

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 5:30 pm at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center at 630 9th Street, Rock Island, IL. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Charles O. Austin III, Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy and P.J. Foley. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Public Works Director Bob Hawes, Community and Economic Development Director Greg Champagne, Interim Finance Director Don Reichert, Accounting Supervisor Linda Johnson and other City staff. Alderwoman Joy Murphy was absent.

GAMING ALLOCATIONS

Public Works Director Bob Hawes provided an update to Council on the current utilization of Gaming dollars.

Mr. Hawes distributed several documents to Council, which included; the Gaming fund allocations, financial policies of the City; and the last bond rating that the City received. Mr. Hawes referred to the Gaming fund allocations document and advised that Fiscal Year 2012 shows what the City is actually doing this year. Mr. Hawes noted that the projects shown in Fiscal Year 2013 through Fiscal Year 2016 have been incorporated into the current version of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Mr. Hawes referred to the financial policies document and pointed out that the current policy for riverboat gaming has not been updated to reflect the \$50,000.00 per year that Council elected to go to social programming approximately five years ago. Mr. Hawes noted that the bond rating document shows the bond rating agency's support of the current Gaming policy.

Council discussed the Gaming fund allocations as it related to the allocation of \$120,000.00 for the Martin Luther King Center for Fiscal Year 2013. Mr. Hawes and Council discussed the 50/50 Sidewalk, Curb and Tree Replacement Program as it related to Gaming dollars and costs affiliated with the program.

Mr. Hawes discussed street and maintenance project costs as it related to State and Federal funding. Council discussed undesignated funds as it related to all smaller non-street capital improvement projects. Mr. Hawes also discussed Motor Fuel Tax. Mr. Hawes advised that by law, state motor fuel tax has to go to street maintenance or street construction. It was noted that in the past, it all went for street construction, but because of issues with the General Fund in the last few years; it all goes to street maintenance to take the pressure off of the General Fund.

Mr. Hawes explained that there is \$1,280,000.00 in Gaming dollars going into street maintenance contracts and approximately \$1 million dollars of motor fuel tax going into street maintenance, but mostly not for contracts; it pays for salt, equipment and salaries. Mr. Hawes advised that the Gaming money for streets goes into the concrete patching program, asphalt patching program, brick streets program, joint sealing program, ditch grading, long line street painting, weed spraying, seal coating program and mudjacking program in which these are all contracts. It was noted that Gaming dollars also support contract employees for street maintenance and right-of-way maintenance.

Council discussed revenues as it related to comparisons concerning the new casino as opposed to when the riverboat casino was downtown. In addition, Council discussed community and economic development tax rebates. Council further discussed the Gaming allocations as it related to the budget process.

TRUTH IN TAXATION

Mayor Pauley inquired upon Accounting Supervisor Linda Johnson to review the Truth in Taxation report.

Ms. Johnson advised that staff has completed the initial review of the department budgets. It was noted that refinement of the proposed budget will continue until adoption of the budget in March of 2012. Ms. Johnson acknowledged that currently, the preliminary 2012/2013 budget shows a projected gap in General Fund revenue and expenses of approximately \$1.7 million dollars. It was noted that this budget gap assumes a property tax levy that increased by 1.28%, which is the projected change in assessed property values. Ms. Johnson pointed out that this results in no change in the property tax rate.

Ms. Johnson indicated that the assumed increase in the property tax levy does not require a public hearing because it does not exceed last year's tax levy extension by more than 105%. It was noted that Council must determine as to whether or not to hold a public hearing on the tax levy at least twenty days before adoption. Ms. Johnson added that this decision should be made today so that the adoption of the tax levy ordinance on December 19th will meet the requirements of the Truth in Taxation law. Ms. Johnson stated that staff's recommendation is that Council confirm that a public hearing on the December property tax will not be needed because the levy increase will not exceed 5%. It was noted that this confirmation is on the Agenda this evening for Council consideration.

Council discussed the budget process. City Manager Thomas advised that preliminary budget presentations have been held in every department and staff is currently working through the process of going through every line item. Council also discussed the budget process as it related to keeping the same tax rate.

Interim Finance Director Don Reichert stated that in regards to the General Fund, the City will benefit by approximately \$80,000.00. It was noted that at this time, levies for the Library fund and Park fund will increase 2%, but this is a preliminary property tax levy. Mr. Reichert further discussed other General Fund tax revenues and expenses.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Alderman Brooks and seconded by Alderman Conroy to recess to Executive Session on matters of Litigation. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 5:56 pm. Alderwoman Murphy was absent.

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**November 21, 2011
MINUTES**

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 6:14 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Brooks and seconded by Alderman Jones to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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 Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy and P. J. Foley. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and Assistant City Attorney Mike Weng.

Introductory Proceedings

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

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the Meeting of November 14, 2011.

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of November 14, 2011. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.

Mayor Pauley stated that the second annual Small Business Saturday is a day dedicated to supporting small businesses on one of the busiest shopping weekends of the year. Mayor Pauley commented that on November 26th, the City is asking citizens to shop small at their favorite Rock Island stores and help fuel the economy. Mayor Pauley stated that when we all shop small, it will be huge. Mayor Pauley advised to shop smart, shop local, shop Rock Island and inspire others to shop where you do. Mayor Pauley indicated that before searching online, going to the mall or hitting big boxes in other towns, shop Rock Island first. It was noted that sales taxes also support City services.

Mayor Pauley offered that the College Hill District Holiday Walk will be held on Thursday, December 1st from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The Mayor stated that there will be a visit from Santa, carolers, tree lighting, shopping, hot chocolate and more. It was noted that for more information, please call Patricia Hansen at (309) 948-1926.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Gallery Hop is the foremost winter-time event of the Rock Island Arts and Entertainment District. Mayor Pauley commented that there will be a free bus that will take anyone among the downtown galleries and unique art venues on Friday, December 2nd from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. It was noted that for more information, please visit www.ridistrict.com.

Mayor Pauley pointed out that with the holidays upon us, Police Chief Harris warns that whether you are traveling across town or across the state, if you or anyone in your vehicle is unbelted, you run the risk of getting an unwelcomed gift from law enforcement. Mayor Pauley stated that

as of January 1, 2012, everyone, no matter the age or seating position, will be required to wear a safety belt.

Mayor Pauley indicated that the Illinois Department of Transportation's Division of Traffic Safety (IDOT/DTS) is proud that Illinois has a 92.9% daytime safety belt usage rate. However, far too many drivers and passengers still do not buckle up. Mayor Pauley added that in Illinois, during the Thanksgiving holiday period in 2010, 15 vehicle occupants died in motor vehicle traffic crashes; nine of those deaths involved a drinking driver and over 700 were injured. It was noted that for more information about the Click It or Ticket and Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaigns, please visit www.buckleupillinois.org.

Mayor Pauley stated that free leaf collection will be ending on Friday, December 2nd.

Mayor Pauley advised that Rock Island City Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

It was noted that refuse collection and curbside recycling will be one day late on Thursday and Friday.

Mayor Pauley indicated that all locations of the Rock Island Library will close at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, November 23rd for the Thanksgiving holiday. It was noted that all locations are closed on Thanksgiving and will remain closed on Friday, November 25th.

Mayor Pauley wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Agenda Item #7

An Ordinance amending Chapter 4, Article I of the Code of Ordinances regarding Sec. 4-1 Building Codes, Sec. 4-3 Plumbing Codes, Sec. 4-4 Mechanical Codes and Sec. 4-23 Electrical Codes.

Alderman Jones moved and Alderman Austin 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 Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, Alderman Tollenaer.

Agenda Item #8

An Ordinance amending Chapter 6, Article II of the Code of Ordinances regarding the 2009 International Fire Code.

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

Discussion followed. Alderman Tollenaer inquired upon Fire Chief Jim Fobert as to how this will affect Ferrell Gas, Interstate Chemical Company and Hy-Vee in regards to eliminating outside storage tanks.

Chief Fobert advised that the overall process of this issue is distances and how these companies store their products. Fire Chief Fobert commented that he would have to discuss the storage component as well as the other requirements with the Fire Marshal in regards to what is currently required as opposed to what will be required in the future concerning the 2009 Fire Codes. Chief Fobert advised that the overall goal is life safety issues.

Alderman Tollenaer had concerns in regards to unfunded mandates concerning the businesses.

Chief Fobert pointed out that the 2009 Fire Codes have passed in Rock Island County and Scott County. It was noted that all of the provisions are area wide.

Alderman Tollenaer moved to table Agenda Item #8 until more information is received.

After more discussion, Mayor Pauley inquired as to whether there was a second to the motion. With no Alderman coming forward to second the motion, the motion died for lack of a second.

The original motion reads as follows:

It was moved by Alderman Conroy and 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 Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, Alderman Tollenaer.

Agenda Item #9

A Special Ordinance establishing a handicapped parking space at 1003 15th Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #10

A Special Ordinance removing a handicapped parking space at 2530 5 1/2 Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #11

CLAIMS

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Conroy 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 Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy,

Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

- a. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$7,949.53 to Kutsunis and Weng for legal services rendered for the month of November.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$11,250.00 to JC Cross Company for an emergency repair of a Hoffman aeration tank blower. (316)
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #3 in the amount of \$17,395.25 to Kelly Construction for services provided for the 2011 Mudjacking Program project. (318)

Agenda Item #12

Claims for the week of November 11 through November 17 in the amount of \$739,024.02.

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

Agenda Item #13

Payroll for the weeks of October 31 through November 13 in the amount of \$1,244,556.84.

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

Agenda Item #14

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the purchase of blended anti-ice fluid, recommending the bid be awarded to SNI Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$18,000.00.

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

Agenda Item #15

Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for Aerobic Aeration Unit Cleaning at the Southwest Treatment Plant, recommending the bid be awarded to Valley Construction in the amount of \$62,680.00.

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

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding bids for the installation of a tarp on the Old Lincoln School property, recommending the bid be awarded to White Roofing in the amount of \$21,000.00.

Mayor Pauley stated that City Manager Thomas has requested that Item #16 be pulled from the Agenda.

City Manager Thomas advised that this item had been discussed prior to his position as City Manager. City Manager Thomas stated that he would like the opportunity to review this item to determine whether or not this is the right direction to go in regards to placing a tarp over the building. Mr. Thomas commented that he would like to look at the structure before making a final recommendation.

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Public Works Department regarding a contract with Utility Service Company for repair and maintenance of the reservoir tower at the water treatment plant.

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

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Finance Department regarding a public hearing on the December property tax.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Austin confirming that a public hearing on the December property tax will not be needed because the levy increase will not exceed five percent. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #19

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the donation and relocation of the sculpture "Invitation".

Note: Agenda Item #19 was deferred from the November 14, 2011 Council meeting.

A Motion remained on the floor: Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Jones seconded to approve the donation as recommended and authorize relocation of the sculpture to City property at 4th Avenue and 16th Street.

Discussion followed. Alderman Conroy thanked Modern Woodmen for this donation. Alderman Conroy advised that this company has been in Rock Island for a long time and they are very generous in regards to the donation.

Alderman Austin discussed funding sources. Alderman Austin advised that the City dedicates money to support the Arts and noted that the Art's support will be supporting this move.

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

Agenda Item #20

Report from the Mayor regarding a reappointment to the Airport Authority Board.

It was moved by Alderwoman Murphy and seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the reappointment as recommended. The motion carried by the majority vote of six (6) in favor with one (1) Alderman abstaining.

Molly Foley was reappointed to the Airport Authority Board for a five year term expiring in November 2016.

Agenda Item #21

Report from the City Clerk regarding a Plaza activity application from CBS4/WHBF TV requesting utilization of Parking Lot F for their Toys for Tots Donation Drop-off on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 from 5:30 am to 6:30 pm, and a request to waive the event fees.

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

Agenda Item #22

Report from the City Clerk regarding an activity application for the St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held on Saturday, March 17, 2012 beginning at 11:30 am, and a Resolution authorizing the use of a portion of 15th Street from 2nd Avenue to the Centennial Bridge.

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

Agenda Item #23
Other Business

No one signed up to address Council to speak on a topic.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that this weekend is the busiest shopping weekend of the year and it is important to support the local businesses in Rock Island.

Alderman Foley advised that on Wednesday night at 6:00 pm, Rock Island's own Chasson Randle will be on ESPN - live at Madison Square Garden as Stanford takes on an opponent in the pre-season NIT. Alderman Foley stated that it will be an exciting time to see Chasson play as starting point guard.

Agenda Item #24
Executive Session on Litigation.

The Executive Session was held prior to the regular meeting.

Agenda Item #25
Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to recess to Monday, December 5, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:01 p.m.

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