Schipp didn't think it sets the right vibe for what the City is looking for in regards to the downtown.

At this time, Alderman Schipp moved to amend the proposed language to include that the City allow rollerblading and skateboarding in addition to bicycles on the Plaza, Alderman Foley seconded.

More discussion followed. Mayor Pauley stated that this is an amendment that he asked for. The Mayor explained that Avalon Thomas-Roebel of Renaissance Rock Island came to him and asked to allow bicycles because she had a grant for \$5,000.00 for bicycle racks. Mayor Pauley stated that it was an excellent idea; more people want to come down to The District; they want to use their bikes.

Alderman Austin stated that he would like to hear from staff in regards to this item before he votes on the amendment. Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder advised that Avalon did bring this forward and it is in the spirit of the Downtown Plan, which called for some of these activities. Mr. Eder added that it is great that she got a private entity to pay for the bike racks.

Council further discussed this item as it related to allowing skateboards and rollerblades on the Plaza in addition to bicycles. After more discussion, Alderman Austin stated that he wasn't convinced that adding rollerblades and skateboards is the direction the City should go.

After discussion, the motion to the amendment carried with four (4) Aldermen voting Aye and two (2) Aldermen voting No.

The main amended motion reads as follows:

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to approve the amendment as recommended, along with the language for allowing rollerblading and skateboarding in addition to bicycles on the Plaza and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Schipp and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #18

Report from the City Clerk regarding a sound amplification permit application from Bethel Church for children's carnival and celebration to be held on Saturday, April 16, 2016 from 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm at 3535 38th Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #19

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Icons Martini to utilize the vacant space at 1725 2nd Avenue for a fundraising event, along with requests for entertainment (inside/outside) and outdoor alcohol on Sunday, April 24, 2016 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Mayberry to approve the requests for utilizing 1725 2nd Avenue, entertainment (inside/outside) and outdoor alcohol, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations and subject to being closed down early if noise complaints are received. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Schipp and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #20

Other Business.

Alderman Mayberry inquired to Alderman Foley as to how well he did in a race that was held this past Saturday. Alderman Foley stated that he was slower than he wanted to be; it was a 5K and he did it in 25 minutes. Alderman Foley added that it was 27 degrees at kickoff at 9:15 am down at Sunset Park. Alderman Foley stated that it was great to support Spring Forward Learning Center. Alderman Foley noted that he will be running again this coming weekend in Gilda's 5K Run for Laughs. Alderman Foley further discussed this item.

Alderman Austin stated that constituents have approached him about their inability to watch the Council meetings on Channel 9. Alderman Austin stated that it was his understanding that this is because of analog and digital without a box. Alderman Austin stated that he pointed out to them that if they have a computer, they can call up the City's website, call up the Agenda and click on Watch Live and watch it on the computer. Alderman Austin stated that he talked to Information Technology Department Director Tim Bain and reporter Steve Elliott about getting the word out

to make sure people know what they can do either on their television or computer to have full access. Council further discussed this item.

Alderman Austin stated that one of the things Council has the opportunity to do now is to give feedback on the Heritage Resource Plan. Alderman Austin added that it is posted with a comment window between now and April 22nd. Alderman Austin further discussed this item.

Alderman Austin stated that last month, Jay Pearce, from WVIK was at the Council meeting and accepted a proclamation for the station. It was noted that one of Mr. Pearce's comments was that Alderman Austin volunteers for their fund drive. Alderman Austin commented that he volunteered today and will also volunteer tomorrow. Alderman Austin stated that his threat was to call each Council member for a pledge, but noted that he brought pledge forms with him. Alderman Austin advised that it is our community station and it is well worth supporting. Alderman Austin and Council further discussed this item.

Caryl Altemus of 1821 9th Street, Rock Island stepped forward. Ms. Altemus discussed concerns she had in regards to Douglas Park. Ms. Altemus stated that Douglas Park is a neglected public space. Ms. Altemus added that the grass is mowed and the fields are dragged, but the park fence lines are seldom cleared of weeds and leaves. Ms. Altemus added that trash collects inside the fences and throughout the park. Ms. Altemus commented that two days ago, she picked up trash in the park to try and improve the appearance of the park. Ms. Altemus stated that she picked up a 30 gallon bag of trash and she didn't cover half of that park. Ms. Altemus also discussed the many empty beer cans she picked up. Ms. Altemus stated that the shabby drug free zone signs at the park should be taken down. Ms. Altemus further discussed this item.

Agenda Item #21

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

A motion was made by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Clark at 7:22 pm to recess to Executive Session on matters of Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Schipp and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #22

Recess

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 7:36 pm. A motion was made by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Clark to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, April 18, 2016. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Schipp and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:37 pm.