

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 8, 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 Mike Thoms presiding, and Aldermen Dave Geenen, Ivory D. Clark, Virgil J. Mayberry, James Spurgetis, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Dylan Parker, and Joshua Schipp. Also present were Interim City Manager Randy Tweet and City Attorney Dave Morrison.

Introductory Proceedings

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

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of May 1, 2017.

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Schipp to approve the Minutes as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Geenen, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Spurgetis, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Parker, and Alderman Schipp; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Mike Thoms.

Douglas Park Hosts High School Baseball – The newly renovated large field at Douglas Park will host its first baseball game tomorrow night, May 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Rock Island High school will play against Alleman High School for the first time at Douglas in many years. The baseball field is just the beginning of a project that is far from completion. The Rock Island Parks Department will be completing a playground installation mid to late June and efforts are underway for a multi-use field, parking lot and concession stand. For more information or to get involved with Friends of Douglas Park, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (309) 732-7275.

Augustana Jazz Combos – Augustana’s jazz combos perform their final concert of the academic year in Larson Hall with the Bergendoff Hall of Fine Arts located at 3701 7th Avenue in Rock Island. The concert is Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. and the concert is free. Contact Connor at (309) 794-7323 for more information.

Community Crime Prevention Partnership Meeting – The City of Rock Island Police Department will be holding their monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Police Department, at 1212 5th Avenue. These educational meetings are intended to strengthen existing partnerships between citizens of Rock Island and the Police to continue to look for ways to improve services and prevent crime. This month’s topic will be on traffic accident reconstruction. For more information please contact (309) 732-2677.

Agenda Item #7

Claims

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

a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 and final in the amount of \$52,761.90 to Summit Electric, LLC of Moline, IL for the 2016 Water Treatment Plant, Electrical Transformer Upgrades, Phase 1.

b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$18,110.84 to Brandt Construction Company of Milan, IL for an emergency storm sewer repair at 2640 27th Street.

Agenda Item #8

Claims for the week of April 28 through May 4 in the amount of \$394,687.95.

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

Agenda Item #9

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the Water Treatment Filter Facility Project recommending the Notice of Intent to Award to Civil Constructors, Inc. of East Moline, IL in the amount of \$19,048,871.00.

It was moved by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Clark to approve the Notice of Intent to Award as recommended.

Alderman Schipp commented this is a big step in the replacement of the current Water Treatment Facility which was built in 1908. The new facility will have state of the art technology for treating the water. Mayor Thoms said it was important to talk about the project so the public understands the reasons for the cost of water services. Interim City Manager Randy Tweet said the City already has the best water quality. Alderman Geenen asked if it was an underbid. Mr. Tweet responded the bid was actually several million dollars below what was expected; all of the bids were competitive.

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

Agenda Item #10

Report from the Fire Department regarding bids for the replacement of the roof at Fire Station #4, recommending the bid be awarded to Sterling Commercial Roofing of Sterling, IL in the amount of \$38,500.00 with an additional amount of \$3,850.00 set aside for contingencies.

It was moved by Alderman Spurgetis and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to award the bid and set aside additional funds 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 Geenen, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Spurgetis, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Parker, and Alderman Schipp; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #11

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2017 Catch Basin and Manhole Program, recommending the bid be awarded to Langman Construction, Inc. of Rock Island, IL in the amount of \$154,245.00.

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Parker 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 Geenen, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Spurgetis, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Parker, and Alderman Schipp; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #12

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 9th Street Resurfacing: 31st Avenue to 45th Avenue Project, recommending the bid be awarded to Langman Construction, Inc. of Rock Island, IL in the amount of \$999,636.07.

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

Alderman Mayberry said it was a great project and really needed in the 2nd Ward; he applauded City staff for their work on the project.

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

Agenda Item #13

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2017 Asphalt Street Milling and Patching Program, recommending the bid be awarded to Tri-City Blacktop, Inc. of Bettendorf, IA in the amount of \$64,076.70.

It was moved by Alderman Spurgetis and seconded by Alderman Mayberry 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 Geenen, Alderman

Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Spurgetis, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Parker, and Alderman Schipp; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2017 Sod Replacement and 50/50 Tree Program, recommending the bid be awarded to Greenspace Associates, Inc. of Bettendorf, IA in the amount of \$176,855.00.

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

Alderman Geenen asked about the ordinances for the boulevards in the tree programs. Mr. Tweet said there are twelve types of trees to choose from in the program. Alderman Geenen asked about the length of the boulevard; he has constituents whose requests have been denied because there wasn't enough space. Mr. Tweet said there must be enough room for the tree to grow. He will get the measurement details for Alderman Geenen.

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

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a proposed contract amendment to the agreement with CDM Smith of Chicago, IL for additional construction engineering and inspection services related to the construction of the replacement of the Water Treatment Filter Facility in the amount of \$1,849,894.00.

It was moved by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Spurgetis to approve the contract amendment 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 Geenen, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Spurgetis, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Parker, and Alderman Schipp; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the use of a project labor "IMPACT" agreement for the new Filter Facility for the Water Treatment Plant.

It was moved by Alderman Spurgetis and seconded by Alderman Schipp to approve the agreement as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents.

Discussion followed. Alderman Geenen asked Jerry Lack for a brief history of the project labor agreements and their importance. Mr. Lack said ILLOWA Construction Labor Management Council is an association of building contractors and building trade members formed in 1989. He explained the agreements are local workforce agreements, using local workers and contractors on projects. Mr. Lack said these agreements create local job opportunities and a local workforce keeps the dollars in the community. In Rock Island, many of the City's projects were built with

these agreements: the new police station, the waste water treatment plant, the Martin Luther King Center, the Public Works garage, and the RIFAC building, to name a few. Mr. Lack said the private sector also uses the agreements. He expects there will be 100 workers on the water treatment filter facility project. Mr. Lack is the new director of the Tri-City Building Trades Council with 24 trades represented. Alderman Geenen asked if there was money allocated in the agreement for the funding of the apprenticeships. Mr. Lack explained that money for the apprenticeships comes from a share of the workers' hourly wages. Mr. Lack said there are great career opportunities in construction. He thanked the City staff and Council for their work on this project.

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

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Rock Island Coffee, LLC c/o Lee Fry Companies, Inc. for a site plan review for a proposed Dunkin' Donuts business in a B-3 (community business) district at 2711 18th Avenue.

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Spurgetis to approve the request with the changes by Lee Fry Companies agreed upon during the public hearing as recommended.

Discussion followed. Alderman Parker said that while he appreciates the work of the developer and the CED staff, he is concerned about the core design (automobile-oriented) of the project. The business can't be accessed through walking. He stated the design of the buildings that are already there on 18th Avenue should serve as a guide to future development. Alderman Parker doesn't believe the project is a fit for 18th Avenue. The goal should be a walkable community.

Alderman Schipp asked Community and Economic Development Director Chandler Poole if everything has been done to leverage the project to achieve what Alderman Parker wants. Mr. Poole replied that if there was an overlay district, more could be required; however, you cannot enforce beyond what's in the City code. Mr. Poole said the applicant has worked with the City; the large tree in front was saved; there is screening in the back; outdoor seating was added; and there are sidewalks on two sides.

Alderman Geenen asked if there was an enforcement mechanism that sidewalks be shoveled in the winter. Interim City Manager Randy Tweet said there is no ordinance for shoveling snow in the city. Alderman Clark said that requirement cannot be put just on one business.

Discussion continued regarding community development and accessibility and walkability for future business development. Mayor Thoms said the developer went above and beyond the code of ordinances. Alderman Mayberry asked if the City contacted neighbors for their input.

Resident Ellen Martin of 1626 27th Street addressed Council and wanted it confirmed that there will be a second speed bump (there will) and asked for better screening to block the view on their side with fencing or trees to provide more privacy.

Resident Andrea Gaeta of 2630 16th Avenue asked why there wasn't a traffic study done as required by the Comprehensive Plan. She was also concerned that people would use the private drive as a street and exit onto 17th Avenue instead of 18th Avenue. Mr. Poole replied a traffic study was not required for the project because it was not a change of use; the site is properly zoned for the business. Ms. Gaeta asked if the business' lighting would be shut off at night and if the drainage pipe on the CVS property would be sufficient to hold all of the run-off.

Anthony Di Mauro of Lee Fry Companies spoke about the traffic patterns of Dunkin' Donuts customers. He said the business is operational from 5 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; by 10:30 p.m., the lighting should be turned off. Mr. Poole said the water retention area at the CVS site was sized for the second parcel and the Dunkin' Donuts building is smaller than what the engineers calculated.

Carl Ferrer of 1637 12th Street said the future of cities is walkability for both young and older residents.

Alderman Spurgetis thanked the developer for coming to Rock Island. He asked if there was one driveway for parking and one for the drive-thru. Mr. Di Mauro responded that it is a 30 foot wide entrance. He said that to facilitate walkability, they could leave one parking stall empty and stripe it leaving a walkway to the patio area. They are over the number of parking stalls required by the City. Alderman Parker expressed his appreciation for the work the developer had done on the project. Mr. Di Mauro said they try to work with the community and thanked the City staff and Council.

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

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Mayor regarding designation of the Mayor Pro Tem.

Alderman Clark nominated Alderman Joshua Schipp as Mayor Pro Tem; Alderman Mayberry seconded. Alderman Schipp accepted the nomination. He said if chosen, he takes it as a significant sign of respect and trust. He would take the role very seriously. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Geenen, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Spurgetis, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Parker, and Alderman Schipp; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Mayor regarding a reappointment to the Illinois Quad City Civic Center Authority.

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Spurgetis to approve the reappointment as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Geenen, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Spurgetis, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Parker, and Alderman Schipp; those voting No, none. Jennifer Walker was reappointed to a 3 year term to expire in May, 2020.

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Mayor regarding an appointment to the Liquor Control Commission and a reappointment and an appointment to the Rock Island County Joint Animal Control Board.

It was moved by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Clark to approve the appointments and reappointment as recommended.

Alderman Geenen asked how often the Liquor Control Commission meets. Alderman Tollenaer said it meets as needed; the alderman may have input on a business in their ward. Alderman Clark applauded Mayor Thoms for appointing the former Mayor to the Liquor Control Commission.

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

Liquor Control Commission: Dennis Pauley was appointed to a 3 year term to expire April, 2020. He will serve as Deputy Liquor Commissioner in the Mayor's absence.

Rock Island Joint Animal Control Board: Jeff VenHuizen was reappointed to a 3 year term to expire March, 2020. Linda Mohr was appointed to fill the current vacancy with a term to expire March, 2019.

Agenda Item #21

Report from the City Clerk regarding requests from the College Hill District Organization to hold their 5th Annual Retro Rally event on Saturday, June 3, 2017 from noon to 5:00 p.m.; including a street closure at 30th Street between 12th Avenue and 14th Avenue from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; hanging of decorations and banners from signs and street posts; authorization of staff to provide signs and barricades and place trash receptacles at the locations stated on the map; and utilization of College Hill District funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00.

It was moved by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Parker to approve the event and requests as recommended, subject to the College Hill District Organization contacting the Police Department for traffic control and removing the decorations and banners by June 5, 2017.

Alderman Parker said it is always a wonderful event.

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

Agenda Item #22

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Kavanaugh's Hilltop Tavern to have outdoor entertainment with sound amplification and outdoor sale of alcohol in the fenced-in parking lot from noon to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at 1228 30th Street in conjunction with the 5th Annual Retro Rally event.

It was moved by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Spurgetis to approve the request as recommended, subject 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 Geenen, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Spurgetis, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Parker, and Alderman Schipp; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #23

Other Business

Alderman Geenen said that United Way has released their grants list; the Martin Luther King Center was one of the grant recipients. He asked the Fire Chief to speak about the Saturday event. Chief Yerkey said on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until noon, there will be a car seat education and installation event at Fire Station #3 (1601 30th Street). Alderman Tollenaer said it was quite comprehensive and the Fire Department also checks car seats for recalls. Chief Yerkey said the event is held on the second Saturday of every month from April to November. He said the majority of car seats are installed improperly.

Alderman Mayberry asked Chief VenHuizen to address comments made about Alderman Mayberry by a neighbor and that resulted in officers responding. City Attorney Dave Morrison advised Chief VenHuizen not to answer.

Peter Ruklic of 2128 32nd Street distributed a publication about walkable neighborhoods that he considers to be the best resource; he received the publication from David Levin.

Agenda Item #24

Executive Session: 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(12) The establishment of reserves or settlement of claims as provided in the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act

5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) Litigation

A motion was made by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Clark to go into Executive Session. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being;

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Agenda Item #25

Adjourn

Mayor Thoms reconvened the meeting at 8:02 p.m. A motion was made by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Clark to adjourn the meeting to 6:45 p.m., Monday, May 15, 2017. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Geenen, Alderman Clark, Alderman Mayberry, Alderman Spurgetis, Alderman Parker, and Alderman Schipp; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Judith H. Gilbert, City Clerk