

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 5:30 pm in City Council Chambers at Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen Stephen L. Tollenaer, Joy Murphy, Charles O. Austin III, David Conroy and P.J. Foley. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas, Public Works Director Bob Hawes, City Engineer Mike Kane, Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Eder, other City staff and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Alderman Jason W. Jones arrived at 5:35 pm. Alderman Terry M.A. Brooks I was absent.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Mr. Hawes reviewed the draft Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) with Council. Mr. Hawes commented that the plan contains 63 projects at approximately \$93.3 million dollars. It was noted that this is the 25th addition of the Capital Improvement Plan.

Mr. Hawes advised that there is 51 miles of major streets in which 6.4 miles is in this Capital Improvement Plan for approximately \$11 million dollars. It was noted that there is 116 miles of local streets and the Capital Improvement Plan includes 4.5 miles of improvements at a cost of approximately \$6.6 million dollars.

Mr. Hawes pointed out that the City has 228 miles of water main and the Capital Improvement Plan includes 3.1 miles at a cost of approximately \$2.7 million dollars. Mr. Hawes indicated that an interconnection study was just completed; the City partnered with Moline and the Corps of Engineers to do the study of interconnecting the Moline and Rock Island water systems. Mr. Hawes added that this study looks at putting a long term connection between the two cities so that either city in an emergency could supply water for both cities. Mr. Hawes stated that the study will be ready to come to Council in about a month. Mr. Hawes commented that the goal would be to use the study as a way to obtain some federal money to do the interconnection.

Mr. Hawes indicated that the current Capital Improvement Plan includes a study to look at the filter building and the filtering process. Mr. Hawes added that the treatment plant was rehabilitated about 10 years ago; every operation in the plant was redone with the exception of the filter building. Mr. Hawes explained that this study is to determine what may be necessary so that the filtering capacity can comply with the upcoming regulations for water treatment. It was noted that the study will be completed by spring and the results can be used as a planning tool for future additions to the Capital Improvement Plan.

Mr. Hawes advised that the Capital Improvement Plan also includes a SCADA upgrade, which began this year to enhance the City's ability to detect leaks in the system. Mr. Hawes further discussed the SCADA upgrade.

Mr. Hawes indicated that there is 185 miles of sanitary and combined sewers and there is .7 of a mile of replacement in the Capital Improvement Plan for approximately \$2.2 million dollars. In addition, there is 1.2 miles of sewer lining that is in the operating budget. Mr. Hawes further discussed this item.

Mr. Hawes discussed various projects in the Capital Improvement Plan, which included the new police facility and phase two of the sidewalk system upgrade on 11th Street for the ADA standards. Council discussed the ADA requirements as it related to 11th Street and sidewalks. Council also discussed 9th Street and 31st Avenue as it related to construction.

Mr. Hawes referred to the draft Capital Improvement Plan document and discussed sewer, water and stormwater as it related to projected increases. Mr. Hawes noted that this item would not come back to Council until next year for the next round of rate increases.

Mr. Hawes discussed the financing component of various street projects in the Capital Improvement Plan as it related to Gaming funds and General Obligation Bonds. In addition, Mr. Hawes discussed street projects as it related to special assessments. Mr. Hawes discussed the difference between resurfacing and reconstruction as it related to street improvements and cost. Mr. Hawes advised that the streets on the resurfacing list are typically picked by staff based on the street condition survey. Mr. Hawes commented that streets on the reconstruction list are done by petition.

Council then discussed resurfacing and reconstruction projects as it related to various street projects listed in the Capital Improvement Plan. Council discussed sidewalks as it related to repairs and cost. Council further discussed other street projects and miscellaneous capital improvements.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Foley to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

Rock Island City Council met in regular session at 6:45 pm 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, David Conroy and P.J. Foley. Also present were City Manager Thomas Thomas and City Attorney Ted Kutsunis. Alderman Terry M.A. Brooks I was absent.

Introductory Proceedings

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

Agenda Item #5

Minutes of the meeting of January 7, 2013.

A motion was made by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 7, 2013 as printed. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

State of the City Address by Mayor Dennis E. Pauley.

Mayor Pauley gave the State of the City Address; the contents of which follow:

City of Rock Island 2013 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

First, I want to acknowledge our City Council members and their dedication to serve the citizens of Rock Island. First Ward – Terry Brooks; Second Ward – David Conroy; Third Ward – P.J. Foley; Fourth Ward – Steve Tollenaer; Fifth Ward – Jason Jones; Six Ward – Joy Murphy; and Seventh Ward – Chuck Austin. This team sets the direction and priorities to insure Rock Island is in solid financial shape now and is poised to meet the challenges of the future.

We have had some retirements and changes in staff during the past year. Ava Ketter retired as Library Director after 14 years of service. After an extensive nationwide search, the Library Board of Trustees selected Angela Campbell as her successor. Ms. Campbell was the director of the Glenwood Public Library in Glenwood, Iowa and will assume her duties in Rock Island on Monday, January 21, 2013. Jerry Jones resigned as the Director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center this past year as well. Dwight Ford, who grew up in Rock Island, was selected as his replacement from a field of 70 well qualified candidates. Prior to returning to Rock Island, he was the executive director of the Eastern Nebraska Community Action Partnership in the Omaha area, served in the Marine Corp, has a master's degree from Harvard and brings with him plenty of experience. Mr. Ford began his duties in October, 2012. Ms. Campbell and Mr. Ford are both excellent additions to our city staff and we look forward to working with them for many years to come.

Also this year, Greg Champagne and Alan Carmen both retired, each having over 30 years of experience in our Economic Development Department. After nationwide recruitments for these positions, Jeffrey Eder was selected as the City's new Community and Economic Development Director and Ben Griffith was selected as Planning and Redevelopment Administrator. Both Jeff and Ben are bringing a wealth of experience to our city and we are excited to have them on board.

Our City Manager, Mr. Thomas Thomas, and his team have been working hard to attract businesses to Rock Island. As I am sure you have all heard, Wal-Mart will be building a new superstore on 11th Street, between 37th and 41st Avenues. This store will bring in approximately 400 new jobs, \$330,000 in property taxes and approximately \$1.4 million in sales tax revenue per year. Also, Fareway will build a new store on 18th Avenue and will have between 80 and 100 new employees and bring in approximately \$50,000 in sales tax revenue each year. In addition to the announcements of the Wal-Mart and Fareway development projects, several businesses have announced major expansions.

Augustana College announced a \$40 million expansion project. They broke ground on their new Center for Student Life, which will be certified as the college's first LEED Silver building. They also held a ground breaking on the total renovation of the football stadium and will continue with the renovation of Old Main.

Crawford Company completed a \$1.7 million expansion, which included construction of a new 20,650 square foot building.

Langman Construction Company also expanded their facility with a \$1.4 million, 12,000 square foot addition.

St. John's Lutheran Church is adding a 6,500 square foot expansion.

Rock Island River Terminal is in the process of a new \$8.5 million expansion, which includes a new office, warehouse and shop.

MetroLink began construction on their \$26 million, 140,000 square foot facility that will serve as the corner stone of a new riverfront development.

Community Health Care completed a \$3 million project that doubled the size of its original location. The project included new examination rooms and dental operatories.

Significant private investment was made by **Jordan School** with a new \$2.3 million addition. By combining all of its students to its central campus on 24th Street, the student body will be unified for the first time in the school's history.

Bent River Brewing Company opened this year with a \$1.6 million expansion, which includes a drive up coffee shop, expanded retail area, a tasting room and a beer garden. This award winning company continues to draw people to Rock Island to enjoy the Bent River experience.

MetroLink is also finalizing plans for a new transfer station on the south and east sides of parking lot C. Their project includes a 1,600 square foot building that includes a lobby, restrooms and retail space. This \$2.5 to \$3 million project will accommodate up to 10 buses at a time.

On the north side of parking lot C, Rock Island Economic Growth is finalizing the design for **The Locks** apartment building. This new development will have 34 apartments with an average rent of \$1,000 a month.

Additionally, over 20 new businesses have opened in Rock Island in the past year.

