

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 Kate Hotle, Charles O. Austin III, Ivory D. Clark and Stephen L. Tollenaer. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Finance Director Stephanie Masson, Ryan Berger, Assistant to the City Manager, other City staff, City Attorney Dave Morrison and Heath Merlak, Actuary from Nyhart. Alderman Joshua Schipp arrived at 5:37 pm and Alderman P.J. Foley arrived at 6:28 pm. Alderman Virgil J. Mayberry was absent.

ACTUARIAL SERVICES PRESENTATION

Finance Director Stephanie Masson introduced Heath Merlak, Actuary from Nyhart. Mr. Merlak presented a summary report to Council of the actuarial valuation results for the January 1, 2016 Rock Island Firefighters and Rock Island Police Pension funds.

Mr. Merlak advised that two reports are issued each year for the valuations, one of which is the funding report that documents the recommended contributions that the City puts in the pension plans and the other report is GASB 67/68, which is for the City's recording requirements.

Mr. Merlak advised that the employer contribution for the Firefighters Fund is coming in just shy of \$3.1 million dollars, which is about a \$256,062.00 increase or a 9.0% increase over last year. Mr. Merlak added that the Police Fund contribution is about \$3.2 million dollars and that is an increase of \$316,999.00 or 11.0% over the prior year. Mr. Merlak indicated that contributions are expected to increase in the future and that is driven by the methods being used in terms of how the program is funded.

Mr. Merlak discussed participant information as it related to the Firefighters and Police plans. Mr. Merlak also discussed asset information as it related to market and actuarial value of assets. Mr. Merlak stated that the market value rate of return for the firefighters is -0.5% and for police is -0.9%.

Next, Mr. Merlak discussed the Firefighters plan as it related to unfunded accrued liability and the summary of results. Mr. Merlak stated that in regards to the Firefighters Fund for January 1, 2016, the actuarial accrued liability is at \$66.7 million dollars and the actuarial value of assets is at \$22.9 million dollars. Mr. Merlak noted that the result is just shy of \$44 million dollars of unfunded accrued liability. Mr. Merlak further discussed unfunded accrued liability.

Mr. Merlak also discussed employer contribution requirements. Mr. Merlak stated that the recommended contribution is the employer normal cost, which is the cost of benefits occurring during the year as well as the amortization payment. Mr. Merlak stated that the total contribution for the Firefighters plan is just shy of \$3.1 million dollars.

Next, Mr. Merlak discussed the unfunded accrued liability for the Police plan as well as the summary of results. Mr. Merlak indicated that this plan is a little larger with \$79 million dollars of actuarial accrued liability and the actuarial value of assets is at \$33.5 million dollars, which results in an unfunded accrued liability of \$45.6 million dollars. Mr. Merlak also discussed employer contribution requirements. Mr. Merlak stated that the employer normal cost is just shy

of \$650,000.00 and the amortization payment is just shy of \$2.6 million dollars, which results in a recommended contribution of \$3.2 million dollars.

Mr. Merlak commented that actuarial assumptions should be reviewed every three to five years. Mr. Merlak added that assumption reviews ensure that the best estimates are used for what the future holds to better align costs across generations. Mr. Merlak noted that GASB 67/68 requires that the timing of assumption reviews be disclosed. Mr. Merlak discussed the four assumptions that will be reviewed prior to next year's valuation. Those assumptions included; interest rate, salary increases, payroll growth and mortality.

Mr. Merlak also discussed expected cost projections for the Firefighters Fund and Police Fund.

Council discussed Mr. Merlak's presentation.

DISCUSSION ON PROPERTY DISPOSITION FOR SURPLUS PROPERTY

City Attorney Dave Morrison advised that the City has been following a property disposition policy that was last revised in 2008. City Attorney Morrison added that the policy has different categories of City owned property, which include; active use by the City, vacant surplus property and improved surplus property. City Attorney Morrison indicated that the policy sets a number of criteria to look at to determine where a piece of property falls on the current policy. City Attorney Morrison commented that commercial/industrial location is another subsection under the current policy. City Attorney Morrison advised that he was asked to look at this policy because the City has the H.O.M.E. program that is moving forward and there are some other lots that individuals are interested in.

