

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 5:00 p.m. in the Personnel Conference Room of Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley, presiding, and Aldermen, David Conroy, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were City Manager John Phillips and other City staff. Alderman Terry M.A. Brooks I arrived at 5:10 p.m. and Alderwoman Joy Murphy arrived at 5:08 p.m. Alderman P.J. Foley was absent.

## **BUDGET RECAP**

Mr. Phillips stated that on the Agenda this evening is the Public Hearing for the 2011/2012 Budget; the amended tax levy ordinance for adoption; and the budget ordinance for adoption. Mr. Phillips advised that it has been a lengthy process and positive outcome.

Mr. Phillips indicated that there were a couple of changes in which the salt purchase was included for this year rather than next year at this year's prices, which will probably be less than what the City would have to pay next year. It was noted that the City has the funds in this year's budget, which is approximately \$26,000.00. Mr. Phillips added that all flood expenses will come out of stormwater utility rather than the General Fund. This change removed \$50,000.00. Mr. Phillips offered that with these adjustments, it has basically closed the gap and allowed the City to restore approximately \$4,600.00 for the employee holiday luncheon and service awards. Mr. Phillips stated that with these changes, the City has a balanced budget. Mr. Phillips stated that if Council is comfortable with the budget then it should be wrapped up tonight.

## **LIQUOR ORDINANCE PROPOSAL**

Mayor Pauley indicated that Council has discussed the late night bar hours issue in the downtown for the past few years. It was noted that in May of 2010, the Safer Community Task Force recommended that Council consider changing the bar closing times from 3:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. or from 3:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Mayor Pauley stated that this issue was discussed at Goal Setting in September of 2010. It was noted that while there was not a consensus to eliminate the 3:00 a.m. license option, there was interest in considering other options to address safety problems associated with the 3:00 a.m. hours.

Mayor Pauley commented that currently, there are 22 liquor license holders that have the extended hours option. Mayor Pauley then discussed his proposal. First, establish a 2:00 a.m. license option for those now eligible for the 3:00 a.m. extended hours option. It was noted that a number of establishments have the extended hours option, but choose to close before 3:00 a.m. The Mayor commented that this option would be \$450.00 per year. The second change would be to increase the annual charge for the 3:00 a.m. license option from \$900.00 to \$1,500.00 per year. Mayor Pauley stated that 50% of calls for service in the City on Friday and Saturday nights are between 2:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m. in the downtown area where 11 of the City's 3:00 a.m. license holders are located.

Mayor Pauley proposed several requirements for the 3:00 a.m. license holders. It was noted that all four (4) requirements would be for The District.

Mayor Pauley stated that the first requirement includes that taverns must employ a certain number of employees based on maximum occupancy; it could be limited to Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays based on best practices and safe operations. Secondly, tavern owners and operators would be required to attend annual training sessions hosted by the Liquor Commissioner and the Police Liaison in order to improve communications and provide updates on liquor license laws and procedures. Mayor Pauley noted that these two (2) requirements would be for all 3:00 a.m. license holders throughout the City. Mayor Pauley commented that another proposed requirement is for taverns to maintain a functioning video recording system inside and outside their businesses that can be made available to law enforcement personnel; and to require taverns to maintain functioning ID Card Readers that verifies state issued drivers licenses and cross references names with any current list of people banned from the establishment.

Mayor Pauley then discussed infractions and fines as it related to minors and disorderly conduct in taverns.

Mayor Pauley advised that it has also been suggested that changes be made to the charges for businesses within the Downtown security area to pay for the extra police officers assigned to that area. Mayor Pauley commented that there has been no increase since 2005 and currently, the charges do not cover the costs of the services provided by the City. Mayor Pauley indicated that the proposal for 2:00 a.m. license holders would be to leave the occupancy rates the same and for 3:00 a.m. license holders, the cost would be doubled.

Mayor Pauley pointed out that he believes that these changes if implemented would provide a reasonable and lower cost 2:00 a.m. license alternative for businesses that must now choose a 1:00 a.m. closing or a 3:00 a.m. closing; it allocates more of the costs on the businesses that choose to have a 3:00 a.m. license; it offers suggestions to improve safety and security of patrons and enhance law enforcement; and it addresses the growing shortfall that exists in the payment of police officers in the Downtown security area by 3:00 a.m. license holders.

Discussion followed.

Council discussed occupancy as it related to taverns employing a certain number of employees based on maximum occupancy and the proposed increase in costs. Council discussed the Downtown security area as it related to 3:00 a.m. license holders. In addition, Council discussed the proposed requirement of enhanced training sessions as it related to improved communications between the City and the establishments. It was noted that Council members tentatively agreed that a 2:00 a.m. license option and the proposed requirement for taverns to maintain a functioning video recording system inside and outside their businesses were good proposals.

Several Council members had concerns in regards to the proposed requirement of increasing occupancy costs for 3:00 a.m. license holders and suggested that some of the requirements should be phased in over a period of time. It was noted that some Council members did not think that this requirement would be cost effective for the businesses.

Police Deputy Chief Jeff VenHuizen and Lt. Tim McCloud discussed ID Card Readers (scanners) as it related to costs and a trespass and banned list. They also discussed video cameras as it related to functionality and availability to law enforcement.

Council further discussed the concerns regarding the possible increase in occupancy rates and security as it related to police officer calls for service. In addition, Council discussed a different license designation that would allow restaurants to stay open until 3:00 a.m.

Kyle Peters, owner of the Daiquiri Factory had concerns in regards to the proposed requirement of taverns having to employ a number of employees based on the maximum occupancy. Dennis Woodward, owner of the Arena, Don Davison, owner of Malarkey's, Steven Kortemeyer, owner of the Warehouse and Duane Green, owner of M.D. Green's agreed that the proposed occupancy rate increase requirement was very high for 3:00 a.m. license holders. Mr. Davison also discussed the ID Card Reader as it relates to functionality and cost effectiveness. Several tavern owners and Council discussed personnel as it relates to security. Council also discussed security as it relates to patrolling the Downtown streets and parking lot areas.

After much discussion, Mayor Pauley stated that the goal is to have a downtown that is safe so that anybody at anytime can feel comfortable to come down to the bars and feel comfortable being in The District. The Mayor added that the City wants the same thing that the establishments want. It was noted that next week, a report will come back to Council with everyone's suggestions taken into consideration.

## **GOVERNMENT RELATIONS SERVICES**

Mr. Phillips stated that he received a proposal from Dan Shomon, Inc. regarding government relations services. Mr. Phillips noted that they are a lobbying firm that represents other cities as well as some private parties in Springfield, IL. It was noted that this firm does this type of work at the state level. Mr. Phillips advised that they have represented Elgin and Aurora, IL and recently led efforts to coordinate the opposition to the gaming expansion bill that would have authorized slot machines at racetracks.

Alderman Brooks stated that he met members of the firm and they presented themselves well. Alderman Brooks advised that it was a comfortable setting.

Mr. Phillips stated that Council may want to discuss this at the annual Goal Setting Session to determine if this topic should be considered. Mr. Phillips added that if there is a consensus among Council at that time for this subject to be pursued then a request for proposals for services could be prepared and the City could solicit proposals from a number of firms.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks,

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Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p. m.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, 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 Dennis E. Pauley, presiding, and Aldermen Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. City Manager John Phillips was also present. Alderman P. J. Foley was absent.

### **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. Alderwoman Murphy gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

### **Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 5, 2011 and Minutes of the Meeting of March 7, 2011.**

A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 5, 2011 and Minutes of the Meeting of March 7, 2011. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

### **Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.**

Mayor Pauley along with Alderman Foley and a contingent from other private and public leaders in the Quad Cities traveled to Washington D.C. on March 8<sup>th</sup> through March 10<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Pauley stated that they met with members of Congress, visited the Pentagon and met with members of the US Chamber of Commerce to promote projects in this area and express concerns about some of the actions being discussed in Washington. The Mayor advised that Rock Island established a list of priority projects that was discussed with the Congressional delegation. It was noted that Mayor Pauley and Alderman Foley also provided information about the serious impact of cuts in the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Aldi grocery store is moving to the former Ace Hardware at the corner of 38<sup>th</sup> Street and 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue. It was noted that renovations are now underway on the building and it is scheduled to open at the new location this May. Mayor Pauley indicated that the current location across the street is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Pauley advised that a ribbon cutting for one of the first NSP homes completed to date has been scheduled for March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30 p.m. at 1711 21<sup>st</sup> Street. It was noted to visit [www.LiveRI.com](http://www.LiveRI.com) to take a Virtual Tour of all the NSP homes currently for sale.

Mayor Pauley stated that the public is invited to attend the Rock Island City Council Candidates Forum for the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward. It was noted that the invited candidates are David Kimbell, Joy Murphy and Joshua Paul Schipp. Mayor Pauley stated that the moderator will be David Garner from WVIK. Mayor Pauley indicated that it will take place on Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to

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7:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church Parish at 4501 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Rock Island. The Mayor added that free child care will be provided. It was noted that if anyone has questions, contact Terry Stimpson at 786-6917.

Mayor Pauley noted that another Candidates Forum will be held on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Rock Island Library. Mayor Pauley stated that all City candidates will be at the forum.

Agenda Item #7

**Proclamation declaring March 2011 as DeMolay Month.**

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation declaring March 2011 as DeMolay Month. Sam Anderson, Master Councilor and other members of the organization accepted the Proclamation.

Master Councilor Anderson thanked the Mayor and Council for the Proclamation.

Agenda Item #8

**Public Hearing on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.**

Mayor Pauley closed the regular meeting at 6:50 p.m. and opened a Public Hearing on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2011/2012.

Finance Director Bill Scott presented an overview of the 2011/2012 Budget. Mr. Scott advised that the 2011/2012 Budget includes all City funds. Mr. Scott stated that after adjustments for all of the transfers between funds and payments between funds, the total budget is \$105,675,518.00. It was noted that this is a 1.0% increase over the current year's budget.

Mr. Scott stated that in the area of revenues, property tax is 13% of the total budget, which is up approximately \$475,000.00. Mr. Scott commented that \$189,932.00 is due to the property tax levy. Mr. Scott explained that there is no increase in the rate; the increase is due totally to the increase in property values. Mr. Scott added that the remainder of the increase in property tax is due to the increase in property values that are seen within the City's five (5) TIF funds, and they are up \$284,546.00 from the prior year. Mr. Scott advised that another large source of revenue is the local and state taxes. Mr. Scott indicated that these taxes are 18% of total revenue and are up approximately \$1 million dollars. Mr. Scott further discussed the state and local taxes. Mr. Scott advised that another source of revenue is the charges for City services, which is 19% of total revenue, and they are up about \$1,129,000.00.

Mr. Scott explained that on the expense side, personnel costs are 32% of the total budget and they are up 2.0%. Mr. Scott noted that the largest increase in that area is health insurance costs, which are up \$350,000.00. It was noted that services represent 19% of the total budget and they are down approximately \$1 million dollars. Mr. Scott also noted that capital is 21% of the total budget.

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Mr. Scott stated that the budget includes the first year funding of the five (5) Year Capital Improvement Plan. Mr. Scott indicated that the CIP has \$33,807,783.00 included in it. Over the next five (5) years, it has \$63,447,500.00.

Mr. Scott indicated that the major Fiscal Year 2011/2012 capital projects include; The Long Term Control Plan at \$15,460,000.00; transient boat dock at \$2,000,000.00; new City garage at \$2,668,000.00; fleet equipment purchases at \$945,000.00 and street repair projects at \$3.2 million dollars. Mr. Scott noted that there is money for the 14<sup>th</sup> Street water tower replacement and final payments for the construction of Schwiebert Riverfront Park. It was noted that \$450,000.00 is set aside for Douglas Park and \$600,000.00 for the construction of the new park directly east of the Martin Luther King Center.

Mr. Scott stated that the budget was presented to Council on February 21<sup>st</sup>. At that time, the General Fund had a surplus of \$12,131.00. Mr. Scott advised that since that time, a lot of adjustments were made on the revenue side. Mr. Scott explained that the income tax and use tax are distributed by the state on a per capita basis. The estimates that the City used for the Census were actually less than the final Census. Mr. Scott stated that staff was able to make adjustments to increase these revenues. It was noted that the income tax was increased by \$81,440.00; the use tax increased by \$12,471.00. Mr. Scott advised that the rental housing inspection fee increase of \$76,500.00 was deleted. On the expense side, Mr. Scott indicated that one (1) animal control officer position was eliminated, which was \$62,503.00; fuel was increased by \$150,000.00. The employee banquet was added back in at \$3,000.00; and employee service awards were added back in at \$1,600.00. It was noted that the new Community and Economic Development Department secretary was deleted, which was \$36,561.00. Mr. Scott added that the purchase of road salt for next year was reduced to \$26,460.00. Mr. Scott pointed out that revenue and expenses were finally equal after these adjustments.

Mr. Scott also discussed the amended property tax levy that was on the Agenda for Council consideration. Mr. Scott concluded by thanking everyone that was involved in the budget process.

City Manager John Phillips addressed Council and stated that the process for reaching a balanced budget this year was most challenging. However, there is a balanced budget. It was noted that the initial budget was short \$2.4 million dollars. Mr. Phillips stated that staff worked hard to reduce the shortfall to \$1.3 million dollars, which left a \$1.1 million dollar gap. Mr. Phillips indicated that four (4) public meetings were held and an internet survey was posted. Mr. Phillips added that the City Council reviewed 35 to 37 suggestions to help close the budget gap. Mr. Phillips noted that this budget includes (7) seven fewer full-time positions that were either eliminated or kept open for this year in various departments. Mr. Phillips added that there are no layoffs included in the budget and the budget does not include a general wage increase for any employee.

Mr. Phillips concluded that the City has accomplished its goals of maintaining the City's overall financial health; keeping service levels as high as possible; and trying to minimize the negative impact on the City's workforce.

Mayor Pauley advised if anyone from the audience would like to speak in regards to the Public Hearing.

Mr. Vince Thomas of 1000 21<sup>st</sup> Street stepped forward. Mr. Thomas offered suggestions in regards to meeting a balanced budget, one of which was to close the 30/31 Branch Library.

With no other person coming forward, Mayor Pauley closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:14 p. m.

Agenda Item #9

**An amended Ordinance providing for the levy, assessment and collection of taxes for the City of Rock Island for fiscal year April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011.**

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

Agenda Item #10

**An Ordinance adopting the Budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2011 and ending March 31, 2012.**

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Tollenaer 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 Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #11

**A Special Ordinance amending a Special Ordinance by removing signage and changing crosswalks at Audubon School and Lincoln School.**

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

Agenda Item #12

**A Special Ordinance amending a Special Ordinance by eliminating the one (1) hour parking zone on the east side of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderwoman Murphy 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 Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #13  
**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 Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

- a. Report from the Martin Luther King Center regarding payment #3 in the amount of \$14,687.66 to Paragon Commercial Interiors for the deposit for services to be provided for the expansion/renovation project.
- b. Report from the Martin Luther King Center regarding payment #9 in the amount of \$165,630.00 to Estes Construction for services provided for the expansion/renovation project.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #3 in the amount of \$95,791.91 to General Constructors, Inc. for services provided for the improvements to outfalls 011 and 012. (064)
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$23,533.05 to Langman Construction, Inc. for an emergency sewer main repair at 24<sup>th</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. (066)

Agenda Item #14

**Claims for the week of March 4<sup>th</sup> through March 10<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$491,768.59.**

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

Agenda Item #15

**Payroll for the weeks of February 21<sup>st</sup> through March 6<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$1,211,121.94.**

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

Agenda Item #16

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Water Tower Replacement project, recommending the bid be awarded to Maguire Iron, Inc. in the amount of \$880,425.00.**

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 Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #17

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding the Coast Guard Auxiliary lease renewal agreement at Sunset Marina.**

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

Agenda Item #18

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding an Adopt-A-Highway agreement with the Rock Island Academy to adopt 12<sup>th</sup> Street from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue; 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Street; 14<sup>th</sup> Street from 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue Court area.**

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

Agenda Item #19

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Randy Schweickhardt to apply for a Special Use Permit to operate a firearm and firearm accessory sales business out of his residence at 4504 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer, seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to allow for the application of the Special Use Permit as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #20

**Report from the City Clerk regarding an application and Resolution for the Bi-State Motorcycle Awareness Ride to be held on Saturday, May 7, 2011.**

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderwoman Murphy seconded to approve the application as recommended and adopt the resolution. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #21

**Items from the City Manager's Memorandum Packet.**

City Manager Phillips inquired upon Public Works Director Bob Hawes to provide Council with an overview of the work underway to prepare for what is predicted to be a very significant flood this spring.

Mr. Hawes referred to the documents that were distributed earlier this evening in the Study Session, and stated that the one page document is an invitation that was sent out last week to property owners along Andalusia Road. Mr. Hawes advised that the City will meet with them on Wednesday night to go over the current flood forecast, where to get sand bags, instructions on how to properly erect a sandbag wall, how to access and understand the National Weather Service flood forecast and answer any questions.

Mr. Hawes indicated that a meeting was held with the Incident Command Team and the latest Incident Action Plan was put out today. Mr. Hawes commented that the team will be meeting and updating the plan weekly. Mr. Hawes advised that as the current crest approaches, the meeting schedules will change.

Mr. Hawes referred to the memo and stated that this document provides background information in regards to preparation for the spring flood. Mr. Hawes pointed out that the current flood outlook is based upon the conditions as of February 28<sup>th</sup>. It was noted that the flood outlook shows that there is a 65% chance of a record flood this year, which is about 22.6 feet. Mr. Hawes advised that there is a 30% chance of going to 25 feet in which water will reach the design level of the flood protection system. Mr. Hawes commented that another forecast will not come out unless something changes.

Mr. Hawes discussed some background information on the levee as it relates to manual and mechanical preparations concerning the anticipated flood. Mr. Hawes stated that theoretically, the top of the levee is 29 feet. However, it is designed for protection of a 25 foot flood.

Mr. Hawes indicated that a media release would go out tomorrow regarding this issue. It was noted that an open house is scheduled for the next couple of weeks so that citizens can come and discuss the anticipated flood issue with the City. Mr. Hawes noted that these open houses will be information and instructional.

Council further discussed the flood issue.

Alderwoman Murphy stated that she would not be attending the Keystone Candidates Forum on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Alderwoman Murphy advised that she was unable to come to an agreement with the Keystone Board President on the moderator, the format and the involvement in the forum of her opponent's campaign manager who is also a Keystone Board member. Alderwoman Murphy commented that she thinks it is important that there is a neutral environment when having a candidates forum. Alderwoman Murphy apologized to the voters of the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward. Alderwoman Murphy advised that she will be at the forum on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Rock

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Island Library. It was noted that the forum is sponsored by the Community Caring Conference and Rock Island Township.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy mentioned all of the places to eat on 38<sup>th</sup> Street, which include; Arthur's Garden Deli, Ganson's , The Great Wall Chinese Restaurant, Pizza Hut, Taco Bell, Hardee's, Wendy's and Mulkey's Restaurant.

Agenda Item #22  
**Other Business**

None.

Agenda Item #23  
**No Executive Session.**

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #24  
**Recess**

A motion was made by Alderman Brooks and seconded by Alderman Conroy to recess to Monday, March 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 Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:42 p.m.

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