They include:

- **The Stern Center.** This renovated furniture store has been transformed into a beautiful banquet facility available for all types of events. This is a great addition to our downtown area.
- **Black Ram / Gendler's / The Grotto.** After a major renovation, the Black Ram opened and has received rave reviews for fine dining. Gendler's and the Grotto Sports Bar add new venues to the College Hill business community.
- **Legends Corner Bar and Grille.** As a compliment to their successful Legends Bar and Grille in Aledo, the Hiners expanded and completely renovated their new facility on 30th Street and 7th Avenue.
- Goombazz Big City Eatzz
- Against the Grain Brewery and Alehouse
- Subway on Blackhawk Road
- District Mini Mart
- Bent River Brewing Company
- Neises Chiropractic Clinic
- The Slice in the District
- M & M Asian Grocery and Gifts
- 4Play Sports Bar
- Jordan's Tobacco and Liquor
- Mama Rowdees - a restaurant in the RI Boat Club
- The Brown Store, a convenience store at 925 11th St
- Jean's Platinum Beauty Supply
- AJU Style
- Mark's Barber Shop
- Q.C. Collective
- Varieties
- Good Karma Shirt Company

Five of these new businesses received Commercial Industrial Revolving Loans (CIRLF) from the City. In addition to these loans, we also have rebates through the City's façade improvement program. During the past year, 19 businesses received rebates through this program.

Another six businesses made significant remodeling investments during the past year. They are:

- Hungry Hobo
- Koffee Break
- Bible Missionary Institute
- Wendy's Restaurant
- Trinity Hospital Cafeteria
- The Blue Square Café at Jumer's Casino and Hotel

We continue to work with Rock Island GROWTH on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program that has brought an influx of \$14.9 million into Rock Island. 45 blighted and abandoned structures have been demolished and 36 vacant, foreclosed or abandoned homes have been purchased. Of the 23 properties that have been renovated, 18 have already been sold. 5 rental units are underway in the Goldman Family Block. Five new houses have been constructed on 10th Street and two in the Broadway District. The Neighborhood Stabilization Program has been extremely successful in Rock Island and this partnership will continue to help rebuild Rock Island one block at a time. New construction has also begun on 7 single family townhomes located at 11th Street and 3rd Avenue. 92 full time jobs were created from the impact of NSP funds. In addition to NSP funds, over \$2 million in private funding from local institutions and private foundations have been contributed in support of these projects.

Our main focus will continue to be keeping Rock Island in great financial shape with an extremely strong focus on economic development.

Even though the past few years have been financially challenging for many cities and states, Rock Island continues to have an AA credit rating, a balanced budget, we pay our bills on time; we have a 90 day reserve and watch our expenses closely. We are in fine financial shape and plan on beginning the next fiscal year with no increase in the property tax rate. Several citizens were telling us they needed an option to pay their City utility bills other than once a quarter, so we implemented a new payment plan option comprising of three installments per quarter. Residents asked for an optional plan and City staff responded. Police Chief Scott Harris retired this past year and after a nationwide search, we found the best candidate for our next chief was right here in Rock Island. On December 10th, Deputy Chief Jeff VenHuizen, a 19 year veteran of the department, was sworn in as the new head of the Rock Island Police Department. As Deputy Chief, VenHuizen was credited for creating the department's newly formed Crime Suppression Unit. This elite unit, consisting of 1 sergeant and 5 officers, takes a proactive approach to combating criminal activity through efforts that focus on problem solving, not just response. They are specially trained in conducting criminal patrol, narcotics enforcement, high risk arrests, and in recognizing and addressing emerging crime trends. Following Chief VenHuizen's appointment, Lt. Jason Foy was appointed to Deputy Chief and sworn in on December 17th, 2012. It is great to know that our department develops such fine talent.

For year 2012, overall crime in Rock Island was down 12.59% through October compared to the same time period in 2011. You may recall that the crime rate in 2011 was down 8% compared to 2010 and that year was exceptionally low compared to previous years. Rock Island has an extremely professional police department and with the continued help of the community and elected officials, we can keep the crime rate low. We continue to partner with all the local police departments and other criminal justice agencies to insure the entire Quad City area works together to eliminate violent crime and any expansion of drug related crimes.

We have evaluated the condition of our police facility, held focus groups and had public tours of the facility. Our current 22,000 square foot structure does not meet the needs of our police force today or in the future. The people in the focus groups and the citizens taking a tour of the current police department, all agree we need a new facility. We are currently in the planning phase and a new facility designed to meet the needs of the citizens and the police department will be built.

The City also purchased and received three new Ford Medtec Ambulances for our Fire Department. The ambulances will enhance the continued delivery of high quality emergency medical services to those who live in and visit Rock Island.

In the past year, we opened our new public works maintenance garage and have made significant progress on our new wastewater treatment plant. When the federally mandated work is completed on the wastewater treatment facility in early 2014, the treatment capacity of the plant will have increased from 16 million gallons per day to 106 million gallons per day.

The extended drought and abnormally warm weather did create some unusual challenges and opportunities for the Public Works department in 2012. On the positive side, snow removal costs were low, fewer hours were needed for weed control, and construction projects had fewer delays. On the negative side, the Sunset Marina was plagued by low water levels and the drinking water had an unpleasant taste and odor for awhile due to an algae bloom in the Mississippi River.

Street Maintenance was a high priority with approximately \$3.1 million devoted to street maintenance, including micro-surfacing, street sweeping, pavement joint sealing, pavement striping, full depth concrete patching and asphalt grinding and patching.

Another \$3.4 million was invested in street resurfacing and reconstruction. In 2012, Public Works collected 15,000 tons of refuse, 1,250 tons of yard waste and 650 tons of recyclables. The City collected 600 tons of leaves and provided 1,800 special pickups.

Special pavement markings were installed on City streets this past fall to increase drivers' attention to sharing the road with bicyclists. The markings, called "sharrows," are being installed four feet from the curb where there is no on-street parking and 11 feet from the curb where parking is permitted. They are designed to let motorists know that they may see bicyclists more often on a particular road and also to tell cyclists where best to position themselves on the road.

Let's talk a little bit about Parks and Recreation.

- Whitewater Junction broke all previous records for attendance with over 41,000 attending during the 2012 season.

- Saukie Golf Course saw a dramatic increase in rounds played by bundling the cart and round fees.
- A new playground is under construction at Longview Park and will be completed soon.
- Construction will begin this spring on a new park across from the Martin Luther King Jr. Center.
- Schwiebert Riverfront Park continues to be very popular. The fireworks display on July 3rd reached a new level of attendance, with an estimated 8,000 in the park and an additional 20,000 along the riverfront. Four concerts were provided this summer in the Funky Fridays series. Concerts were held in the park to support ALS and youth music scholarships for band equipment. With the hot weather, the park was a popular gathering place for families to have the opportunity to cool off in the spray park area.
- The Rock Island Girls Softball Association's new Hauberg Softball field is 90% complete, with the development of a concession stand and restrooms at the field.

Plans for 2013 and beyond. We have numerous economic development opportunities in the coming years, such as:

- **Southwest Industrial Park.** The City is seeing the industrial companies in this area expand. Steel Warehouse has recently purchased a second 120,000 square foot building in this area. They are currently renovating the facility and installing laser cutting stations. They will be adding 10 jobs over the next year with additional jobs added as production expands.
- **Columbia Park.** The City completed a visioning plan a few years ago for the redevelopment of the former International Harvester Farmall plant and surrounding area on the City's northeast side. Staff is currently working with the major property owners on developing a realistic plan for this area. MetroLink is building its new office and maintenance facility on part of this site.
- **Lawson Property.** This 100 acre area on Andalusia Road was annexed into Rock Island 10 years ago with the intent to sell off parcels for industrial development. Currently, Quad Cities First is working with a site selection consultant on a potential industrial distribution center taking approximately 25 acres of this site.
- **Barjan Building.** This 200,000 square foot building on Andalusia Road is currently vacant and is owned by an investment trust looking to sell the facility. A couple of buyers have already expressed interest in purchasing this property.
- **88 Acres North of Jumer's Casino and Hotel.** This development is located at the intersection of I-280 and IL 92 and is now being called Jumer's Crossing @I-280. A major commercial development with retail, entertainment and restaurant space totaling nearly 300,000 square feet, the development is designed to complement Jumer's Casino and Hotel.
- **College Hill District.** The planning process for this project is nearing completion. Ben Griffith, our Planning and Redevelopment Administrator is currently reviewing the draft

plan and is preparing any changes and a council presentation. Located at the intersections of 14th Avenue with 30th and 38th Streets near Augustana College, the College Hill District seeks to create a vibrant, sustainable business and neighborhood community.

The City of Rock Island recently adopted a strategic plan for 2013-2015 which identifies the five highest priorities for the next three years: Financial Stability, Economic Development, Redevelopment, Infrastructure and High Quality Service Delivery. By the end of 2015, successful implementation of the proposed initiatives will improve the city of Rock Island in a wide variety of ways.

The plan aims to improve infrastructure and service quality by reducing utility service interruptions, improving quality of streets, and establishing service standards for all major city services. Continued financial stability will be achieved through a long term financial plan that maintains our AA bond rating. The strategic plan calls for the creation of comprehensive commercial retail, neighborhood housing, and industrial development strategies. Rock Island will benefit from focused development and redevelopment studies that lead to project implementation throughout the community. We will continue to work hard to preserve the past, while working to build on the future.

Rock Island's future is very bright and I am proud to be the Mayor of this great community. Thank you for all you do to make Rock Island great.

Thank you,
Dennis E. Pauley
Mayor
City of Rock Island

Agenda Item #7

Presentation of the 2012 Commercial Beautification and Holiday Lighting Awards.

Beautification Commission member Bob Towler and Mayor Pauley presented the 27th annual Holiday Lighting Awards to two (2) residential and two (2) commercial winners. The first place residential winner was Tom and Karen Stontz at 2910 22nd Avenue, and the second place award winner was Rick and Sheri West at 3800 14th Street. Commercial winners were Ganson's Neighborhood Bakery and Cafe located at 3055 38th Street, which won first place, and the second place winner was Nico's Grocery located at 1027 11th Street.

Beautification Commission member Bob Towler and Mayor Pauley then presented the 2012 Commercial Beautification Awards. The Rotary Trophy winner was presented to Jackson Square located at 2411 4th Avenue. The Mayor's Award was presented to Crawford Company located at 1306 Mill Street. The Beautification Commission Award was presented to Friendship Manor located at 1209 21st Avenue, and the City Council Award was presented to Bent River Brewing Company located at 512 24th Street.

The following businesses were awarded with Honorable Mention Certificates; Strieter Corporation, Martinis on the Rock, Plumbers/Pipefitters, Dee's/Junior's Tap, Land of Beauty,

Panozzo/OGAD, Lamsal/Subway, Against the Grain Brewery, Amidon Building, RIBCO/Second Avenue Building, Mrs. T's Kids, Inc., Miller Container Corporation, Convict Customz, Tom Unley Marine, Coventry Apartments, Ganson's Restaurant/Bakery, Goombazz Restaurant, Legend's Bar & Grill, Erawan Thai Restaurant, Sunshine's Studio, One Hair Place, Cope Plastics, GROWTH/Incubator, GROWTH, RozzTox, St. Pius X, Steve's Barber Shop, Terrango Store; RY Washington LLC, Mark's Barber Shop, Discount Auto Body Supply, Attica Recording Studio, Fabulous Finds and Mark Jeffrey Salon.

Agenda Item #8

Proclamation declaring January 21, 2013 as Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Mayor Pauley read the Proclamation declaring January 21, 2013 as Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Martin Luther King Center Director Dwight Ford stepped forward and accepted the Proclamation. Dr. Ford thanked the City for the proclamation and welcomed everyone to the 30th annual memorial service of Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., which will be held from 9:00 am to 10:30 am at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center. It was noted that following the program, the 2013 Presidential Inauguration will be televised, which begins at noon.

Mayor Pauley stated that on Saturday evening at 6:00 pm, another celebration will take place at Augustana College in Centennial Hall. The Mayor added that Dr. Ford will be the main speaker at that event.

Agenda Item #9

A Special Ordinance establishing a handicapped parking space at 1625 33rd Street.

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

Agenda Item #10

A Special Ordinance establishing a handicapped parking space at 3213 17th Avenue.

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

Agenda Item #11

A Resolution supporting GROWTH as the Lead Organization for the Northwestern Illinois Housing Coalition to carry out the proposed activities and continued efforts in attaining the goals by seeking funding from the National Foreclosure Settlement Awards.

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to 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 Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #12

Tax Abatement Resolutions

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

- a. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$224,100.00, such funds to be provided from Public Benefit revenues, Wastewater and Park funds to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Refunding Bonds, series 2005.
- b. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$423,800.00, such funds to be provided from Public Benefit revenues and Wastewater funds to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds, series 2007.
- c. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$637,122.50, such funds to be provided from Public Benefit revenues, Wastewater, Hydropower and Gaming funds to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds, series 2008A and General Obligation Bonds, series 2008B.
- d. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$301,127.50, such funds to be provided from revenues of the Downtown TIF fund to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds, series 2008D.
- e. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$51,450.00, such funds to be provided from revenues of the Hydropower fund to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Clean Renewable Energy Bonds, series 2008C.
- f. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$971,706.28, such funds to be provided from Public Benefit revenues, Parks and Recreation and Tax Increment Financing funds to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds, series 2009A and General Obligation Bonds, series 2009B.
- g. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$80,130.00, such funds to be provided from revenues of the Tax Increment Financing fund to pay principal and interest on Taxable General Obligation Bonds, series 2009C.
- h. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$570,793.76, such funds to be provided from revenues of the Water fund and Wastewater fund to pay principal and interest on Taxable General Obligation Bonds, series 2010A BABs.

- i. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$614,200.00, such funds to be provided from revenues of the Debt Services fund, Park fund and Water fund to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds, series 2010B.
- j. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$272,439.13, such funds to be provided from the Debt Service fund and Special Assessments to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds, series 2011A.
- k. Resolution authorizing Tax Abatement in the amount of \$644,329.56, such funds to be provided from revenues of the Debt Service fund, Special Assessments, Sunset Marina and Water funds to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds, series 2012A.

Agenda Item #13

CLAIMS

It was moved by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Foley to accept the following reports and authorize payments 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 Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

- a. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of \$11,186.64 to DLT Solutions, Inc. for the AutoDesk annual subscription maintenance. (015)
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$21,000.00 to Elliott Equipment for the rental of two refuse packers for the 2012 fall leaf collection. (291)
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$15,518.50 to Brandt Construction Company for an emergency water main repair at RIFAC. (002)
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 and final in the amount of \$45,344.58 to Chicago Trenchless Rehabilitation, Inc. for services provided for the 2012 Sewer Cleaning and Televising Program project. (003)
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$90,521.37 to Valley Construction for services provided for 11th Street Sidewalk Reconstruction, 25th Avenue to 32nd Avenue project. (004)

Agenda Item #14

Claims for the week of January 4 through January 10 in the combined amount of \$3,903,258.59.

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Foley 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 Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #15

Payroll for the weeks of December 24 through January 6 in the amount of \$1,337,999.17.

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

Agenda Item #16

Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget, recommending increasing the Community and Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$71,945.00.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the budget adjustment 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 Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #17

Report from the Public Works Department regarding an amended ordinance authorizing the City of Rock Island to borrow funds from the Water Pollution Control Loan Program as it relates to increasing the debt authorization limits for the Long Term Control Plan construction projects.

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 Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #18

Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the Parkway/I -280 TIF Surplus, recommending to declare a surplus of funds in TIF 4 in the amount of \$526,546.23.

Alderman Foley moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to declare the surplus of funds as recommended and authorize the Finance Director to return these surplus funds to the Rock Island County treasurer for distribution. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #19

Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Kavanaugh's Hilltop Tavern to hold an outdoor tented event for St. Patrick's Day on Saturday, March 16, 2013 from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm at 1228 30th Street.

It was moved by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to approve the event as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations and subject to being closed down early if noise complaints are received. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #20

Other Business

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

Alderman Jones stated that the Housing Authority in Rock Island is conducting a city-wide housing study to determine what housing is available and what the actual needs are for housing. Alderman Jones commented that the City has an aging housing stock. Alderman Jones stated that he believes that the City needs to explore some sort of home improvement property tax credit and set up a program designed to provide an incentive to make improvements to residential properties. Alderman Jones inquired upon staff to research this issue and come back to Council.

Alderman Foley congratulated Madison Keys on her first victory at the Australian Open.

Alderwoman Murphy encouraged everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that if anyone wants a good hamburger on the 11th Street corridor, go to McDonald's at 2950 11th Street or City Limits at 4514 9th Street. Alderwoman Murphy encouraged everyone to shop local.

Agenda Item #21

No Executive Session.

An Executive Session was not held.

Agenda Item #22

Recess

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Conroy to recess to Monday, January 21, 2013 at 5:30 pm. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being; Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy, Alderman Austin, Alderman Conroy and Alderman Foley; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:30 pm.

Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk