

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 17, 2017
MINUTES**

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

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 10, 2017.

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the Minutes of the meeting of April 10, 2017 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Dennis E. Pauley.

Community Crime Prevention Partnership Meeting – Please join the City of Rock Island Police Department on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 for their monthly crime prevention meeting. This month’s topic will focus on crisis negotiations. These educational meetings are intended to strengthen the partnerships with the citizens of Rock Island and the Police Department. The meeting is scheduled to start at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Room of the Police Department at 1212 5th Avenue in Rock Island.

Stroll Through Springtime – The annual “Stroll Through Springtime” will take place at Black Hawk State Historic Site in Rock Island on Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. All events are free, and participants can come for any or all of the events. Birds will be the focus of groups going in the field at 7:00 a.m. At 9:00 a.m. people will move into the Lodge for refreshments and a short program about invasive plants. At 10:00 a.m. participants will break into small groups to observe and identify wildflowers. No advance registration is needed. For more information, call (309) 788-9536.

Spring Community Garage Sale – Browse over 6,500 square feet of clothes, toys, dishes, furniture, trinkets and more at the Rock Island Parks & Recreation Spring Community Garage Sale on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at Upper Longview Park. Shop the sale from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., stopping for a bite from the Hy-Vee grill. For more information call (309) 732-7275. Rain date for the sale is Sunday, April 30. For inclement weather call the rain line at 732-RAIN (7246) to check event status.

Community Development Block Grant – The Community and Economic Development Department invites citizens to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center on Wednesday,

April 26, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. to give their input on areas such as: quality housing, employment, affordable child care and other issues. Every year the City makes a plan to spend Community Development Block Grant dollars and they want your input. There is never enough money to do it all, but your thoughts and suggestions will be considered. The meeting is for Rock Island citizens only. Refreshments will be provided. MLK Community Center is located at 630 9th Street and for questions please call (309) 732-2904.

Prescription Drug Drop-off – The Coalition Advocating for Underage Substance Elimination is the local sponsor for the DEA’s National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. On Saturday, April 29, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal at Milan Municipal Center/Police Department at 405 1st Street in Milan or at the Rock Island County Justice Center at 1317 3rd Ave. The drive-up and drop off service is free. For more information contact Pam Ziegler at (309)732-2984 or Carlos Jimenez at (309)732-2995.

Mayor Pauley announced that Dunkin Donuts is coming to Rock Island and will be located next to the new CVS on 18th Avenue. Construction will begin this year and it will take approximately 90 days to complete the building. The total value of the project is \$1 million. Dunkin Donuts should open in the fall.

Agenda Item #7

Proclamation declaring April 28, 2017 as Arbor Day.

Mayor Pauley read the proclamation. Interim Public Works Director Larry Cook accepted the proclamation. He expects that Rock Island will receive the Tree City USA recognition again this year. Mr. Cook said Mayor Pauley will be planting a tree at Denkmann Elementary School on Friday, April 28 at 10:00 a.m.

Agenda Item #8

Proclamation declaring April 29, 2017 as Keep Rock Island Beautiful Day.

Mayor Pauley read the proclamation. Julie Hansen accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Keep Rock Island Beautiful nonprofit organization. She invited all present to join in the downtown clean-up on Saturday, April 29 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Participants should meet at the Keep Rock Island Beautiful office at the Centennial Bridge Visitor’s Center (201 15th Street). Jumer’s Casino will provide a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Ms. Hansen said if anyone is interested in hosting their own clean-up, free supplies are available from the organization.

Agenda Item #9

Proclamation declaring May, 2017 as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

Mayor Pauley read the proclamation. Edna Sowards, on behalf of A.B.A.T.E., accepted the proclamation and said they do education at the high school promoting motorcycle awareness. She stressed how hard it can be to see motorcyclists and asked everyone to watch out for them.

Agenda Item #10

Claims

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

- a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$61,958.80 to Broadspire of Atlanta, GA for Worker's Compensation settlement for Thomas Hergert.

Agenda Item #11

Claims for the week of April 7 through April 13 in the amount of \$1,078,044.35 and payroll for the weeks of March 27 through April 9 in the amount of \$1,455,774.63.

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

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Public Works Department regarding proposals for the installation of a replacement turntable for the drive unit on final clarifier #2 at the Mill Street plant, recommending the contract be awarded to DPS Equipment Services, Inc. of Caledonia, IL in the amount of \$11,635.00.

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

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding amended terms of a lease agreement with James Coyne for farming on City-owned property on Big Island for a total of \$6,400.00 for 2017.

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Clark to approve the terms as recommended, direct CED staff to work with legal counsel to amend the lease agreement subject to minor attorney modifications, and authorize execution of the lease agreement by the City Manager.

Alderman Mayberry asked what the average revenue for leasing farmland is. Interim City Manager Randy Tweet said Mr. Coyne has been farming the property for years. Since the City is leasing the property to him, property taxes are due. The rent was lowered for the lease and Mr. Coyne will now pay the property taxes. Alderman Schipp asked what happens to the planted 80 acres should a developer be interested in the property. Community and Economic Development Director Chandler Poole said the lease runs until harvest time. Alderman Mayberry asked about

the 92 acres versus 80 acres. Mr. Poole said only 80 acres are tillable. City Attorney Dave Morrison said there is a provision in the lease agreement for Mr. Coyne to recoup his investment up to that point if a developer wishes to purchase the property and time is of the essence.

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the City Attorney regarding a Special Ordinance amending a Special Ordinance providing for the sale of real estate at 1923-1925 9th Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a Special Ordinance ceding the City's 2017 private activity volume bonding cap to the Quad Cities Regional Economic Development Authority.

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

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Mayor regarding reappointments to the Police Pension Board and the Fire Pension Board.

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

Bruce Peterson was reappointed to the Police Pension Board for a two year term to expire May, 2019. Stephanie Masson was reappointed to the Fire Pension Board for a two year term to expire April, 2019.

Agenda Item #17

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Kavanaugh's Hilltop Tavern to have live entertainment with sound amplification occasionally on their outdoor deck from May through October, 2017 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 11:30 p.m.

It was moved by Alderman Hotle and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the request as recommended, 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 Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #18
Other Business

Alderman Schipp asked for an update on the 50/50 sidewalk program. Mr. Tweet said before the 50/50 program, they used to serve 10-12 citizens per year; now they are serving 50-55 per year with the 50/50 program. Alderman Schipp asked if there could be a 50/50 program for planting trees in the right-of-way. Mr. Tweet said there is no participation for the tree program. Alderman Schipp would like to see such a program with an allocation per ward or have a goal for so many trees planted in the right-of-way per year. Mr. Tweet said the trees cost \$600 per tree; the budget is \$2000. He said it is a topic for the goal setting sessions.

Alderman Austin said he has served almost thirteen years on the Council; Mayor Schwiebert appointed him in 2004 to a vacancy. Alderman Austin thanked the citizens of the 7th Ward who elected him in 2005, 2009, and 2013. He said he is most proud of the level of constituent service he gave for the entire city, not just the 7th Ward. He wanted the new Council and the citizens to know the City has excellent staff. As he leaves office, he has come to appreciate the economic and lifestyle value of the Parks and Recreation Department of all of the City services. He will keep an eye on the department for the amenities and opportunities they offer residents and that it receives the support it deserves. His advice for the new aldermen is to advocate passionately for your ward, but to vote for what's in the best interest of the City.

Alderman Austin asked Police Chief VenHuizen and Mayor Pauley to come to the podium. Alderman Austin explained how in 2010 Mayor Pauley said there was a need to replace the police station. During Mayor Pauley's tenure, a new state of the art police station was finally built. Alderman Austin announced that the community room in the police station will be known as the Dennis E. Pauley Community Room. Mayor Pauley said it was a great honor and he appreciates it so much. Mayor Pauley said it was a team effort, but he is truly honored by the gesture. He thanked everyone and received a standing ovation. Alderman Austin said there would be a ceremony unveiling the plaque at the police station.

Mayor Pauley announced May 1 would be the last meeting of this Council for old business; then newly elected officials will be sworn into office.

Darwin Gray of Rock Island requested approval from Council for a memorial bench to honor his late brother, De'Mar Bester, who was killed in Rock Island in 2016 by gun violence. They are fundraising for the bench and hope to place it at Glenhurst Court. Mr. Gray said Mr. Tweet and Police Chief VenHuizen have been very supportive of the family; Mr. Gray hopes everyone in the community can work together to change what is happening in the community. He said his brother loved people and had a great heart.

Agenda Item #19

Executive Session: 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Hotle to go into Executive Session for Property Acquisition, Litigation and Personnel. The motion carried the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #20

Recess

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 7:40 p.m. A motion was made by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Clark to recess to 6:45 p.m., Monday, May 1, 2017. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Schipp, Alderman Austin, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, and Alderman Hotle; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 7:41 p.m.

Judith H. Gilbert, City Clerk