

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 14, 2011.

A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of February 14, 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 the Rock Island Main Library will be celebrating Women's History Month with "Warrior for Justice: The Ida B. Wells-Barnett Story" presented by Dr. Nancy Huse. It was noted that Wells organized African-American response against lynching, was active in the women's rights and suffrage movements and helped found an organization that eventually became the NAACP. Mayor Pauley commented that this program will be held Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Main Library.

Mayor Pauley advised that Broadway residents will have an excuse to escape the winter doldrums on Sunday, February 27, 2011 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Broadway Historic District's annual Porch Party, being held at various neighborhood homes. Mayor Pauley commented that while the party is not held outdoors, it follows the spirit of old-fashioned socializing when neighbors gathered on front porches. It was noted that guests will enjoy refreshments while visiting with neighbors. Mayor Pauley stated that for more information, please contact Barb Braun at 788-1769.

Mayor Pauley indicated that at the March 15th meeting of the Greenbush Neighborhood, names will be taken for the neighborhood garden lots. It was noted that last year's gardeners will be given first choice, with the other lots given out on a first come, first serve basis. It was noted that lot rent is \$20.00 for the season for the first lot and \$10.00 for the second lot. The Mayor added that a trellis may be rented, which is suitable for beans or cucumbers for \$15.00 for the season. It was noted to call Mike Markell at 786-7666 for more information.

Mayor Pauley indicated that GROWTH now has a virtual tour uploaded onto their website for the McKesson Lofts located at 110 19th Street. It was noted that the tour shows all of the units

that are available. Mayor Pauley stated that the viewer can walk-thru each unit, and has control over what is being looked at by clicking around on the photo shown. The Mayor stated to please visit www.LiveRI.com and look under the drop down menu "Housing & Neighborhoods" to experience the walk-u-thru virtual tour.

Agenda Item #7

Proclamation declaring Wednesday, February 23, 2011 as Rotary Day.

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation declaring Wednesday, February 23, 2011 as Rotary Day. Tom Hammar, President of the Rock Island Rotary Club and Dr. Bud Phillis accepted the proclamation.

Mr. Hammar thanked the Mayor and Council for the proclamation. Mr. Hammar stated that they are honored to be part of this wonderful community and they look forward to serving the community for many more years to come.

Agenda Item #8

Proclamation declaring February 27, 2011 as NAACP Religious Affairs Community Day.

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation declaring February 27, 2011 as NAACP Religious Affairs Community Day.

Ms. Ametra Carrol, Chairperson of the Religious Affairs Committee accepted the proclamation. Ms. Carrol thanked the Council for the proclamation and invited them to the 3rd annual community day celebration to be held on Sunday, February 27, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. at the Second Baptist Church located at 919 6th Avenue, Rock Island, IL. Ms. Carrol advised that the keynote speaker will be Pastor Joseph D. Williamson III of the Second Baptist Church. It was noted that the theme for the event is "The Giants Keep Coming." Ms. Carrol added that the purpose of the event is to celebrate the amazing accomplishments of the NAACP working in partnership with the FAITH Community. It was noted to please contact Ms. Carrol with any questions at (309) 373-1202.

Agenda Item #9

Presentation by the Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Mr. Joe Taylor, President and CEO of the Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau stepped forward.

Mr. Taylor stated that a number of improvements have been made to the 2011 Visitors Guide, which was distributed to Council. It was noted that there are improvements to the maps and several attractions in Southwest Rock Island have been added. Mr. Taylor noted that they are redesigning the on-line store to be more inclusive of the entire Quad Cities. Mr. Taylor stated that they are promoting Schwiebert Riverfront Park by way of the upcoming train festival, which will be held from July 21st through July 24th. Mr. Taylor further discussed the train festival. Mr. Taylor advised that Davenport is the end point this year for RAGBRAI. Mr. Taylor thanked Council for their continued support.

Alderwoman Murphy thanked Mr. Taylor for listening to Council's suggestions and implementing some of them in regards to the on-line store and the visitors guide.

Agenda Item #10

Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Budget by City Manager John Phillips.

City Manager John Phillips addressed Council and stated that during the budget preparation process, the City focused on maintaining services at a high level, maintaining the financial condition of the City, minimizing the impact on the City workforce and focusing on accomplishing the goals that Council set at their annual Goal Setting Session.

Mr. Phillips stated that it was a challenging year. Mr. Phillips advised that the income tax was \$613,000.00 less than it was in 2008. It was noted that replacement tax is also down over \$600,000.00 from what it was in 2008. Mr. Phillips indicated that health insurance is up about 13% or \$245,000.00; self insurance is up about \$200,000.00; and the increase in ambulance bad debt, which reflects an increase in the percent of the uncollectable for ambulance service is up over \$300,000.00 from last year.

Mr. Phillips advised that the budget process has been underway for many months. It was noted that department budgets were prepared in September. Mr. Phillips indicated that the first tally showed a shortfall in the General Fund of \$2.4 million dollars. It was noted that the departments made budget cuts of \$1.3 million dollars that included; eliminating three (3) General Fund positions, two (2) in Police and one (1) in Fire; improved the financial process in the Finance Department; reduced overtime, training, services and supplies; and made other shifts of costs to other funds. These adjustments reduced the shortfall to \$1.1 million dollars. Mr. Phillips pointed out that a variety of options were prepared to close the remaining budget gap. In early December, staff and the City Council worked to provide a public process. This identified 37 options, which was laid out in four (4) public meetings and an internet survey was utilized. It was noted that in January, Council discussed and reviewed these options extensively. Mr. Phillips commented that the \$1.1 million dollars in cost cuts made up \$815,000.00 of it and \$359,000.00 was attributed to the tax and fee increases. It was noted that 69% were cuts and 31% were revenue increases. Mr. Phillips stated that the proposed budget is balanced.

Mr. Phillips stated that the General Fund is up 3.7% this year over the current budget year. It was noted that wages and overtime are down in this budget over the current fiscal year. Mr. Phillips noted that there is no general wage increase for any group of employees in this proposed budget. It was noted that pensions are down slightly. Mr. Phillips commented that Police, Fire and Public Works make up 85% of the General Fund budget. It was noted that the total budget is \$104,855,442.00.

Mr. Phillips discussed the City's workforce as it relates to past years in regards to the budget. Mr. Phillips then discussed the property tax levy. It was noted that the property tax levy approved in December would keep the property tax rate the same and increase the property tax levy by 1.7%. Mr. Phillips indicated that it is recommended to consider a reduction in the levy by the amount of \$74,634.00. Mr. Phillips added that this would allow the property tax rate to decline approximately one-cent per one-hundred dollars of assessed value. Mr. Phillips stated

that this can be done and maintain a balanced budget by not filling a vacant position in Animal Control and coupling this with a small surplus in the General Fund in the proposed budget. It was noted that this position is currently vacant and there is no layoff by not filling this position. Mr. Phillips explained that with this change, the property tax levy would increase by only 1.0%. It was noted that a revised and decreased tax levy can be approved through the month of March.

Mr. Phillips discussed the distribution of property taxes to various taxing bodies. It was noted that the City receives about 25% of the property taxes paid by Rock Island tax payers; schools receive about 53% and the County receives 9.0%.

City Manager Phillips indicated that the City of Rock Island has reduced the tax rate over the years from a high of \$4.13 in the early 90's per \$100.00 of assessed value to \$2.36. Mr. Phillips explained that as the assessed value of property in Rock Island increased over the years, the tax rate was decreased. It was noted that taxes would then be collected at a rate less than the rate of the growth of property values. Mr. Phillips recommended that the City continue this pattern this year with a slight reduction in the rate. Mr. Phillips indicated that in past years, the largest share of the property tax has funded general City operations. However, in the last several years, the largest share goes to fund Police and Fire pensions, which is at 37%. In addition, about 32% of the City's property tax bill goes for Parks and Library and 29% goes for General Fund services.

City Manager Phillips concluded the discussion reviewing various strategic issues for the coming year, which included maintaining and enhancing the financial strength of the City, wages, health insurance, pension obligations, economic development and Federal and State funding. In addition, Mr. Phillips discussed progress as it relates to various projects including the continued implementation of the Long Term Control Plan, expansion of the Martin Luther King Center and the Rock Island Fitness and Activity Center (RIFAC) expansion.

Mr. Phillips reminded Council that the budget work sessions will be held on Saturday, February 26, 2011 beginning at 8:00 a.m. and on Saturday, March 5, 2011. Mr. Phillips added that the 2011/2012 budget will be presented in March for approval so that it is adopted prior to the beginning of the new fiscal year, which starts on April 1, 2011. Mr. Phillips thanked Council and staff for all of their hard work on the budget.

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. *A Motion remains on the floor: (Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Brooks seconded to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance.)*

Note: Item #11 was deferred for one week at the Monday, February 14, 2011 Council meeting.

Discussion followed.

Alderman Conroy stated that after receiving the numbers that were requested last week, he would like to evaluate this in regards to the difference of the \$76,000.00 that the City now has

due to a reduction in a position. Alderman Conroy advised that he would like to wait until after the two (2) budget sessions in determining whether or not to raise fees or do other things.

Alderman Tollenaer agreed with Alderman Conroy.

After more discussion, Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to defer Agenda Item #11 for two (2) weeks (March 7, 2011). 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 March 7, 2011 Agenda.

Agenda Item #12

A Special Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit at 2107 17th Street.

It was moved by Alderman Foley, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy 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 #13

A Special Ordinance amending Chapter 9, Sec.9-26, 9-40, 9-41, 9-47, 9-88 and 9-96 of the Code of Ordinances regarding parking fines.

Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Foley seconded 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 #14

CLAIMS

It was moved by Alderman Austin, seconded by Alderman Jones 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 \$3,002.82 to Mason City Business Systems for the quarterly maintenance fee for color copies printed from the Public Works Bizhub. (025)
- b. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$3,325.46 to Mason City Business Systems for the quarterly maintenance fee for copies printed from the CED Bizhub. (026)

- c. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$5,500.00 to Attorney Glenn Rudd for the GL settlement for Nicole Watson-Lam.
- d. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$6,000.00 to Attorney Glenn Rudd for the GL settlement for Donalda McDuffy.
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #3 in the amount of \$523,008.73 to General Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the Public Works street garage project. (042)
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #3 and final in the amount of \$12,704.80 to Advanced Environmental for services provided for the Martin Luther King Center asbestos removal project. (043)
- g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$82,405.69 to Langman Construction, Inc. for services provided for an emergency water main repair on 30th Street between 38th Avenue and Valley Drive. (045)

Agenda Item #15

Claims for the week of February 11th through February 17th in the amount of \$750,149.68.

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 #16

Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding the purchase of a door security system for City Hall including hardware, software and installation from ADT Security Services, Inc. in the amount of \$12,356.90.

It was moved by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the purchase as recommended and authorize payment. 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 Finance Department regarding budget transfers and purchase of the iNovah Centralized Cash Receipting System from Harris Computer Systems, recommending the transfer of \$17,650.00 from the e-billing project and \$30,000.00 from the telephone project to the software project in the total amount of \$47,650.00.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to approve the transfers as recommended and authorize purchase.

Discussion followed. Alderman Conroy inquired as to what this would do to the other projects.

Finance Director Bill Scott stated that these are remaining funds. The money is just being moved around.

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 #18

Report from the Police Department regarding bids for the purchase of 80 Glock 22 pistols and three (3) Glock 23 pistols from Ray O'Herron Company in the amount of \$33,947.00, recommending declaring 107 designated pistols from the Police Department inventory as surplus for trade-in towards the purchase in the amount of \$29,532.00 and an adjustment increasing the State Drug Prevention Fund in the amount of \$4,415.00.

It was moved by Alderman Jones, seconded by Alderman Conroy to award the bid as recommended, authorize trade-in and purchase 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 #19

Report from the Finance Department regarding bids for the Employee Self-Service Portal related to paperless pay services, recommending rejecting the bids for the outsourced paperless pay products and not implement the MSGovern Employee Self-Service Portal.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to reject the bids as recommended and not implement the MSGovern employee self-service portal. 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 #20

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for a three (3) year lease/maintenance agreement for employee uniforms, recommending the bid be awarded to Aramark Uniform Service Company.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy 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 Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #21

Report from the Public Works Department regarding an amendment to the contract with Symbiont for additional engineering services at the former J. L. Watts Company property in an amount not to exceed \$24,750.00.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to approve the 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 Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #22

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget, recommending increasing the Fleet Services Fund in the amount of \$125,000.00.

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer, seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the budget adjustment 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.

Agenda Item #23

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding requests from Longfellow School to; #1-create a one-way going north from 7th to 8th Avenue on 41st Street from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; #2-create a one-way going south from 7th to 8th Avenue on 42nd Street from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; #3-install stop signs north/south at 41st Street, 8th Avenue and 40th Street, 8th Avenue; and #4-install one stop sign on 39th Street so that cross traffic on 8th Avenue does not need to stop - all on Monday through Friday when school is in session.

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Brooks seconded to approve requests #1 and #2 as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an Ordinance and deny requests #3 and #4 as recommended.

Discussion followed. Alderwoman Murphy stated that there were people in the audience that wished to speak on this item.

Mr. David Knuckey, Principal of Longfellow School and residing at #7 Blackhawk Hills Ct. stepped forward. Mr. Knuckey stated that the Traffic Engineering Committee proposed to deny the request for #3 and #4 for the stop signs going north/south on 41st, 40th and 39th Streets. Mr. Knuckey advised that there has not been a stop sign anywhere since he has been at Longfellow School. Mr. Knuckey indicated that he has always been concerned about 40th Street. Mr. Knuckey stated that they want to create a better flow of traffic.

Alderwoman Murphy stated that she had talked to the majority of the residents in that area west of Longfellow School and there were a lot of concerns. Alderwoman Murphy advised that the purpose of this is student safety and to slow traffic down. It was noted that a lot of residents in

that area would like to see the stop signs placed on 8th Avenue so that it will slow the traffic down.

Mr. Knuckey commented that he was more concerned with the flow of traffic in the morning and afternoon. Mr. Knuckey added that the stop signs could go east/west or north/south on 8th Avenue. Mr. Knuckey concluded that traffic has been an issue in this area for a long time.

Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether anyone else wished to speak on this issue.

Ms. Terry Stimpson of 1121 39th Street stepped forward. Ms. Stimpson stated that she was at the Council meeting on behalf of the Keystone Neighborhood Association. Ms. Stimpson offered that residents along 8th Avenue realize that there has been an increase in traffic with the increase of population at Longfellow School. It was noted that the residents have concerns regarding speed and safety. Ms. Stimpson stated that they have no objections to the one-ways as proposed. Ms. Stimpson stated that there are concerns regarding cars parked in opposite directions on these streets and the residents were concerned about stop signs on 39th and 40th Streets.

Alderman Murphy stated that when these one-ways are instituted, some residents may be affected in regards to parking in the opposite direction. Alderman Murphy inquired as to whether these residents would be ticketed or would they have to move their vehicles.

Public Works Director Bob Hawes stated that he didn't think that the residents would be ticketed for facing the wrong way for that brief period of time.

Alderman Murphy also inquired as to whether the Traffic Engineering Committee looked at installing stop signs on 8th Avenue.

Mr. Hawes stated that they looked at stop signs and recommended no stop signs in any direction due to none of the intersections meeting the requirements.

After discussion, Alderman Murphy removed her first and Alderman Brooks removed his second.

The new and final motion reads as follows:

Alderman Murphy moved and Alderman Brooks seconded to approve request #1-create a one-way going north from 7th to 8th Avenue on 41st Street from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, when school is in session; #2-create a one-way going south from 7th to 8th Avenue on 42nd Street from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Monday through Friday, when school is in session; #3-install stop signs on 8th Avenue east/west at 39th Street, 40th Street and 41st Street, permanently (24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week); and #4-install a stop sign on 41st Street and 8th Avenue on south side of intersection, permanently (24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week) and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

After more discussion regarding the signage, 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 #24

Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to install a handicapped parking space at 545 24th Avenue.

It was moved by Alderman Austin, seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the request as recommended 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 #25

Report from the City Clerk regarding the Plaza Events to be scheduled for the upcoming 2011 season, a Resolution for the Quad Cities Criterium and the American Heart Association's Start! Heart Walk, requesting a waiver of application and event fees for the District's two Gallery Hops, Lunchtime on the Plaza Series and Red, White and Boom, and a waiver of the event fee for the 7th annual Labor Day Ride for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma sponsored by the Daiquiri Factory.

Alderman Jones moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to approve the events and the waiver of fees as recommended and adopt the two Resolutions. 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 #26

Items from the City Manager's Memorandum Packet.

City Manager Phillips inquired upon Finance Director Bill Scott to review the January Management Report.

Mr. Scott advised that there are no major changes from prior reports. It was noted that the target for revenues and expenditures is 83%. Mr. Scott stated that in the General Fund, revenues are on target at 84% and expenditures are below target at 74%. Mr. Scott indicated that the tax revenue is projected to exceed the budget by approximately \$525,000.00. It was noted that the reason for this is due to the tax amnesty program for the replacement tax. Mr. Scott advised that gaming expenditures are on target and gaming revenue is at 94% of budget.

Mr. Scott indicated that in the self insurance fund area, revenues and expenses are about at target. It was noted that revenues are above target in the health fund and expenditures are below target at 73%.

Mr. Phillips stated that included in the memo packet is information from Doug Vroman, Secretary of the Fire Pension Board regarding comments about fire pension funding.

Mr. Phillips commented that the requested information regarding rental housing licenses is included in the memo packet.

Mr. Phillips made reference to information included in the memo packet regarding an update on 1st Army activities.

Alderman Foley commented that he had noticed that school zone signs are still up near Lincoln School, Audubon School and Horace Mann School. Alderman Foley stated that no students are attending those schools and inquired as to whether the signs should stay up or come down.

Alderman Austin offered that Horace Mann has students attending Monday through Friday.

Public Works Director Bob Hawes stated that staff has asked the school district to comment on this issue. However, the City has not heard anything from the school district yet.

Alderwoman Murphy commented on the garbage in the alleys and near businesses in the Downtown.

Alderman Jones stated that he was disappointed in regards to this issue. Alderman Jones indicated that there are some very responsible businesses Downtown and then there are some businesses that are not very responsible. Alderman Jones inquired to Mr. Phillips if it could be looked into in regards to charging some kind of service tax or something on property owners concerning the garbage issue.

Mr. Phillips stated that the City would follow up on this issue.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that La Rancherita is located at 4118 14th Avenue. It was noted that they are open seven (7) days a week beginning at 8:00 a.m.; they serve breakfast, lunch and dinner. It was noted that spirits and beer are also available. Alderwoman Murphy advised that La Rancherita is open until 10:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday and Sunday, and on Friday and Saturday, they close at midnight.

Agenda Item #27

Other Business.

Mr. Timothy Dooling of 832 14½ Street voiced concerns in regards to letters concerning the jury selection process.

Agenda Item #28

Executive Session on Personnel.

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**February 21, 2011
MINUTES**

A motion was made by Alderman Conroy, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy at 7:55 p.m. to recess to Executive Session on matters of Personnel. The motion carried on a roll call 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 #29

Recess

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 8:02 p.m. A motion was made by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Jones to recess to Saturday, February 26, 2011 at 8:00 a.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 8:03 p.m.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk