

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 Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy, P. J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. City Manager John Phillips was also present.

Introductory Proceedings

Mayor Pauley called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Alderman Jones gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the Meeting of February 7, 2011.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of February 7, 2011 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley stated that President's Day will be observed on Monday, February 21st. All City facilities will be open and the refuse and recycling will be on the normal collection schedule.

Mayor Pauley indicated that as part of Black History month, the Main Library will host a presentation by Dr. Barclay Key from the Western Illinois University Department of History on Monday, February 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room. It was noted that Dr. Key will speak about the Selma to Montgomery March and its role in the passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. Mayor Pauley noted that the first of three Selma marches took place on March 7, 1965, a date later known as "Bloody Sunday" after the 600 civil rights marchers were attacked by state and local police with clubs and tear gas. Mayor Pauley stated that the three marches forever changed the American political landscape, creating a wave of social change that resulted in the 1965 Voting Rights Act. It was noted that this program is free and open to the public.

Mayor Pauley stated that Earl Hanson Elementary is the youngest school in the Rock Island-Milan School District and it will celebrate its 40th birthday on Friday, February 25th. It was noted that the school is looking for old photos and memorabilia, and alumni are asked to please contact the school at 793-5930 if they have anything to contribute. The Mayor added that all items will be returned.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Main Library is hosting free afternoon movies on Fridays when Rock Island schools are on early dismissal. The Mayor added that on Friday, February 18th at 1:30 p.m., the library will be showing *Eight Below* in the Community Room. It was noted that the movie is rated PG.

Agenda Item #7

Proclamation declaring Friday, February 18, 2011 as In Town, Buckle Down... In Loving Memory of Tyler Ledezma Day.

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation declaring Friday, February 18, 2011 as In Town, Buckle Down... In Loving Memory of Tyler Ledezma Day.

Mr. Taner Ledezma brother of Tyler Ledezma and Ms. Carly Slack, President of Sigma Alpha Delta, Alleman High School's Chapter of SADD accepted the Proclamation.

Ms. Slack stated that with the IDOT grant, they have been working hard to promote the awareness of wearing seatbelts while driving. Ms. Slack thanked the Mayor, Council and City for the Proclamation.

Agenda Item #8

Public Hearing on a request from Sylvia Runkle for a Special Use Permit to operate a hypnosis business out of her residence at 2107 17th Street.

Mayor Pauley closed the regular meeting at 6:52 p.m. and opened a Public Hearing on a request from Sylvia Runkle for a Special Use Permit to operate a hypnosis business out of her residence at 2107 17th Street.

Ms. Runkle of 2107 17th Street stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Ms. Runkle.

Ms. Runkle stated that she is moving her business from Bettendorf to her home in Rock Island at 2107 17th Street. Ms. Runkle indicated that she will utilize the enclosed front porch and part of another room to operate a part-time hypnosis business.

Mayor Pauley stated that Ms. Runkle has requested three (3) days a week, but also has requested that she have the ability to switch days as needed.

Ms. Runkle responded that she would like to have that flexibility due to some of her clients only being able to come on certain days of the week.

Mayor Pauley inquired about signage.

Ms. Runkle stated that she requested signs in the window and a sign in the front yard. Ms. Runkle indicated that since the in-ground sign was not ready and the ground was still frozen, she hoped to put signage in the windows until the in-ground sign is ready for the front yard.

Alderwoman Murphy inquired about parking.

Ms. Runkle stated that there are five (5) parking spaces behind the residence and plenty of parking in front of the house.

Alderman Austin inquired as to whether Ms. Runkle hoped to have the opportunity to keep the window signs until the in-ground sign was placed. Ms. Runkle stated yes.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether there was anyone who wished to speak in favor of the Special Use Permit application.

Ms. Lori Phelps of 2107 17th Street stepped forward. Mayor Pauley swore in Ms. Phelps.

Ms. Phelps stated that she had no objection to this business; it will be an appropriate business for a next door neighbor.

Mayor Pauley then inquired as to whether there was anyone who wished to speak in opposition to the Special Use Permit application. No one stepped forward.

With no other person present to speak in favor of or in opposition to the Special Use Permit application, Mayor Pauley closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 6:58 p.m.

It was moved by Alderman Foley, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the Special Use Permit as recommended, subject to the stipulations that one (1) resident employee be allowed; a minimum of three (3) off street parking spaces be provided; hours of operation shall be by appointment only from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Wednesday primarily, but allowances on a case-by-case basis be allowed to have clients come on an occasional Thursday and/or Friday; that a 3' x 5' unlighted freestanding sign be allowed in the west front yard; that the use shall meet all other applicable codes and ordinances; and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

Discussion followed. Alderman Austin inquired as to whether anything needed to be stated about the opportunity to keep the window signs in place.

City Manager Phillips stated that there seems to be a consensus to allow the window signs.

After discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #9

A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 15: Taxation, Sec.15-108 of the Code of Ordinances.

Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Brooks seconded to pass the ordinance.

Discussion followed.

Alderman Conroy stated that when this budget procedure was first worked on, there were three (3) options, which included; increasing this tax; increasing garbage fees; and laying people off.

Alderman Conroy noted that he voted against this item the first two (2) times. Alderman Conroy stated that he knows something needs to be done and for that reason he would support this item.

After discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer and Alderman Austin; those voting No, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Murphy.

Agenda Item #10

A Special Ordinance prohibiting the drilling of potable water wells within the area of the City bounded by 12th Street, the Rock River, 37th Avenue extended to the Rock River and 48th Avenue extended to the Rock River.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Austin to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #11

A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 4, Sec. 4-183 of the Code of Ordinances regarding rental residential property license and inspection fees.

Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Brooks seconded to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance.

Discussion followed with Alderman Conroy stating that most of this is due to the absentee landlords.

Alderman Conroy and City Attorney Kutsunis discussed state statutes regarding residents and rebates.

Alderman Conroy stated that he had concerns in regards to the absentee landlords. Alderman Conroy advised that he would like to make a motion to defer this item for one week to take a look as to how this affects the amount that is trying to be raised in regards to the budget. Alderman Conroy indicated that he would like information from staff in regards to how many residents are on the tax roles for apartments that are absentee landlords and how many live within the City limits.

Chief Building Official Tom Ayers stated that the information could be compiled.

Alderman Foley inquired upon Chief Building Official Tom Ayers to explain what the classes and rebates entail.

Mr. Ayers advised that there is a guide that is used for the outside and inside of properties. It was noted that part of the goal of the class would be to show them how to use that guide to inspect their properties. Mr. Ayers stated that the rebate would depend on attending the class and returning the self appraisal, at that time, the rebate would apply for the following year.

After discussion, Alderman Conroy made a motion to defer Agenda Item #11 for one week, Alderman Brooks seconded. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Note: Agenda Item #11 will be on the February 21st Agenda.

Agenda Item #12
CLAIMS

It was moved by Alderman Austin, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to accept the following reports and authorize payment as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

- a. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$12,181.00 to Crawford & Company for Worker's Compensation settlement for Ryan Barnett.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$182,169.29 to General Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the improvements to outfalls 011 and 012. (037)
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$4,668.00 to the Treasurer of the State of Illinois for the City's share of the IL.92 Resurfacing project. (038)

Agenda Item #13

Claims for the week of February 4th through February 10th in the amount of \$448,710.21.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to allow the claims. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #14

Payroll for the weeks of January 24th through February 6th in the amount of \$1,227,928.68.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Foley seconded to allow the payroll. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding a Special Ordinance providing for a fifth cable extension of the cable franchise agreement through April 30, 2011.

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

Discussion followed with Alderman Jones inquiring as to when the review is due.

City Manager Phillips stated that the City had a conversation with Azavar last week and the City was assured that things would be wrapped up before April 30th.

After discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #16

Report from General Administration regarding Federal Project Priorities.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Austin to support the recommended projects as priorities and authorize staff to communicate this to the Congressional staff. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Public Works Department regarding parking ticket fine increases.

Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the parking fine increases as recommended in the report and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Public Works Department regarding the Sunset Marina harbor entrance dredging.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy, seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the dredging as recommended and authorize staff to direct the Corps of Engineers to use the remaining allocation to dredge the harbor entrance in fall 2011.

Discussion followed with Alderman Brooks inquiring upon Public Works Director Bob Hawes to explain more about the dredging project.

Mr. Hawes stated that the Congressional allocation was for \$500,000.00 about two (2) years ago. It was noted that the intent of the allocation was to do the Sunset Marina entrance configuration. Mr. Hawes explained that the Corps needed to do another study; before they could do that, they also revisited the results of the initial study. It was noted that the Corps has now concluded that it will be approximately \$1,750,000.00 for the project.

Mr. Hawes stated that the Corps has used a portion of the money to revisit the study. It was noted that there is about \$300,000.00 left. Mr. Hawes advised that the City has the option of moving forward and doing the design or the City can direct the Corps to use the remainder of the funds to dredge the entrance. Mr. Hawes added that this fall is a good time to do the dredging. Mr. Hawes stated that it is wise to use the money for the dredging because it could be the last opportunity to obtain any federal money for dredging. Mr. Hawes noted that the available funds have to be committed by the 1st of October or the City will lose it.

Mr. Hawes stated that the final results of the current study will not be known until August. It was noted that at that time, staff may have a better idea as to whether or not the entrance configuration would be cost effective. Mr. Hawes further discussed this item.

After discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #19

Items from the City Manager's Memorandum Packet.

City Manager Phillips made reference to information included in the memo packet regarding the project status report on all of the City's capital projects.

Alderman Brooks discussed the City and the school district working more closely together when the City declares a state of emergency in regards to snow removal and routes to school.

City Manager Phillips commented that nothing is scheduled with the school district at this time. However, it is probably a good time to talk to the school district in regards to having a joint meeting.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy discussed a variety of restaurants in certain areas within the City. Alderwoman Murphy stated that on 14th Avenue to the Moline border traveling west there is Lee's on 14th Avenue. It was noted that they serve breakfast and lunch. Alderwoman Murphy indicated that a little further down the street is Harris Pizza and they serve lunch and dinner. It was noted that in the same area is Mulkey's Restaurant, which serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. Alderwoman Murphy advised that there are fast food restaurants off of 14th Avenue on 38th Street, which includes Hardee's, Wendy's and Taco Bell. In addition, there is Cool Beanz Coffee House on 30th Street.

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**February 14, 2011
MINUTES**

Agenda Item #20
Other Business.

None

Agenda Item #21
No Executive Session.

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #22
Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to recess to Monday, February 21, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:21 p.m.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk