

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 6:00 p.m. in the Human Resources Conference Room of Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Mike Thoms presiding, and Aldermen Dave Geenen, Virgil J. Mayberry, James Spurgetis, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Dylan Parker, and Dave Geenen. Also present were Interim City Manager Randy Tweet, Interim Public Works Director Larry Cook, other City staff, and City Attorney Dave Morrison. Alderman Joshua Schipp arrived at 6:14 p.m. Alderman Ivory D. Clark was absent.

PUBLIC WORKS: LONG TERM CONTROL PLAN HISTORY AND UPDATE

Interim Public Works Director Larry Cook began his presentation with a history of the sewer utility. In 1850, the first sewers were built draining directly into the Mississippi River. In 1940, the Mill Street Sewage Treatment Plant was completed for primary treatment only. In 1961, eighteen (18) sludge drying beds were constructed at the Mill Street Sewage Treatment Plant. Between 1970 and 1977, multiple sewer separation projects were completed with federal grants. In 1971, the Mill Street Sewage Treatment Plant was expanded to provide secondary treatment. In 1977, the Southwest Sewage Treatment Plant was constructed at IL 92 and Andalusia Road. In 1983, the Mill Street drying beds were renovated at a cost of \$105,000. In 1986, the Illinois Pollution Control Board authorized the continued existence of the combined sewer overflows into the Sylvan Slough and the Mississippi River. In 1987 and 1988, eighteen (18) additional sludge drying beds were constructed at the Mill Street Sewage Treatment Plant at a cost of \$640,000. In 1992, the Store/Treat Basins were constructed at a cost of \$2,000,000. In February 1998, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) issued an Administrative Order to the City alleging Clean Water Act violations during wet weather events. Between 1999 and 2001, the capacity of the Mill Street Sewage Treatment Plant was expanded to 16+ million gallons per day (MGD) at a cost of \$4,200,000. In September 1999, the USEPA filed a lawsuit against the City alleging Clean Water Act violations during wet weather. In 2000, the Store/Treat Basins were converted to excess flow basins at a cost of \$320,000. In 2001, a new pumping station at the Black Hawk Historic Site and the force main along Blackhawk Road were constructed at a cost of \$2,500,000. In April of 2003, the USEPA litigation was resolved with an out-of-court agreement (consent decree). From May 2003 through June 2006, the City developed a Combined Sewer Long Term Control Plan.

Mr. Cook stated that most of Rock Island between the rivers is served by combined sewers. The combined sewers are designed to carry stormwater and sewage in the same pipeline. The mixture is called combined sewage. During dry weather, all combined sewage flows to the Mill Street Sewage Treatment Plant for full treatment. During wet weather, a portion of the combined sewage (combined sewer overflow) discharges into the environment without full treatment. Mr. Cook said combined sewer systems can no longer be constructed, but they still serve almost 800 communities primarily in the Midwest and northeastern states.

Mr. Cook said the Rock Island combined sewer system did not comply with current USEPA regulations for combined sewer overflow treatment. He stated that Rock Island was required to upgrade its combined sewer collection system and the Mill Street Sewage Treatment Plant according to a plan called the Long Term Control Plan. All improvements proposed in the Long Term Control Plan must be in service by March 31, 2018.

Mr. Cook reviewed the Long Term Control Plan goals. The first goal is to eliminate the street flooding at the old “Farmall” viaduct along 5th Avenue and 40th Street. The second goal is to eliminate combined sewer overflows in the Sylvan Slough. Mr. Cook said the current average number of overflow events equals 13 per year from four overflow points near the Arsenal Bridge. The third goal is to eliminate the combined sewer overflows into Black Hawk Creek south of the Rock Island Fitness and Activity Center. Mr. Cook said the current average number of overflows is less than one per year from a single overflow point. He said that north of the bridge at 24th Street and Blackhawk Road, there is a manhole which will overflow when the intensity and duration of storms are such that the pumping station can’t keep up with the overflow. The fourth goal is to reduce “untreated” combined sewer overflow events from the Mill Street Sewage Treatment Plant into the Mississippi River to an average of four per year and no more than six in any year. Mr. Cook said the current average number of overflow events at the start of the Long Term Control Plan was seventeen (17) per year. The fifth and final goal is to provide disinfection and “primary treatment” for all other combined sewer overflow events from the Mill Street Sewage Treatment Plant.

Mr. Cook explained there are six major components of the Long Term Control Plan Construction Program. They are: to install another large diameter (60”) interceptor sewer on 1st Avenue between 17th and 24th Street; to construct an underground sewage storage tank of 1,100,000 gallons near the “Farmall” viaduct; to construct a relief sewer in 6th Avenue between 24th Street and the Mill Street Sewage Treatment Plant; to expand the Mill Street Sewage Treatment Plant increasing the wet weather treatment capacity from 16 million to approximately 265 million gallons per day; to separate the sewers into a small area of 70 acres bounded by 24th Street, 30th Street, 5th Avenue, and 9th Avenue; and to relocate the Black Hawk Creek combined sewer overflow to the Rock River west of 49th Avenue.

Mr. Cook said the first project was the Northside Interceptor Expansion, installing a 60” relief sewer on 1st Avenue between 17th Street and 24th Street which was completed in August 2009. The second project completed in June 2011 was the Saukie/Franciscan Store/Treat Basin which increased diversion and added disinfection to minimize the combined sewer overflow impact at Black Hawk State Park. The City had to make room for the Wet Weather Treatment facility so the third project was the relocation of the Municipal Services Division Street Garage directly north of the intersection of 6th Avenue and Mill Street. That project was completed in November 2011. Mr. Cook said the garage is a \$4,500,000 LEEDS certified facility utilizing geothermal HVAC, natural lighting, native plantings, and rain gardens. The fourth project completed last summer (June 2016) was the Farmall Storage Tank, a 1.1 million gallon subsurface surge tank located at the corner of 40th Street and 5th Avenue. The entire tank is below ground and located north of where the old “Farmall” viaduct was. Mr. Cook explained that during heavy duration events and when the system is at over capacity, the tank holds the overflow capacity until the Sewage Treatment Plant is depleted enough and ready to treat the overflow. The fifth project was the 6th Avenue Relief Sewer which was completed in June 2016 and consists of a 60” relief sewer installed to transmit flow to the 6th Street interceptor and close outfalls 003,004, and 005. The sewer runs from 24th Street west to 6th Street. The sixth project completed in July of 2016 was the Wet Weather Treatment System. Mr. Cook explained it is a state of the art Wet Weather Treatment System capable of treating 265 million gallons per day complete with screening, sedimentation, disinfection, and Biogas generation. Mr. Cook said the first day it went online

(June 30, 2014), it treated a maximum flow of 300 million gallons per day and removed 60 tons of gravel from the sewer system. Mr. Cook said during the first six to nine months, the system removed 150 tons of gravel that was disposed of in the landfill.

Mr. Cook reviewed the two remaining projects to be completed. The Outfall 006 Separation is scheduled to be completed by December of this year. Mr. Cook explained that this project will entail the separation of storm and sewer systems to allow for the closing of outfall 006. The traffic impact will be the complete closing of 7th Avenue during the project and reduced lanes on 5th Avenue. This new storm sewer system will capture the above ground flows rather than send it into the combined system. The final project to be completed by March 2018 is the Black Hawk Lift Station Outfall 007 Relocation. Mr. Cook explained the Black Hawk Lift Station will be rebuilt; outfall 007 will be relocated and will incorporate screening and disinfection. The current outfall location in the Black Hawk State Park will be closed. The last two projects are on the Council agenda tonight for approval.

Mr. Cook then presented a chart showing all of the Long Term Control Plan Construction Program projects with the engineering and construction costs. The total cost is \$90,553,504 of which construction costs are \$77,462,596. The planning or engineering costs of the Long Term Control Plan were over \$2,000,000.

Alderman Spurgetis asked if the lift station at Black Hawk Park will be eliminated. Mr. Cook replied no; the lift station will be rebuilt with higher capacity pumps. There will be a larger discharge pipe leaving the lift station; a surge tank and back-up generator will be built-in; and the outfall will be farther away. Mayor Thoms asked if bonds were sold to pay for the cost of the projects. Interim City Manager Randy Tweet said most of the projects were paid for through low interest loans from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) over 20 years. Last year's interest was \$1,500,000 and was under 2%. The loans are being paid for by the sewer fund. Mr. Tweet explained there were substantial sewer rate increases (10%-15%) for several years to cover the costs. He also said the street garage project was not covered by the low interest IEPA loans. The USEPA made an example of Rock Island and now other cities have to upgrade their sewage facilities. Mayor Thoms said communication is important; citizens need to understand the reasons behind the rate increases. Mr. Cook said there's not anything to physically see; most of the projects are underground. Alderman Tollenaer said boaters don't see the garbage in the river anymore. Mr. Tweet said the Wet Weather Treatment System was paid for with multiple loans. Mayor Thoms wanted to know when the loans would be paid off and if the rates could go down then. Mr. Tweet said that when the loans are paid off, there would be a period of no increases because costs such as labor, materials and equipment continue to go up. Mr. Cook said that other maintenance has been deferred as well; there was no option; the City had to do the Long Term Control Plan. He explained that is why the City is now doing the Water Filter facility; so the City won't be told how to do it. The City is doing it before it is out of compliance. Mr. Tweet said the Black Hawk lift station is moving all of the sewage from half of the city; that's why the rehab of the lift station and putting in new and larger pumps is so important.

Mr. Cook said in response to a question by Mayor Thoms that after the two remaining projects, there would only be minor projects to complete. Discussion followed regarding the feasibility of the separation of the two systems. Eventually the City will need to treat the storm water.

Alderman Parker asked if residents will receive a mailing with notification about the Outfall 006 Separation project that may affect them. Once the project is approved, Mr. Cook said the residents will be notified. Mr. Tweet said all of those streets affected need to be repaired anyways. Mr. Tweet said the Public Works Department is doing infiltration studies to find sites where homeowners have storm water going into the sanitary sewer.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the Study Session adjourned at 6:26 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 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 15, 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

Minutes of the Executive Session of May 15, 2017.

It was moved by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Clark to approve the Executive Session Minutes. 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 #7

Update Rock Island by Mayor Mike Thoms.

Whitewater Junction Opening – Whitewater Junction Family Aquatic Center’s season opening is Saturday, May 27, 2017. Whitewater Junction is a zero-depth to 9 foot deep pool featuring slides and fun for the whole family. Call (309) 732-SWIM for more information.

Holiday Observance Schedule – In observance of Memorial Day, City Hall will be closed Monday, May 29, 2017. The refuse and yard waste schedule will be one day late all week. Recycling will be on the normal collection schedule. The City of Rock Island wishes everyone a very happy and safe Memorial Day weekend!

College Hill District Retro Rally & Street Fair – Take a drive up the hill and into the past for the College Hill District Retro Rally & Street Fair, Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the corner of 14th Avenue & 30th Street. Enjoy vintage cars, a pin-up contest, arts & crafts vendors and food and drinks! Get more information at rettorally@gmail.com.

Lissie's Concert Celebration for ALS – Laura's Legacy is returning for its 6th annual event to Schwiebert Riverfront Park in downtown Rock Island on June 3, 2017. The event, hosted by the Rock Island's Parks & Recreation Department in partnership with Lissie, has raised \$58,000.00 over the last 5 years with this event. Attendees of all ages can enjoy live music, food and family fun right on the Mississippi River. Come out and support a great cause. Gates open at 3:00 p.m. and tickets are \$10.00 – cash only. For more information please call (309) 732-7275.

Agenda Item #8

A Special Ordinance establishing a handicapped parking space on 6th Street between 13th and 14th Avenue, adjacent to and lined up with the side steps of the residence at 523 14th Avenue.

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

A Special Ordinance establishing a two-way stop intersection at 40th Street and 26th Avenue.

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

A Special Ordinance regulating parking on private property at 4703 44th Street, 4705 44th Street, 4709 44th Street, and 4711 44th Street.

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

Agenda Item #11

Claims

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #20 in the amount of \$257,665.18 to Brandt Construction of Rock Island/Milan, IL for the 6th Avenue Relief Sewer Project.

It was moved by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Mayberry to accept the report and authorize the payment 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.

Agenda Item #12

Claims for the week of May 12 through May 18 in the amount of \$571,117.21.

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 #13

ACH Payments for the month of April in the amount of \$764,886.51.

It was moved by Alderman Spurgetis and seconded by Alderman Mayberry to approve the ACH payments. 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 LTCP-Combined Sewer Overflow 007 Relocation Project recommending the Notice of Intent to Award to General Constructors, Inc. of Bettendorf, IA in the amount of \$5,392,890.00.

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

Alderman Schipp told the home audience that this project was discussed in the Study Session tonight. Residents may contact their alderman, the Mayor, or the City Manager if they would like a copy of the report regarding the Long Term Control Plan. Alderman Mayberry said he wished a Rock Island firm had won the bid. Alderman Schipp confirmed with Interim Public Works Director Larry Cook that General Constructors was the only bidder 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 #15

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the LTCP-Combined Sewer Overflow 006 Basin Separation Project recommending the Notice of Intent to Award to Langman Construction, Inc. of Rock Island, IL in the amount of \$2,731,397.17.

It was moved by Alderman Spurgetis and seconded by Alderman Parker to approve the Notice of Intent to Award 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.

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2017 Storm Sewer Outfall Program recommending the bid be awarded to Legacy Corporation of East Moline, IL in the amount of \$185,625.00.

It was moved by Alderman Schipp 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 #17

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the Lincoln Court Reconstruction between 17th and 20th Street Project recommending the bid be awarded to Miller Trucking & Excavating of Silvis, IL in the amount of \$646,721.75.

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

Discussion followed. Alderman Clark said one of the reasons he supports Mr. Tweet is because this was a project that had to be done for a long time. After Mr. Tweet rode on the street and saw the condition, he took ownership of the project. Alderman Schipp said aldermen had been contacted regarding this project; and also said Mr. Tweet has committed to working with the residents and aldermen regarding their valid concerns.

Jason Koontz of 1408 20th Street said he first heard of the project when the agenda was posted. He had emailed Aldermen Clark and Parker who oversee the Broadway Historic District. He appreciates the feedback from everyone, especially Mr. Tweet. Mr. Koontz was concerned because the cost was so high. He just wanted the residents of Lincoln Court to have a voice. Todd Linscott of 1408 20th Street expressed his concerns about the efficiency of the process. For community buy-in, it would be more helpful to let residents know sooner what the City is planning.

Alderman Spurgetis asked if the project includes the Court and two alleys to 13th Avenue. Mr. Tweet responded it also includes an alley and a half running to the south. Alderman Parker said the project encompasses several issues including neighborhood participation and notification; the Broadway Historic District and Preservation Commission; and involving these groups and bringing ideas to them sooner; and the brick street plan; getting rid of the asphalt and getting back to the brick streets. Alderman Tollenaer said typically with street repair, it is on a five year capital improvement plan; it's a five year process. Mr. Tweet said this project was a three year process.

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 Parks and Recreation Department regarding an operational agreement between the Friends of Hauberg Civic Center and the Parks and Recreation Department for the operation of the Hauberg Civic Center.

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 contract documents.

Discussion followed. Alderman Spurgetis would like to change the wording on page 4, line 10. The current wording is “The Foundation agrees to discuss removal of any merchandise or cease any service objected to by the City until mutually agreeable results can be found.” He would like to propose removing the word “discuss.” City Attorney Dave Morrison said these agreements are subject to minor modification and he would be happy to suggest this modification and it doesn’t change the intent. Alderman Spurgetis says his motion stands with that modification.

Alderman Geenen asked if it was a ten year agreement. Parks and Recreation Director John Gripp said that was correct, with a ten year extension option. Alderman Geenen asked if the revenue from the special events is held onto by the Foundation. Mr. Gripp said yes; those funds will be used for the operation of the facility and for projects. Alderman Geenen asked about any revenue from the lease of the apartment in the carriage house and who will pay the utilities for the apartment. Mr. Gripp said the lease revenue would go to the Foundation; the City is paying the utilities; but he thinks in the case of rental of the apartment, the tenant should pay the utilities. Alderman Parker said he is a proud member of the Friends of Hauberg Civic Center; the organization is working hard to meet the demands and he encouraged everyone to get involved and help revitalize the civic center.

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 City Clerk regarding a request from Cabanas for outdoor entertainment in their semi-enclosed pavilion from 5:00 p.m. to midnight, Monday through Sunday, beginning May 23, 2017 through April 30, 2018 at 2118 and 2120 4th Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #20

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Phyllis Angel-Maynard to close off the alley between 610 12th Avenue and 1215 6th Street on Saturday, May 27, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to midnight for a family reunion.

It was moved by Alderman Clark and seconded by Alderman Parker to approve the request 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.

Agenda Item #21

Other Business

Alderman Tollenaer asked the City Attorney about Item #11 and if he was aware that staff had chosen to hold back funds for the lien. Attorney Morrison said yes; there is pending litigation on that lien. Alderman Tollenaer asked about the \$380,000 in fees for liquidated damages. Mr. Morrison said the statute is clear regarding the lien from the blaster; that once the City is given notice, it must hold back the funds. On the second issue, Mr. Morrison said it is prudent to hold back the maximum amount of liquidated damages that are allowed in the contract language.

Peter Ruklic of 2128 32nd Street encouraged Council to change the code and intentionally plan walkable neighborhoods. He also said these types of projects are cheaper to do and would attract more young people to Rock Island.

Agenda Item #22

Executive Session: 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body

Mayor Thoms said there were two topics to discuss under the exception cited.

A motion was made by Alderman Schipp and seconded by Alderman Clark to go into Executive Session for the exception cited. 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

Adjourn

Mayor Thoms reconvened the meeting at 8:25 p.m. A motion was made by Alderman Spurgetis and seconded by Alderman Parker to adjourn the meeting to 6:45 p.m., Monday, June 5, 2017. 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. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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