

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers at Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen Kate Hotle, Joshua Schipp, Ivory D. Clark, Virgil J. Mayberry and Stephen L. Tollenaer. Also present were Acting Interim City Manager John Thorson, Interim Public Works Director Larry Cook, other City staff and City Attorney Dave Morrison. Alderman P.J. Foley and Alderman Charles O. Austin III were absent.

PUBLIC WORKS: STREETLIGHTS

Interim Public Works Director Larry Cook announced that the Public Works Department sent a team to WaterCon (a statewide convention) from the Water Treatment Plant and the Rock Island Public Works team took third place in the knowledge based competition.

Mr. Cook began his presentation on streetlights showing GIS maps of City-owned fixtures (1258 total) and MidAmerican Energy-owned fixtures (1811 total). He explained the City is responsible for the maintenance of all of the City-owned lights and MidAmerican Energy is responsible for the streetlights they own. Alderman Mayberry asked who determines who owns the streetlight. Mr. Cook responded if the City purchased and installed the pole, the City owns the streetlight. He explained that the City pays for the electricity used by every streetlight including the ones owned by MidAmerican Energy. Mr. Cook then showed GIS maps of the locations of all streetlights in each of the seven wards. He said the City owns all of the streetlights in the downtown area; the different colors on the maps represent different types of fixtures. The brightest lights are in the downtown area because of the high pedestrian traffic. Mr. Cook explained the different wattages of streetlights for the different applications; for example, arterial streets and downtown streetlights have higher power wattages. Mr. Cook presented a map showing the different wattage locations throughout the city.

Mr. Cook explained the process and the criteria for resident streetlight requests. The Planning and Redevelopment Division in the Community and Economic Development Department reviews each request. The four criteria required for a new streetlight are: placed no closer than 400' apart and placed at intersections; used to illuminate road for improved vehicular and pedestrian traffic; crime protection or security is not a qualifying factor by itself; and streetlights are not placed in alleys. During the process, there is time for affected property owners to express concerns. If objections are received, the request goes before the City Council for appeal. Once approved, the Planning and Redevelopment Division contacts MidAmerican Energy to see if the proposed location is serviceable. Once that is determined, the City Manager authorizes MidAmerican Energy to install the new streetlight. Of nine requests that were denied over the past five years, they did not meet the criteria and most were in alleys. Mr. Cook explained that residents have the option of getting personal security lighting directly through MidAmerican Energy at minimal cost to the resident (approximately \$7.00 per month).

Mr. Cook reviewed the areas in each ward in need of additional lighting. The GIS maps of streetlights have not been verified, but the maps incorporate data provided by MidAmerican Energy and what is known in the City's system. Mr. Cook said the identified areas need to be verified if they are lacking streetlights.

Mr. Cook discussed the action items to address the city's lighting needs. Specific locations and quantities must be identified. The cost of installation averages \$1100 per fixture. Some areas may have the potential for CED funding to pay the cost. Alderman Hotle suggested petitioning MidAmerican Energy to partner with the City to help make the City safer with more lights. Mr. Cook said school routes are preferential; and vehicular and pedestrian traffic intensities as well as church proximities are considered. They also do residential surveys before installing additional lighting (some residents don't want extra lighting). Mr. Cook then compared ownership options. MidAmerican Energy offers four different styles of streetlight fixtures. Mr. Cook presented a chart with a fixture comparison of MidAmerican Energy and City-owned streetlights. He also provided a cost breakdown by the type of fixture. There are a total of 3,069 streetlights in Rock Island. The cost chart does not include additional service fees and charges. The total annual billing of City-owned and MidAmerican Energy streetlights is almost \$330,000 for flat rate and metered locations.

Mr. Cook said there is a big push to go LED with streetlights so he provided a cost comparison chart. There would be a savings of \$3600 per year less consumption which does not take into account any kWh usage savings. Alderman Hotle asked if LED lights last longer; Mr. Cook replied yes. Mr. Cook said MidAmerican Energy has a rebate program, but no community has been approved for LED conversion in Illinois yet. Rock Island was the first city to put in a request. It could take up to three years to change all of the MidAmerican Energy fixtures to LED over a ten-year plan. Rock Island can change City-owned fixtures to LED. Mr. Cook presented a five-year conversion plan for 322 metered fixtures with the MidAmerican Energy rebate program at a cost of \$80 per LED lamp with potential rebate of \$16,100. The net cost for the 322 fixtures would be \$9,660 less labor. Alderman Hotle said the City would make back that cost in three years. Mr. Cook explained the benefits of LED lights (versus high pressure sodium lights); LED bulbs have a ten-year lifespan (versus 2 years), emit no ultraviolet light, no debilitating glare, better optical acuity, low light intrusion, low maintenance and no bug attraction. He also presented pictures showing examples of major thoroughfares before and after conversion to LED lamps.

Mayor Pauley said it was time to change to LED lighting. Alderman Hotle said it was a lot of information in Mr. Cook's presentation, but it was very thorough and an excellent report. Alderman Hotle asked which streetlights are not working. She said many are not working in the neighborhoods and the areas are very dark then. Mr. Cook explained that if it is a MidAmerican Energy streetlight, it is up to MidAmerican Energy when they fix non-working streetlights. It usually requires additional follow-up with MidAmerican Energy. Alderman Hotle said neighborhood lighting is the problem. Most of the neighborhood streetlights are fixtures owned by MidAmerican Energy. The first priority should be to make the neighborhoods safer especially in high crime areas. Alderman Hotle is in favor of the street lighting plan, especially in the higher crime neighborhoods. Alderman Tollenaer agreed with adding more streetlights in the higher crime neighborhoods.

Mr. Cook said they began meeting with Augustana College after the motor vehicle accident on 7th Avenue to improve the lighting in that area. They are doing a test with an LED light and have improved signage in that area. Alderman Mayberry said MidAmerican Energy needs to get the tree trimming done to improve the lighting in neighborhoods. Alderman Hotle said the lights at

Schwiebert Park should be changed to LED before the summer. Mr. Cook said there is always new technology coming out; newer lights coming out now are plasma LED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Clark at 6:22 p.m. 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 Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:38 p.m. A motion made by Alderman Schipp 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 Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Judith H. Gilbert, City Clerk

Rock Island City Council met in regular session at 6:45 p.m. in Council Chambers of Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen Kate Hotle, Joshua Schipp, Ivory D. Clark, Virgil J. Mayberry, P.J. Foley and Stephen L. Tollenaer. Also present were Acting Interim City Manager John Thorson and City Attorney Dave Morrison. Alderman Charles O. Austin III was absent.

Introductory Proceedings

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

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of March 13, 2017.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Clark to approve the Minutes of the meeting of March 13, 2017 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Dennis E. Pauley.

City Council and Mayoral Candidates Forum – The Rock Island County chapter of the NAACP has forums set up in the month of March for the City of Rock Island Council candidates and for the Rock Island mayoral candidates. Forums will be handled with scripted questions for the candidates that attend. The City strongly encourages residents to attend these two forums. The first forum will be March 23, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for City Council candidates and the second forum will be Thursday, March 30, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for the mayoral candidates. Both forums will be held at the Martin Luther King Jr., Community Center located at 630 9th Street in Rock Island.

Tuesday, April 4 – Election Day – The Consolidated General Election Day for city and school board elected officials is April 4th, 2017. This is right around the corner, so please remember to get out and vote. The polls will be open on Election Day from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., but early voting is available now through April 3. The County Clerk's office will be open for early voting, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information about candidates and voting locations, please contact the Rock Island County Clerk at (309) 558-3571 or visit www.rockislandcounty.org.

United States Navy Concert Band – The United States Navy Concert Band will perform at Centennial Hall on Augustana College campus on Sunday, April 2, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. A wide variety of music will be performed, including marches, patriotic selections, orchestral transcriptions and a modern wind ensemble repertoire. The concert is free, but to avoid overfilling, tickets are required. Those wishing to get tickets may stop by the Augustana Ticket Office located at 3703 7th Ave in Rock Island. Normal operating hours for the office is 10:00

a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, please call (309) 794-7323.

Mayor Pauley congratulated the Augustana College men's basketball team who went to the Division III national playoffs and came in second, losing by only one point. They are a young team and bring fantastic recognition to Rock Island.

Agenda Item #7

Claims

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

a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$10,989.82 to Valley Construction of Rock Island, IL for an emergency storm sewer repair on 25th Avenue just west of 24th Street.

Agenda Item #8

Claims for the week of March 10 through March 16 in the amount of \$428,422.39 and payroll for the weeks of February 27 through March 12 in the amount of \$1,468,506.45.

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

Agenda Item #9

ACH Payments for the month of February in the amount of \$1,026,896.76.

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

Agenda Item #10

Purchase Card Claims for the period from January 28 through February 27 in the amount of \$52,967.56.

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

Agenda Item #11

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the sale of City-owned property at 1923-1925 9th Avenue to the adjacent property owner for \$1,043.00 plus closing costs.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Clark to approve the purchase agreement as recommended; authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents; and consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance.

Alderman Hotle thanked Lindsay Hocker for purchasing the property and putting it back on the tax rolls.

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

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Grant application with the City of Moline.

It was moved by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve submission of the grant application as recommended and authorize the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Alderman Schipp said he was glad to see this item on the agenda since it was discussed during the budget session. The grant is needed in the older communities.

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

Agenda Item #13

Report from the City Clerk regarding an application and Resolution for River Action to hold a Ride the River bicycle ride on Sunday, June 18, 2017 from 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer and seconded by Alderman Hotle to approve the event 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 Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #14

Other Business

Alderman Mayberry announced Rock Island High School student Brea Beal won the Illinois Gatorade Female Player of the Year award. Mayor Pauley said she is up for two or three other awards; she is a fantastic basketball player and is in the top five of sophomore high school

players in the nation. He added that it brings credibility and good publicity for the city of Rock Island.

Alderman Schipp asked Community and Economic Development Director Chandler Poole to come up and address a question Alderman Schipp received via email. The concern was that the budget transfer of HUD money voted on last week was returning money to HUD. Mr. Poole said there are two different funding calendars; one for HUD and one for the City. They had to push 2016 HUD funds into the City's Calendar Year 2017 budget. The funds were not going back to HUD.

Donna Evans of Coal Valley addressed the Council. She presented a proposal for placing a security camera along the riverfront and water's edge. Her son drowned in April, 2015 in the slough between the Arsenal peninsula and Rock Island, east of the boat dock. Because there were no cameras or witnesses, her son's death has been classified as undetermined. She feels a security camera would be of great benefit in solving crimes in that area, deter unwanted activity and make the location more family friendly. She has not been able to secure firm cost estimates; but if the City approves the project, she will begin fundraising to cover the installation, connectivity and the initial maintenance period. She is calling the project SAM, Secure Along the Mississippi, in honor of her son, Sam Davis. Mayor Pauley said the proposal will be given to the City Manager and City Attorney for review; they will contact Ms. Davis with what the City decides to do. Alderman Hotle thanked Ms. Davis and said she admired what Ms. Davis is trying to do. Mayor Pauley said the City must do its due diligence, but would probably bring it back for further discussion at a study session. Alderman Schipp shared a memory of when he met Sam Davis.

Agenda Item #15

Executive Session on Personnel, Property Acquisition and Litigation.

An executive session was held prior to the meeting.

Agenda Item #16

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Schipp to recess to 5:30 p.m., Monday, April 3, 2017. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Hotle, Alderman Schipp, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley and Alderman Tollenaer; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:05 p.m.

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