

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

City Hall

1528 Third Avenue, Rock Island IL

City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor

3/25/2019 - Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mayor Thoms called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Thoms asked the City Clerk to call the roll.

Present: Mayor Mike Thoms, Alderman Ivory D. Clark, Alderman Virgil J. Mayberry, Alderman James Spurgetis, Alderman Stephen L. Tollenaer, Alderman Dylan Parker, and Alderman Dave Geenen

Staff: City Manager Randy Tweet, City Attorney Dave Morrison, City Clerk Judith Gilbert, and other City staff

Alderman Joshua Schipp notified the City through City Clerk Judith Gilbert that he would not be physically present for the meeting tonight due to a work commitment out of town and made a request to participate remotely per City ordinance.

MOTION:

Alderman Parker moved to allow Alderman Schipp to participate in the Council meeting remotely; Alderman Geenen seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-0 voice vote. Aye: Clark, Mayberry, Spurgetis, Tollenaer, Parker, and Geenen. Nay: None. Absent: None.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Thoms led in the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Moment of Silence

Mayor Thoms asked for a moment of silence. A moment of silence was observed.

5. Minutes of the March 11, 2019 meeting.

MOTION:

Alderman Spurgetis moved to approve the minutes as printed; Alderman Clark seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 7-0-0 voice vote. Aye: Clark, Mayberry, Spurgetis, Tollenaer, Parker, Schipp, and Geenen. Nay: None. Absent: None.

6. Minutes of the Executive Session of March 11, 2019.

MOTION:

Alderman Clark moved to approve the Executive Session minutes; Alderman Mayberry seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 7-0-0 voice vote. Aye: Clark, Mayberry, Spurgetis, Tollenaer, Parker, Schipp, and Geenen. Nay: None. Absent: None.

7. Update Rock Island by Mayor Thoms

Free Leaf Bag Collection - The City of Rock Island is providing leaf collection for its residential customers starting Monday, April 15 through Friday, May 3, 2019. Customers must place the leaves in the approved paper yard waste bags and be placed at the normal collection locations and days. Free leaf bags may be picked up starting April 8 at various locations throughout the City. Please visit WWW.RIGOV.ORG for more information.

Preschool Expansion - The Rock Island Fitness & Activity Center Preschool Program is expanding its offerings. Children three to five years old will get creative through fun activities and experiences. Preschool will be offered Monday through Friday, August 19 through May 22, following the Rock Island/Milan School District calendar. Preschool is held at the Fitness Center, 4303 24th Street, Rock Island. Registration opens April 1. An Open House will be held April 3 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for all interested parents. Visit WWW.RIGOV.ORG/PRESCHOOL or call (309) 732-7275 to register or get more information.

Alderman Mayberry asked for the Mayor or City Clerk to explain the process about FOIA requests and the number of entities who filed FOIAs on Council members. Mayor Thoms said there were three entities. City Attorney Dave Morrison said it was OK to discuss as long as it's just about what's covered in the act. He also said if someone makes a Freedom of Information request, that is something that is also FOIAble and would be public information as well. City Clerk Judith Gilbert explained the process to make a FOIA request. The request must be in writing; it can be done with the online form at the City website or by sending an email. Requests for police reports are handled by the Police Department and the City Clerk handles all other requests. Ms. Gilbert said three different entities made requests for various kinds of financial records regarding the aldermen and the money they have spent. Alderman Mayberry asked for the three names. Mr. Morrison said he doesn't think the City should reveal the names out of caution. Alderman Mayberry asked if a citizen could come to the City Clerk's office and request it, does the City Clerk have to give it to them. Ms. Gilbert confirmed she is one of the City's FOIA officers. Mr. Morrison said the request could be done as a FOIA. Mr. Morrison explained that through FOIA, anyone can request records already in the possession of a public entity. He said

you can't ask for documents they don't have. Ms. Gilbert added FOIA is for requesting public records. She explained that FOIA stands for Freedom of Information Act and is also referred to as the sunshine laws so that there is transparency in city government and all government. She stated requests must be for public records as opposed to answers to questions.

8. Proclamation declaring April 4, 2019 as Junior Achievement Day.

Mayor Thoms read the proclamation. Doug Nelson, President and CEO of Junior Achievement Quad Cities, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Mayor and Council and citizens of Rock Island. He stated that Junior Achievement gives kids a sense of purpose and a belief in themselves; then they can do whatever they want and will be successful. He quoted a statistic that JA alumni make 20% more income than students who have never had JA. Mr. Nelson said 2,500 kids had JA this past year in Rock Island. He added they are always looking for volunteers to teach the classes (there are prepared lessons). Mayor Thoms sits on the JA Board. A picture was taken with Mayor Thoms.

9. A Special Ordinance granting an application for a monument sign at 4507 24th Street.

MOTION:

Alderman Spurgetis moved to consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance; Alderman Parker seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Clark, Mayberry, Spurgetis, Tollenaer, Parker, Schipp, and Geenen. Nay: None. Absent: None.

10. Claims

- a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$7,589.43 to Quality Plus Body Shop of Rock Island, IL for a general liability claim.
- b. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$193,034.63 to Broadspire of Atlanta, GA for a worker's compensation claim.
- c. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of \$17,760.48 to the Rock Island County Sheriff's Office of Rock Island, IL for the annual maintenance contract for the City of Rock Island's share of the OSSl Records Management Software for the year from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$3,300.00 to Bob Westpfahl of Milan, IL for the 2019 annual land set aside payment.

MOTION:

Alderman Parker moved to accept the reports and authorize payment as recommended for Claims items a through d; Alderman Mayberry seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Clark, Mayberry, Spurgetis, Tollenaer, Parker, Schipp, and Geenen. Nay: None. Absent: None.

- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$10,454.17 to Langman Construction, Inc. of Rock Island, IL for an emergency water main repair on 31st Avenue and 28th Street.
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$13,040.32 to Langman Construction, Inc. of Rock Island, IL for an emergency water main repair at 4027 24th Street.

MOTION:

Alderman Clark moved to accept the reports and authorize payment as recommended for Claims items e and f; Alderman Tollenaer seconded.

Alderman Parker recused himself from the vote due to the nature of his employment.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Clark, Mayberry, Spurgetis, Tollenaer, Schipp, and Geenen. Nay: None. Absent: None.

- 11. Claims for the weeks of March 8 through March 14 in the amount of \$890,433.76 and March 15 through March 21 in the amount of \$321,809.48; and payroll for the weeks of February 25, 2019 through March 10, 2019 in the amount of \$1,484,660.37.

MOTION:

Alderman Spurgetis moved to allow the claims and payroll; Alderman Clark seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Clark, Mayberry, Spurgetis, Tollenaer, Parker, Schipp, and Geenen. Nay: None. Absent: None.

- 12. Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2019 Asphalt Street Milling and Patching Program with Council recommending the bid be awarded to the second lowest bidder, Valley Construction Company of Rock Island, IL, in the amount of \$68,884.00.

MOTION:

Alderman Geenen moved to award the bid as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents; Alderman Clark seconded.

Dennis Heggen, resident of Rock Island, thanked Alderman Mayberry and Alderman Tollenaer and staff for their support at the last meeting. He sent an email yesterday to Council. He personally bid the project as an employee of Brandt. Mr. Heggen said he has 27 years of experience working with asphalt and Brandt has produced 2 million tons of asphalt. He said Brandt employees work hard to do a good job. Brandt met all of the requirements for the job; they are also DOT certified. Brandt's asphalt facility is in Rock Island. Mr. Heggen said it was not a fair decision.

Mayor Thoms said Brandt was awarded the 38th Street resurfacing project and met all state requirements. He said Brandt has done these projects well in the past. Mayor Thoms said there is a bidding process to give the taxpayers the best value for the dollar.

Terry Brandt, owner of Brandt Construction, addressed Council. He said he has been a Rock Island resident for 25 years. His company is a responsible bidder by the City's standards and is qualified with Iowa and Illinois DOT. He said they were late with the 6th Avenue project, but paid substantial liquidated damages and apologized too. They have bid over 30 projects for the City since then, but now have been effectively debarred from future projects. He added Council might not like it because they are a non-union contractor. He added there has been a lot of misleading and false information told about his company. He feels he is entitled to due process and protection under the law. He said what they are doing is manifestly illegal. His company is celebrating 60 years in business this year. He also stated he probably pays one of the largest utility tax bills for stormwater runoff in the City. He thanked the Mayor and Council for being able to speak tonight.

Alderman Spurgetis questioned Mr. Brandt regarding a newspaper article that said Brandt is in default on an East Moline project. Mr. Brandt said they are not in default on that project. Discussion continued on this matter.

Candy Pasternak, an attorney licensed in Iowa and Illinois with an office in Davenport, addressed Council. She said she was here to advocate for the process for all contractors. She said the requirements should be pure and equitable for all and quoted from the minutes of the March 11 Council meeting. Ms. Pasternak said Brandt Construction was deemed a responsible bidder and they were the low bidder on the project. She stated if Council elects not to follow the process, that is not equitable. She added there should be unbiased consideration. She said if Council is using unsubstantiated articles as part of their decision-making for denying the low bidder, then the process is no longer pure and damages every member of the construction community.

Alderman Spurgetis asked about tabling the vote until the article is deemed accurate. City Attorney Morrison said they should postpone to a date certain. Mr. Tweet said he checked with the city administrator and city engineer from East Moline. He confirmed that Brandt is not in default on that project. The project started late because of an issue with a subcontractor. Discussion continued regarding the matter.

MOTION:

Alderman Spurgetis moved to table the item until April 8; Alderman Tollenaer seconded.

Alderman Schipp asked for the City Attorney's input on the previous motion. Mr. Morrison said the motion to postpone takes precedence over the previous motion. Alderman Schipp spoke about the 6th Avenue project and other factors why Brandt should not receive the contract.

Alderman Tollenaer called the vote. Alderman Tollenaer then removed his second. Mayor Thoms asked if there was a second to table the item until April 8. The motion to table the item until April 8 failed for lack of a second.

Alderman Parker recused himself from the vote due to the nature of his employment.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 4-2-0 roll call vote. Aye: Clark, Spurgetis, Schipp, and Geenen. Nay: Mayberry and Tollenaer. Absent: None.

13. Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a contract with Resource Consultants of Mosier, OR to provide consulting services to assist with the

development and preparation of the City of Rock Island's HUD funded portion of the Code Enforcement Program in an amount not to exceed \$9,875.00.

MOTION:

Alderman Parker moved to approve the contract as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents, subject to minor City Attorney modifications; Alderman Clark seconded.

Alderman Mayberry asked how they found the consultant and if there was a bidding process. Community and Economic Development Director Chandler Poole said Resource Consultants was already doing two HUD plans for them, the Consolidated Five-Year Plan and the Annual Action Plan. Staff met the consultant at a HUD training program over a year and a half ago; Resource Consultants originally responded to an RFQ for doing the HUD plans.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Clark, Mayberry, Spurgetis, Parker, Schipp, and Geenen. Nay: None. Absent: Tollenaer. Alderman Tollenaer had momentarily stepped out of Council Chambers.

14. Report from the Parks and Recreation Department regarding an Authorizing Resolution and Master Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement with BMO-Harris Investment Company of Milwaukee, WI.

MOTION:

Alderman Parker moved to adopt the authorizing resolution and approve the lease-purchase agreement as recommended and authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to execute the documents; Alderman Mayberry seconded.

City Attorney Dave Morrison asked if Finance Director Stephanie Masson was satisfied that there were not any implications for the budget. Ms. Masson responded that she was.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Clark, Mayberry, Spurgetis, Parker, Schipp, and Geenen. Nay: None. Absent: Tollenaer. Alderman Tollenaer had momentarily stepped out of Council Chambers.

15. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding a three-year contract extension with Genesis Health for on-site medical services for the period from March 7, 2019 through March 6, 2022.

MOTION:

Alderman Clark moved to approve the contract extension as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents; Alderman Geenen seconded.

Alderman Geenen said he serves on the Joint Administration Committee for the Health Care Task Force; he said it's to extend the contract for the clinic. He stated Joe is the on-site practitioner and provides wonderful service to the City and its employees. He said the City is getting an excellent return on its investment especially comparing 2017 to 2018 and that has to

do with the quality of care from Genesis.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Clark, Mayberry, Spurgetis, Tollenaer, Parker, Schipp, and Geenen. Nay: None. Absent: None.

16. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding a three-year contract extension with the law firm of Pappas and O'Connor for labor counsel services for the period from February 1, 2019 through January 31, 2022.

MOTION:

Alderman Parker moved to approve the contract extension as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents; Alderman Mayberry seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Clark, Mayberry, Spurgetis, Tollenaer, Parker, and Geenen. Nay: None. Absent: None. Alderman Schipp abstained from the vote.

17. Report from the Public Works Department regarding the 2019 Catch Basin and Manhole Program, recommending extension of the 2017/2018 Catch Basin and Manhole Program maintenance contract with Langman Construction, Inc. of Rock Island, IL in order to perform the required maintenance through 2019 in the amount of \$134,500.00.

MOTION:

Alderman Clark moved to approve the contract extension as recommended; Alderman Spurgetis seconded.

Alderman Parker recused himself from the vote due to the nature of his employment.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Clark, Mayberry, Spurgetis, Tollenaer, Schipp, and Geenen. Nay: None. Absent: None.

18. Report from the Public Works Department regarding entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Moline to provide refuse collection services for the Rock Island Arsenal.

MOTION:

Alderman Parker moved to approve entering into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Moline as recommended and direct City staff and the City Attorney to work with the City of Moline on the agreement; Alderman Clark seconded.

Alderman Parker said it is very exciting and asked the Mayor to explain the item. Mayor Thoms explained that there was a law passed allowing municipalities to bid on jobs for the Rock Island Arsenal. He said the City of Rock Island is collaborating with the City of Moline for refuse pickup. Moline actually holds the contract and will be providing the refuse containers and Rock Island will provide the labor and trucks to do the pickups. Mayor Thoms said it keeps local jobs and keeps

costs down.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Clark, Mayberry, Spurgetis, Tollenaer, Parker, Schipp, and Geenen. Nay: None. Absent: None.

19. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the CY 2019 Budget, recommending increasing the North 11th Street TIF Fund (203) expenditures by \$29,000.00.

MOTION:

Alderman Clark moved to approve the budget adjustment as recommended; Alderman Spurgetis seconded.

Alderman Parker asked why the budget adjustment is being made. Ms. Masson explained the City had a redevelopment agreement with Friendship Manor in 2017 to redevelop streetscape along 11th Street. She said the work was completed after 2017 and Friendship Manor just recently submitted their request for reimbursement and to make the agreement whole. Ms. Masson explained that it had not been budgeted for in 2019. She said it gives them the budget authority in a transparent way in making the payment to Friendship Manor. She assured Council there is a sufficient fund balance to make the payment.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Clark, Mayberry, Spurgetis, Tollenaer, Parker, Schipp, and Geenen. Nay: None. Absent: None.

20. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the CY 2019 Budget, recommending increasing the salary expense in the General Fund by \$72,966.30 and reducing the salaries in the Water and Stormwater Funds by the same amount.

MOTION:

Alderman Parker moved to approve the budget adjustment as recommended; Alderman Spurgetis seconded.

Alderman Mayberry asked if they were just moving money from one fund to another. City Manager Randy Tweet explained that the Stormwater Technician previously worked out of the Public Works Department, but almost everything he worked on was interaction with customers coming in for building permits who also needed stormwater permits. It made sense to move the position to CED. The technician also does the rain garden program.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Clark, Mayberry, Spurgetis, Tollenaer, Parker, Schipp, and Geenen. Nay: None. Absent: None.

21. Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the proposed sale of City-owned Parcel 105038 to the adjacent property owner.

MOTION:

Alderman Parker moved to approve the offer to sell Parcel 105038 to the applicants and authorize staff to draft a purchase agreement with a sale price for future Council action; Alderman Clark seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Clark, Mayberry, Spurgetis, Tollenaer, Parker, Schipp, and Geenen. Nay: None. Absent: None.

22. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a request from Alderman Geenen and Denkmann PTA to use City tools and materials to assist with the playground construction at Denkmann School.

MOTION:

Alderman Geenen moved to approve the use of City-owned equipment as recommended and allow City staff to deliver said items to Denkmann PTA on the dates provided; Alderman Clark seconded.

Alderman Geenen said they have been working hard to raise money and this is a great way for the City to contribute. He thanked Mr. Tweet and Mr. Bartels for making it possible. Alderman Geenen said there would be a new playground by next month.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Clark, Mayberry, Spurgetis, Tollenaer, Parker, Schipp, and Geenen. Nay: None. Absent: None.

23. Report from the Fire Department requesting a street closure of 7th Avenue between 32nd Street and 38th Street on April 11, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to noon for a full-scale exercise with Augustana College Public Safety.

MOTION:

Alderman Clark moved to approve the street closure request as recommended; Alderman Spurgetis seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Clark, Mayberry, Spurgetis, Tollenaer, Parker, Schipp, and Geenen. Nay: None. Absent: None.

24. Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request for installation of a handicapped parking space at 512 19th Avenue.

MOTION:

Alderman Mayberry moved to approve the request as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance; Alderman Clark seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Clark, Mayberry, Spurgetis, Tollenaer, Parker,

Schipp, and Geenen. Nay: None. Absent: None.

25. Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from TNT Hair Design at 4334 14th Avenue to place their parking lot under City ordinance control (Section 9-42).

MOTION:

Alderman Parker moved to approve the request as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance; Alderman Spurgetis seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Clark, Mayberry, Spurgetis, Tollenaer, Parker, Schipp, and Geenen. Nay: None. Absent: None.

26. Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from the Public Works Department for the removal of the handicapped parking space at 1419 11th Street.

MOTION:

Alderman Clark moved to approve the request as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance; Alderman Parker seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Clark, Mayberry, Spurgetis, Tollenaer, Parker, Schipp, and Geenen. Nay: None. Absent: None.

27. Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding requests from Dennis Weiss, Principal of Eugene Field Elementary School, for the following parking restrictions:

1) Install School Bus Parking from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on school days on 31st Avenue in front of the school;

2) Install No Parking, Standing, or Stopping zones on the north and south sides of 31st Avenue by the crosswalk; and

3) Make parking available on the south side of 31st Avenue between the proposed School Bus Parking zone to the proposed No Parking, Standing, or Stopping zone.

MOTION:

Alderman Clark moved to approve the Traffic Engineering Committee's recommendations as stated in the report and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance; Alderman Parker seconded.

Derek and Becky Clark from Eugene Field PTA addressed Council regarding their concerns about the speed of traffic in front of the school. They are looking for traffic enforcement at the school. They said parents ignore the parking and speed limit signs. They asked for additional No Parking spots. Ms. Clark offered that the PTA can paint the curbs. Mr. Tweet said the project would be completed before the next school year begins; it needs to be done in warm weather. Ms. Clark asked for a "Your Speed" type sign like what Denkmann School has. Mr. Tweet recommended they speak with Police Chief VenHuizen before they left regarding their concerns about enforcement.

City Clerk Gilbert read the Traffic Engineering Committee's recommendations for the record. Mr. Tweet explained they don't want parking near the crosswalk for visibility reasons. He also said that the new No Parking, Standing or Stopping signs mean that parents can no longer wait in their vehicles in those spots.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Clark, Mayberry, Spurgetis, Tollenaer, Parker, Schipp, and Geenen. Nay: None. Absent: None.

28. Report from the Mayor regarding appointments and reappointments to the Preservation Commission.

MOTION:

Alderman Parker moved to approve the appointments and reappointments as recommended; Alderman Tollenaer seconded.

The following appointments are being made to the Preservation Commission: Diane Oestreich to a three-year term; and Deb Kuntzi to a three-year term as an Associate, non-voting member.

The following reappointments are being made to the Preservation Commission: Addison Kimmel to a three-year term; and Jeff Dismer to a three-year term as an Associate, non-voting member.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 7-0-0 voice vote. Aye: Clark, Mayberry, Spurgetis, Tollenaer, Parker, Schipp, and Geenen. Nay: None. Absent: None.

29. Report from the Mayor regarding reappointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

MOTION:

Alderman Parker moved to approve the reappointments as recommended; Alderman Clark seconded.

Jeff Wright and Gary Snyder are being reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals (five-year terms).

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 7-0-0 voice vote. Aye: Clark, Mayberry, Spurgetis, Tollenaer, Parker, Schipp, and Geenen. Nay: None. Absent: None.

30. Other Business / Public Comment

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill and Brenda Schroeder who live in southwest Rock Island addressed Council regarding the condition of their street and that their driveway has sunk eight inches. They said the problem has

been getting worse for years. The Schroeders distributed photos of the street and their driveway. The Public Works Department told them the street was not properly laid when it was put in. Their insurance company confirmed there is only sand and mud under the street. They are asking for help with the problem. Mr. Tweet said he would come out with the City Engineer and Public Works staff to assess the situation and come up with a temporary plan. The Schroeders' neighbor Celestine Johnson was also in attendance.

Jim Krup, next door neighbor to the Schroeders, explained what has been going on for years. Water runs under the cracks in the street and churns up the mud which runs down the street. He said he has lived there for 16 or 17 years. He said it is a major problem; his neighbor's driveway has caved in down by his home. He asked that someone come out to look at the problem and come up with a permanent solution.

OTHER BUSINESS

Alderman Spurgetis said he received a request from a citizen asking that the leaf pickup collection start earlier than April 15. Mr. Tweet responded they would take a look at it.

Alderman Tollenaer asked if someone from the majority vote of item #12 would reconsider their motion for the agenda item. He believes Council has put themselves in legal jeopardy where the aldermen may be financially responsible for the action they have taken. Council overrode the professional staff recommendation. Alderman Tollenaer believes that they will be personally liable for the action taken tonight.

Alderman Mayberry noted that Alderman Tollenaer will have served 12 years on the Council when he retires in May. He thinks the City should recognize Alderman Tollenaer for his years of service. Alderman Tollenaer thanked Alderman Mayberry.

Alderman Clark said he attended a session at his recent Washington D.C. conference for ways to involve all citizens. He will be sharing that information with City Manager Randy Tweet.

Alderman Parker said he attended the annual meeting of the Midwest High Speed Rail Association last weekend. Alderman Parker said he is a big supporter of passenger rail. He would like to see Rock Island at the table when there is discussion of another station for the rail line. Mr. Tweet said he has the letter of support for high speed rail for Council members to sign. Alderman Parker said there are bills in the state House and Senate to create a high speed rail commission for the entire state. He encouraged supporters of high speed rail to reach out to their state legislators to support the bills.

31. Motion to Adjourn

MOTION:

Alderman Clark moved to adjourn; Alderman Mayberry seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 7-0-0 voice vote. Aye: Clark, Mayberry, Spurgetis, Tollenaer, Parker, Schipp, and Geenen. Nay: None. Absent: None.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Judith H. Gilbert, City Clerk