City Attorney Morrison advised that the City is a home rule unit and the City does not have to follow the two statutory provisions in regards to surplus property or sale of property by ordinance.

City Attorney Morrison discussed the two state statutes and some of the restrictions that are placed upon municipalities that have to follow them because they are either too small and not home rule or they have not opted out by making their own set of policies or ordinances. City Attorney Morrison explained that the first statute states that a piece of property can be sold by passing an ordinance, and that code section indicates that the property needs to be listed, it needs to be appraised, the property has to be advertised for sale, and then an ordinance can be passed for the sale of that property for at least 80% of the appraised value. City Attorney Morrison further discussed this item.

The second statutory alternative that City Attorney Morrison discussed was to have the property be declared as surplus. City Attorney Morrison indicated that the property has to be appraised first then a resolution is published in the paper indicating that there is a piece of property to be designated as surplus and to be sold. City Attorney Morrison advised that by a two-thirds vote of a council, the property could then be sold, or by a one-half vote, a council could state that they will not accept any of the bids when the bids are opened at a council meeting.

City Attorney Morrison stated that the City is a home rule unit and there are other options instead of following the mentioned processes. City Attorney Morrison advised that the City of Champagne, IL has an ordinance, which states that for certain properties such as those that are valued less than \$5,000.00, the city manager can enter into an agreement for the sale of those properties if it falls within the parameters set by that city's council. City Attorney Morrison and Council further discussed this item. City Attorney Morrison advised that the city of Urbana, IL has done about the same thing; they have adopted an ordinance saying that they are going to set up their own procedures to determine whether or not property should be surplus and then sold.

City Attorney Morrison advised that there is no set rule; the City is a home rule unit and the City can follow the procedures that they set up as long as people know what the procedures are. City Attorney Morrison advised that the policy really needs to be updated and there are a lot of ways it can be streamlined. City Attorney Morrison offered that by adopting a policy or an ordinance with whatever parameters Council wants, it could be a cost effective and expedient way of accomplishing some of the programs and goals that Council has expressed that they would like to accomplish.

Council discussed City Attorney Morrison's presentation as it related to the criteria in the current policy. Council also discussed updating the policy as it related to what parameters to include in the policy with respect to the rules and regulations of the policy in terms of it being program specific.

After more discussion, it was a consensus among Council for City Attorney Morrison and staff to bring back a policy that is program specific for Council review.

DISCUSSION ON ALLOWING CHICKENS WITHIN CITY LIMITS

Ryan Berger, Assistant to the City Manager advised that roosters crow and hens cluck at a decibel similar to human conversation. It was noted that roosters are only needed to fertilize eggs. Mr. Berger commented that hens require a coop and two square feet per chicken for a coop and eight square feet for outside of the coop in order for them to be healthy. Mr. Berger added that six hens will produce about four eggs per day, but it could be less during colder months.

Mr. Berger advised that during World War II, governments encouraged Victory Gardens in which citizens would grow their own food and raise chickens in urban environments. Mr. Berger explained that more and more communities today are allowing this and it is due to a social (farm to table) or health movement that promotes serving local food at restaurants and school cafeterias. Mr. Berger stated that there is also an educational component and some people just want to know where their food is coming from.

Mr. Berger stated that the cities of Moline and Silvis, IL as well as Cedar Rapids, IA allow citizens to raise chickens within their city limits. Mr. Berger then discussed the ordinances in regards to the rules and regulations of the mentioned cities in terms of allowing chickens within their city limits. Mr. Berger stated that the City of Moline allows six hens but no roosters. Mr. Berger indicated that chickens are required to be kept in a coop and in a fenced in area; they are required to be five feet from property lines, 25 feet from any adjacent building and they have to

be located in the back yard or side yard. Other requirements Mr. Berger discussed included; chickens are only permitted in a single family zoning district; there is a \$25.00 licensing fee; and the applicant must take a class about raising chickens in an urban setting. Mr. Berger commented that a building permit for the coop is not required unless the coop is larger than 120 square feet and the chicken coops are not allowed on vacant or uninhabited lots within the city. Mr. Berger added that there is no animal control involvement and chickens are not required to be tagged in the city of Moline. Mr. Berger offered that Moline started this program on August 1st of this year, and to date, four permits have been issued.

Mr. Berger advised that the city of Silvis is similar to Moline, but the number of hens permitted is on a case by case basis and they have different requirements for setbacks. Mr. Berger commented that there is a \$5.00 yearly licensing fee and leg bands showing the permit number are required. It was noted that like Moline, the applicant must take a class on raising chickens. Mr. Berger indicated that anyone raising chickens must notify the neighbors.

Mr. Berger stated that Cedar Rapids was the first city in Iowa to allow chickens; they allow six hens and no roosters. Mr. Berger indicated that licensing fees are the same as the city of Moline. Mr. Berger stated that Cedar Rapids requires chickens to be kept in a coop and in a fenced in area. It was noted that they are required to be 10 feet from property lines and 25 feet from any adjacent building. Mr. Berger commented that leg bands are required and chickens are not allowed on vacant or uninhabited lots in the city. It was noted that any participant must complete a class on raising chickens. Mr. Berger stated that Cedar Rapids has had 211 participants since 2010 with very few complaints. Mr. Berger indicated that the city has a very good relationship with animal control. Mr. Berger further discussed this item.

Mr. Berger discussed the permit process for applicants that wish to raise chickens. Requirements discussed included; applicant checks off various requirements related to the code; applicant provides a site plan identifying the location and size of the coop on the property; zoning administrator uses a mapping system to confirm that the site meets setback requirements; and fee is paid and permit is issued.

Mr. Berger discussed various requirements that may be included if Council determines to move forward with this program. Various requirements discussed included; requiring a chicken class; the number of chickens permitted; setback requirements; whether or not chickens should be tagged; whether or not animal control should be involved; and neighbor notification.

Mr. Berger also discussed several options for this program, which included; permit a specific number of chickens with parameters like setbacks and coop requirements; permit a certain amount of hens based on the size of the lot; and require a special exception within a residential district for the approval of hens.

Council discussed Mr. Berger's presentation as it related to general requirements for allowing chickens in the City in terms of applicants taking classes; notification of neighbors; the amount of hens allowed; and setback requirements.

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After more discussion, it was a consensus among Council for Mr. Berger to bring back an ordinance for Council review.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Clark to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 pm.

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

Introductory Proceedings

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

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of July 25, 2016.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the Minutes of the meeting of July 25, 2016 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Prior to Update Rock Island, Mayor Pauley read a letter of recognition to Rock Island Police Department Sgt. Kirk Pattison and his wife Jenny. It was noted that Sgt. Pattison and his wife were on vacation in Florida on July 19th and they quickly responded and assisted two boys that had been struck by lightning; the boys were then taken to the hospital and on the following day, they were listed as critical and stable. Mayor Pauley stated that the Pattison's professionalism, selflessness and knowledge shown on that day helped to save the lives of the boys. Mayor Pauley then presented the letter to the Pattison's.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Community Meeting to Discuss Parks - First of three upcoming meetings held by Rock Island Parks and Recreation will be held Wednesday, August 10, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Mayor Pauley stated that this is a chance for the community to learn about and discuss the current state of Rock Island Parks and Recreation, including recent changes made to bridge budget gaps and efforts to ensure a healthy future. Input and questions will be welcomed so join us at the RIFAC building at 4303 24th Street.

Backwater Gamblers Water-Ski Show - Mayor Pauley stated that summer is rapidly coming to a close but there is still time to catch a free show by the Backwater Gamblers Water Ski Show Team. The team consists of approximately 150 members ranging in age from one to 67. Mayor Pauley commented that skiing members perform acts such as jumping, barefooting, pyramids, swivel, strap doubles and others. Watch them on their home surf at 44th Street and the Rock River. Shows are Wednesdays and Sundays at 6:30 pm. For more information, go to www.backwatergamblers.com.

Ya Maka My Weekend - Reggae in the District returns on Friday, August 19 and Saturday, August 20, 2016. Mayor Pauley indicated that this unique two-night festival brings the atmosphere of the Caribbean Islands to downtown Rock Island. Ya Maka My Weekend, one of The District's signature events, will be held on the Great River Plaza on 2nd Avenue between 17th and 19th Streets. Admission prices are \$9 for a one-night ticket and \$14 for a two-night ticket, and children 12 and under enter free. Mayor Pauley commented that Ya Maka My Weekend will start at 5:00 pm on Friday and 3:00 pm on Saturday. For more information, call (309) 788-6311 or visit www.ridistrict.com.

Rock Island Labor Day Parade Entry Deadline, August 22 - Mayor Pauley advised that the deadline to enter Rock Island's annual Labor Day Parade is just two weeks away with entries due on Monday, August 22, 2016. The 32nd annual parade falls this year on Monday, September 5, 2016. Mayor Pauley stated that this year's theme is "We Love Rock Island." Information on this year's parade and an entry form are available from the City's website at www.rigov.org under City Clicks. Interested parties can also call (309) 732-2012 for more information. We look forward to seeing everyone at this year's parade!

Police and Community Crime Prevention Partnership - Starting on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at 6:00 pm, the Rock Island Police Department will begin hosting monthly meetings to provide information on crime data and police services available to the public. Mayor Pauley stated that the meetings will be held in the Community Room at the Police Department at 1212 5th Avenue and will be approximately one hour in length. The meeting will be open to all citizens and business owners in the City of Rock Island. It is our hope that the structure of these meetings will facilitate conversations between the citizens and the staff. Future dates, times and topics of the meetings will be posted on the Police Facebook page or by calling the front desk at (309) 732-2677.

Hauberg Center Brainstorming Meeting - Mayor Pauley stated that on Tuesday, August 9, 2016, the City of Rock Island will hold a brainstorming forum on the use of the Hauberg facility. It will be a discussion in which ideas for fundraisers, programming and public use will be covered. The Mayor added that the meeting will be held at the Hauberg Center, 1300 24th Street from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

Agenda Item #7

Announcement of the 2016 Citizen of the Year Winners.

Alderman Chuck Austin, Co-Chairman of the 2016 Citizen of the Year Committee stated that this year, he and Alderman Hotle were part of the committee. Alderman Austin advised that the overall 2016 Citizen of the Year will be named on Monday, August 22, 2016 at the Council meeting. It was noted that prior to the Council meeting, a reception will be held at 6:15 pm for the winning recipients. Alderman Austin stated that all of the winners will ride in the Labor Day Parade on Monday, September 5, 2016. Alderman Austin added that the overall Citizen of the Year will be the Grand Marshal of the parade. Alderman Austin then announced the honorees for the 2016 Citizen of the Year.

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The winners of the eight (8) categories are as follows: Business – Boetje Foods, Inc.; Professional – Doug Hultquist; Education – Steve Inman; Organization – Mighty Fortress Community Church; Individual – Sheila Guse; City Employee – Aleisha Patchin; Youth – Donell Clark; and Honor Flight of the Quad Cities won for Honorary Citizen.

Agenda Item #8

A Special Ordinance amending a previously amended Special Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit at 3055 38th Street.

Alderman Hotle moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to pass the ordinance.

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin advised that he would be supporting this item. Alderman Austin stated that the biggest concern from the neighbors in that area is traffic. Alderman Austin encouraged staff working on this project to make the signs a little longer, a little bit stronger and a little larger to minimize whatever inconveniences the neighbors feel exist.

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

Agenda Item #9

A Special Ordinance amending a Special Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit at 4041 79th Avenue West.

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

Agenda Item #10

A Special Ordinance establishing specific parking zones on the north side and south side of 3rd Avenue between 16th and 17th Streets.

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

Agenda Item #11

CLAIMS

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

Discussion followed. Alderman Schipp discussed item (d) in regards to a payment to Brandt Construction for an emergency sewer repair. Alderman Schipp advised that the City is setting at

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over \$300,000.00 in liquidated damages with Brandt. Alderman Schipp stated that it is frustrating because the City continues to award business to a company that has refused to apologize to the citizens of Rock Island for being delinquent on their contract. Alderman Schipp commented that there have been numerous issues with the construction project on 6th Avenue.

Alderman Schipp inquired about the City's procedures for awarding emergency work and wanted to know if it is related to state statutes or if it is all within the City code. Public Works Director Randy Tweet stated that it is from the City Council's guidance. Mr. Tweet explained that Brandt has an asphalt plant in Rock Island, and for emergency work, the department has a rotating list of Rock Island companies, which include, Brandt Construction, Langman Construction and Valley Construction.

Alderman Schipp stated that he would like a policy change brought to Council for review, which would include that if a company is standing in such delinquency on projects, has contempt for Council and the City, and refuses to apologize, then the Council would have the discretion to say that until issues are resolved and apologies are made, they are not privileged enough to receive tax dollars of Rock Island citizens. Alderman Schipp commented that this would be for any company that falls within those parameters.

Alderman Schipp also discussed responsible bidders. Alderman Schipp distributed a document that defines responsible bidders in terms of how other cities have ordinances defining those responsible bidders. Alderman Schipp advised that he would like to see the City look at these other ordinances and put some of that language into the City code for future projects. Alderman Schipp stated that he didn't think the City has a defined responsible bidder policy and the City needs to create one.

Alderman Schipp further discussed issues with Brandt Construction. Alderman Schipp advised that until the issues are resolved with Brandt, he did not want them on the City's rotating list for emergency work.

City Attorney Morrison advised that a policy would have to be researched. City Attorney Morrison encouraged Council not to immediately adopt a policy until it could be looked into. Council and City Attorney Morrison further discussed this subject. Mayor Pauley stated that this item will come back to Council.

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

- a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$11,036.05 to Dave Morrison of Rock Island, IL for legal services rendered for the month of July.
- b. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Lorian Swanson of Rock Island, IL for General Liability claim.

c. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$1,331.08 to Viviana Rai of Davenport, IA for General Liability claim.

d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$17,453.55 to Brandt Construction Company of Milan, IL for an emergency sanitary sewer repair at 3231 30th Street.

e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #3 in the amount of \$53,614.70 to Walter D. Laud, Inc. of East Moline, IL for services provided for the 2015/2016 Brick Street Repair Program project.

f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$66,795.60 to Tri City Blacktop, Inc. of Bettendorf, IA for services provided for the 38th Street and 18th Avenue Intersection Resurfacing project.

Agenda Item #12

Claims for the weeks of July 22 through July 28 in the amount of \$1,492,553.09 and July 29 through August 4 in the amount of \$815,459.85 and payroll for the weeks of July 18 through July 31 in the amount of \$1,447,714.05.

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

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Police Department regarding a request from Officer Ryan DeRudder to purchase retired K-9 Jago in the amount of \$1.00.

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an Ordinance approving a development agreement with Friendship Manor, subject to minor attorney modifications and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

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

Agenda Item #15

Report from the City Clerk regarding a Resolution approving the full release of the listed Executive Session Minutes.

Alderman Schipp moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve the full release of the listed executive session minutes as recommended and adopt the resolution. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the surplus of vehicles and equipment, recommending that the items be declared as surplus as stated in the report.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the request as recommended, refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance and authorize staff to dispose of the items at an upcoming auction or in a manner that is advantageous to the City.

Discussion followed. Alderman Schipp stated that there are a number of vehicles on the list. Alderman Schipp inquired as to whether nonprofits in the community could have a look at those vehicles first.

Alderman Tollenaer agreed with Alderman Schipp and stated that he doesn't know how the City disposes of this equipment.

Public Works Director Randy Tweet advised that in previous years, advertised auctions were held at Public Works. Mr. Tweet added that last time, the vehicles were taken to the auction yard in Milan, IL. Mr. Tweet stated that this time, the City is going to be doing an online auction in which it will be advertised on the website and a press release will go out; it will be online and anyone in the country will be eligible to purchase these vehicles. Council and Mr. Tweet further discussed this item.

Alderman Schipp stated that if a press release goes out, a window of time could be given for 501c3 nonprofits based in Rock Island to come in and have the first look at these vehicles. Mr. Tweet stated that the vehicles are being sold through an auction agency. Mr. Tweet added that he was not sure how the City would give those folks a first look at the vehicles.

Mayor Pauley stated to Mr. Tweet that prior to setting up for the auction, look into what Alderman Schipp is asking for to see if it can be done and come back to Council at the next meeting with the information.

After more discussion, Alderman Foley pulled his motion to approve, which eliminated Alderman Hotle's second.

At this time, Alderman Schipp moved to defer item #16 and Alderman Hotle seconded. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle,

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

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the CY2017 Gaming Grant allocation policies.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Hotle seconded to approve the CY2017 Gaming Grant allocation policies as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Police Department regarding three options for Police Officer fees as it relates to the Quad Cities Marathon, recommending option #3; similar sponsoring organizations for race events that occur within Rock Island pay the full amount for the police officers required for the event.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Schipp to approve option #2 as stated in the report.

Discussion followed. Alderman Hotle stated that option #2 is related to the Quad Cities Marathon. Alderman Hotle commented that this issue was brought up a couple of years ago. Alderman Hotle stated that this issue was discussed and several aldermen support being able to give a grant back to the Quad Cities Marathon. Alderman Hotle added that some of the other sister cities already do this. Alderman Hotle advised that option #2 will charge for the police officers; it will be regular billing, but the City will be able to support the event by granting them some dollars back for those services. Alderman Hotle commented that it is the right thing to do to be a true regional partner when other cities across the river and to the east of us are supporting this event in this way. Alderman Hotle further discussed this item.

Alderman Austin stated that this race has 60 plus sponsors and they do not list any municipality as their sponsor. Alderman Austin advised that this is a huge business venture paying airfare for towns and prize money; the City will be inundated with comparable requests. Alderman Austin stated that he didn't think this is a place the City needs to go to at this time.

Alderman Foley stated that he agreed with Alderman Hotle in that it is a regional event bringing many people and amenities into the City that weekend. Alderman Foley stated that the City needs to think outside the box. Alderman Foley stated that he will be supporting this item.

Mayor Pauley stated that he agreed with Alderman Austin. Mayor Pauley commented that there are some excellent organizations that have parades and events that the City charges for. Mayor Pauley added that the City will have the same request from every organization that puts on an event throughout the community.

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Alderman Tollenaer stated that he agreed with the Mayor's position. Alderman Tollenaer commented that it is taking tax dollars that the City needs to put in other places; these folks have plenty of revenue coming in.

Alderman Hotle stated that she felt very strongly about this item; this is a unique event and there is no other event that crosses through all of the Quad Cities as a unified region. Alderman Hotle advised that as we continue to move the City forward, regionalism is going to become more and more of an important role in how City services are funded. Alderman Hotle further discussed this item.

Alderman Hotle stated that Davenport and Bettendorf do not charge for police services and the city of Moline gives a \$4,000.00 grant to the race. Alderman Hotle stated that for Rock Island, it will be a \$1,600.00 grant. Alderman Hotle further discussed this item.

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

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the CY2016 Budget, recommending increasing the Wastewater Operation and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$22,182.79.

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

Discussion followed. Alderman Schipp inquired upon Public Works Director Randy Tweet to provide a timeline for the new water treatment facility. Mr. Tweet stated that currently, it is in the design phase; there is a 90% completion meeting later this month, and there will be a 100% completion meeting early this fall with bidding being later this year or early next year for the construction starting next spring. Mr. Tweet added that the construction completion will be at the end of 2018.

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

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a request from Jon Keim, owner of Huckleberry's Pizza to install a precast concrete stoop within the alley right-of-way behind 219 18th Street.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Schipp to approve the request as recommended, subject to providing proof of insurance and a recordable agreement.

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Comments followed. Alderman Hotle thanked Jon Keim and his continued support of Rock Island.

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

Agenda Items #21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer to approve items 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26, Alderman Schipp seconded. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Items #21

Report from the Fire Department regarding a request from IAFF Local 26 to utilize the intersection of 30th Street and 18th Avenue on Friday, September 2nd from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Saturday, September 3rd and Sunday, September 4th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm for their MDA fundraiser "Fill the Boot" campaign.

Agenda Item #22

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Ellen Clow, Group Sales Director for Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse to block off 11 parking spaces on the north side of 3rd Avenue directly across from the theatre and two parking spaces on the west side of 19th Street around the corner north of 3rd Avenue on Saturday, August 13th from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm for members of the Mid Illinois Corvette Club that will be attending a performance on that evening.

Agenda Item #23

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Yosava Robinson at 924 6th Street to close off the alley at 6th Street between 9th Avenue and 11th Avenue, along with sound amplification for a birthday block party to be held on Saturday, August 13, 2016 from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Agenda Item #24

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Monica Tijerina at 1225 9th Avenue to close off the roundabout at 9th Avenue between 12th Street and 14th Street, along with sound amplification for a birthday block party to be held on Saturday, August 13, 2016 from noon to 10:00 pm.

Agenda Items #25

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Anthony Sconyers for a street closing at 9th Street between 5th Avenue and 7th Avenue, along with sound amplification for the third annual Polyrythms Jazz and Heritage Festival to be held on Friday, August 19th and Saturday, August 20th from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm at the Martin Luther King Jr. Park at 601 9th Street.

Agenda Item #26

Report from the City Clerk regarding an activity permit application for the 32nd annual Rock Island Labor Day Parade to be held on Monday, September 5, 2016 from 9:30 am to noon.

Agenda Item #27

Other Business.

Alderman Schipp made reference to the IAFF local 26 Fill the Boot Campaign. Alderman Schipp commented that some municipalities in this region restrict the firefighters from being able to do an event like this. Alderman Schipp stated that it is a shame because it sends the wrong message to the fire departments and police departments in their communities. Alderman Schipp further discussed this item.

Kathy Aasgaard of 1040 22nd Street, Rock Island, IL requested an extension to fix up her house. Ms. Aasgaard stated that there was a sticker on her house that gave her 30 days to do everything. Ms. Aasgaard indicated that she cannot do everything inside until the roof is fixed outside. Ms. Aasgaard stated that she was told that it would take longer than 30 days for the roof. Ms. Aasgaard indicated that it could be October before the roof can be fixed. Ms. Aasgaard told Council that she wants to stay in her house and wants an extension to fix it up.

Council discussed this issue. After discussion, Mayor Pauley stated that staff will get back to Ms. Aasgaard, but the 30 days will undoubtedly be extended.

Dan Osterman of 61 Hawthorne Road, Rock Island, IL stated that in the last couple of months, he has called the street department on three issues, which were signage, dangerous conditions on 20th Street and large holes in an intersection. Mr. Osterman advised that all three issues were taken care of within a couple of weeks. Mr. Osterman thanked the employees who did a fine job on those three issues.

Mr. Osterman discussed bike friendly communities. Mr. Osterman stated that some smaller communities that are bike friendly designated have had double digit growth over the last 10 years. Mr. Osterman urged Council as the City makes their plans to keep that in mind because people do want to live, work, play and learn in communities where they can be active safely. Mr. Osterman also discussed the bike paths in Rock Island. Mr. Osterman commented that the bike paths in Rock Island are in good shape compared to some other communities.

Chuck Oestreich of 816 22nd Street, Rock Island, IL stated that he is the spokesman for a group called Bicycle Rock Island. Mr. Oestreich stated that he would like Council to take urban bicycling seriously. Mr. Oestreich commented that a bicycle is urban transportation; 40% of trips in America are two miles or shorter and most trips are done with cars. Mr. Oestreich added that 25% of trips are one mile or shorter and both can be done with bikes. Mr. Oestreich indicated that walking and biking makes for a healthier community and Rock Island is built for bikes. Mr. Oestreich further discussed urban bicycling.

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Megan Quinn of 514 23rd Street, Rock Island, IL stated that she is really lucky she lives in the Broadway neighborhood and close to the bike path. Ms. Quinn encouraged Council as they work on the major transportation corridors to think about adding marked bikeways and creating a logical corridor for bikers to use in the City.

Agenda Item #28

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #29

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Clark to recess to 5:30 pm, Monday, August 22, 2016. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:37 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk