

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

8/14/2017 - Minutes

1. Mayor Thoms will call the meeting to order.
2. Roll Call.

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

Absent: None

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

Rock Island Cub Scout Troop 258 led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Moment of Silence.
5. Minutes of the Goal Setting Sessions: June 23, June 24, July 18, and July 19, 2017.

MOTION:

Alderman Geenen moved to approve the Minutes as printed; Alderman Spurgetis seconded.

Alderman Schipp said this year's goal setting was longer with multiple days due to new Council members and new staff. They re-wrote a lot of the plans for the City, but he was very proud of what they accomplished. Alderman Schipp thanked the staff and Council members.

VOTE:

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

6. Minutes of the meeting of July 24, 2017.

MOTION:

Alderman Spurgetis moved to approve the Minutes as printed; Alderman Tollenaer seconded.

VOTE:

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

7. Update Rock Island by Mayor Thoms.

Community Crime Prevention Partnership Meeting – Please join the City of Rock Island Police Department on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 for their monthly crime prevention meeting. This month's topic will focus on introducing the new school resource officers; Officer Doug Williams and Officer Matt Franks. These educational meetings are intended to strengthen the partnerships with the citizens of Rock Island and the Police Department. The meeting is scheduled to start at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Room of the Police Department, 1212 5th Avenue.

Guided Solar Eclipse Viewing – On Monday, August 21, 2017 the 30/31 Branch Library will offer solar eclipse viewing and learning activities out on the lawn. Bring your solar eclipse viewing glasses as special glasses are required to look at the sun safely during the event. There are also indirect viewing techniques to learn. The event starts at 11:30 a.m. and goes until 2:00 p.m. and is recommended for ages 8 and up. For more information, please call (309) 732-7369. Weather permitting.

Thursday Night Groove Concert Series – The free "Thursday Night Groove" concert series continues this season at Schwiebert Riverfront Park on Thursday, August 24, 2017. Funktastic 5 will kick this season off with their high energy songs. The event is open from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Rock Island Happy Joes will have pizza for sale and Bent River beer will be available for purchase.

Bill Bell Jazz and Heritage Festival – A free jazz festival will be taking place at the M.L.K. Jr., Park on August 18 and 19, 2017. Bring your lawn chairs, relax and listen as we celebrate the musical legacy of the Quad Cities. Music starts at 5:00 p.m. on Friday and goes until 10:00 p.m. and again on Saturday, from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Alderman Mayberry reported that he and City Manager Randy Tweet were finally successful in getting directional signs to Rock Island High School on Highway 67 through the Illinois Department of Transportation. Mayor Thoms thanked them for their efforts.

8. Announcement of the 2017 Rock Island Citizen of the Year Winners.

Alderman Geenen, Co-Chair of the 2017 Citizen of the Year Committee, said it was an enjoyable experience to work with Alderman Parker and the community to nominate the best of the best for the awards. Alderman Geenen said there will be a reception at 6:15 on August 28 before the Council meeting to honor the award recipients. At the August 28 Council meeting, the overall 2017 Rock Island Citizen of the Year will be announced. That person will serve as the Grand Marshal of the Labor Day Parade on September 4. All award winners will also be in the parade. Alderman Parker, Co-Chair of the 2017 Citizen of the Year Committee, said it was wonderful to serve on the committee. He stated that although not all nominees can win, the volume of individuals, businesses and organizations that were nominated demonstrate how wonderful the community of Rock Island is. He congratulated all nominees and winners and thanked everyone who participated by nominating. Alderman Geenen said at the awards ceremony on August 28, other members of the committee will be present and will share more information about each winner.

The winners of the eight (8) categories are as follows: Business: Ms. BriMani's Hair & Beauty Supply; Professional: Reverend Stacie Fidler; Education: Berni Carmack; Organization: (two awards) Friends of Hauberg Civic Center and Spring Forward Learning Center; Individual: Matt Stern; City Employee: John Gripp; Youth: MyKeisha Wells; and Honorary (non-resident): Christine Schmidt.

Mayor Thoms thanked the committee and said the winners are also the citizens of Rock Island who benefit from the groups and individuals and their efforts.

9. Proclamation declaring August 13 through August 19, 2017 as Rock Island Clown Appreciation Week.

Mayor Thoms read the proclamation. Clowns Topper (Brian Lees) and Susie-Q (Sue Collins) accepted the proclamation. Topper spoke of losing an icon in their history, with the loss of the circus parade coming through town. They take great pride in their craft. He thanked the City for the recognition.

10. An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of two series of unlimited tax General Obligation Bonds, Series 2017A for the financing of roadway improvement projects at an estimated cost of \$2,500,000 and refunding of all or a portion of the outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series 2008A and 2009B and Series 2017B for the refunding of all or a portion of the outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series 2008B and 2009A.

MOTION:

Alderman Spurgetis moved to consider the ordinance; Alderman Tollenaer seconded.

Alderman Schipp asked if the work has been bid out yet. Mr. Tweet said yes, some is in progress; and it is also for future projects. The particular projects were on the resolution passed at the last Council meeting. Alderman Schipp explained to the audience the refunding is related to getting a lower interest rate for long-term debt.

VOTE:

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

11. Claims

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #1 in the amount of \$38,204.00 to Greenspace Associates of Davenport, IA for the 2017 Sod Replacement Program.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$140,905.75 to Centennial Contractors of the Quad Cities, Inc. of Moline, IL for the 2017 Sidewalk and Pavement Patching Program.

MOTION:

Alderman Schipp moved to accept the reports and authorize payments for Claims Items a and b as recommended; Alderman Clark seconded.

Alderman Spurgetis said he's gotten calls from constituents; everyone should be happy the

City is working on this project.

Alderman Mayberry asked Mr. Tweet to explain the sidewalk replacement process. Mr. Tweet said interested persons should contact Public Works; then a staff person is sent to evaluate if the sidewalk needs repairs. Now, most projects are completed within one year. Requests are being taken now for next season.

VOTE:

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

12. Claims for the weeks of July 21 through July 27 in the amount of \$479,299.00, July 28 through August 3 in the amount of \$357,032.67, and August 4 through August 10 in the amount of \$634,484.67; and payroll for the weeks of July 17 through July 30 in the amount of \$1,542,737.52.

MOTION:

Alderman Clark moved to accept the claims and payroll; Alderman Mayberry seconded.

VOTE:

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

13. ACH Payments for the month of July in the amount of \$3,400,157.01.

MOTION:

Alderman Schipp moved to approve the ACH payments; Alderman Parker seconded.

VOTE:

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

14. Purchase Card Claims for the period from June 27 through July 26, 2017 in the amount of \$63,051.97.

MOTION:

Alderman Schipp moved to approve the purchase card claims; Alderman Spurgetis seconded.

VOTE:

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

15. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding bids for the installation of ten (10) security cameras in and around the area of Glenhurst Court, recommending the bid be awarded to Tri-City Electric Co. of Davenport, IA in the amount of \$37,055.00.

MOTION:

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

Alderman Spurgetis reported the funding source for the cameras is from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and State Drug Prevention funds.

VOTE:

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

16. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding an agreement renewal with Rock Island County for the lease of City fiber optic infrastructure.

MOTION:

Alderman Tollenaer moved to approve the agreement as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents; Alderman Spurgetis seconded.

VOTE:

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

17. Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the sale of City-owned property at the northwest corner of IL 92 and Andalusia Road to Casey's Retail Company for \$50,000.00.

MOTION:

Alderman Mayberry moved to approve the purchase agreement as recommended; authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents; and consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance; Alderman Spurgetis seconded.

Alderman Schipp said he is happy to have Casey's come to Rock Island. They are a well-run establishment. Mayor Thoms said it will be designed as a mini truck stop. Alderman Mayberry said it will help the industrial park out there, especially with the availability of diesel at Casey's. He noted that it is in the Second Ward.

VOTE:

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

18. Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding an incentive agreement and purchase agreement with Rock Island Coffee for the purchase of City-owned property at 2711 18th Avenue for the appraised price of \$5,500.00.

MOTION:

Alderman Parker moved to approve the incentive agreement and the sale of property as

recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents, subject to minor attorney modifications; Alderman Schipp seconded.

VOTE:

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

19. Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a development agreement with Saratoga Capital LLC for the development of the property commonly known as the VanDerGinst / Riverview Lofts / Best Building.

MOTION:

Alderman Parker moved to approve the development agreement as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents; Alderman Clark seconded.

Alderman Parker said some residents were concerned about incentive programs; but Alderman Parker explained that all of the City's contribution is from TIF funds. He explained the money will come from the extra tax generated by the development.

Mayor Thoms said that you can only spend TIF dollars in the TIF district. The TIF expires in three years. Mayor Thoms said it is a \$10 million investment which is very positive for the City. He complimented the staff who worked on these three projects which took a lot of time.

Alderman Schipp said he met with Mr. Sam Estep, one of the principals of Saratoga, and said his past work around the country is fantastic including the Blackhawk Hotel. Alderman Schipp reported Mr. Estep said Rock Island deserves this kind of investment. Alderman Schipp believes it will be the crown jewel of downtown. Alderman Clark agreed and likes the developer's enthusiasm and excitement for the project. Mayor Thoms said that no City funds will be given to the developer until after they get occupancy.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-1-0 roll call vote. Aye: Spurgetis, Parker, Schipp, Geenen, Clark, and Mayberry. Nay: Tollenaer. Absent: None.

20. Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a pilot program and agreement with the Illinois Department of Revenue for City Inspection staff to conduct LC-13 Liquor Compliance Field Inspections.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

21. Report from the Police Department regarding a Memorandum of Understanding with Rock Island County and the City of Moline for a 2017 Justice Assistance Grant application.

MOTION:

Alderman Schipp moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as recommended and authorize City officials to execute the agreement; Alderman Geenen seconded.

VOTE:

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

22. Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the CY 2017 Budget, recommending increasing the Community Development Block Grant Fund budget by \$43,000.00.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

23. Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the CY 2017 Budget increasing the Columbia TIF #5 Fund by \$15,000.00.

MOTION:

Alderman Tollenaer moved to approve the budget adjustment as recommended; Alderman Schipp seconded.

VOTE:

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

24. Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the CY 2017 Budget, recommending increasing the Community Economic Development Fund by \$3,070.40 through a transfer from the Gaming Fund.

MOTION:

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

Alderman Schipp said the budget adjustment for item #22 are funds for the Douglas Park concession building.

VOTE:

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

Clark, and Mayberry. Nay: None. Absent: None.

25. Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the CY 2017 Budget, recommending increasing the Wastewater Operation & Maintenance Fund by \$1,466,348.61; the Solid Waste Fund by \$6,718.92; the Fleet Services Fund by \$125,545.86; and the Park & Recreation Fund by \$47,192.83.

MOTION:

Alderman Spurgetis moved to approve the budget adjustments as recommended; Alderman Tollenaer seconded.

VOTE:

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

26. Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a policy change for the 2018 Gaming Grant Funds reducing the maximum amount request from \$10,000.00 to \$8,000.00.

MOTION:

Alderman Tollenaer moved to approve the policy change as recommended; Alderman Spurgetis seconded.

Alderman Schipp said this change is a good move establishing what has been the past practice of awarding a maximum of \$8,000. Alderman Geenen said the total budget for the Gaming Funds grants has not changed; it is still \$50,000 going out to organizations based on decisions made by the Citizens Advisory Committee.

VOTE:

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

27. Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the establishment of a revenue account by the City Finance Department designated for the Arts Advisory Committee.

MOTION:

Alderman Parker moved to approve the request as recommended; Alderman Schipp seconded.

Alderman Parker asked who to speak to or how to donate for this. Mr. Tweet said to start with the Community and Economic Development Department. Alderman Parker said it is a great thing to maintain the public art in the city. Alderman Geenen said there will be recycled parking meters around town accepting coins for donation.

VOTE:

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

28. Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the creation of a Rock Island Public Art Maintenance Policy.

MOTION:

Alderman Parker moved to accept the Rock Island Public Art Maintenance Policy; Alderman Tollenaer seconded.

VOTE:

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

29. Report from the Public Works Department regarding the surplus of vehicles and equipment, recommending that the items be declared as surplus.

MOTION:

Alderman Schipp moved to approve the request as recommended, refer to the City attorney for an ordinance, and authorize staff to dispose of the items in a manner that will be advantageous to the City; Alderman Tollenaer seconded.

Alderman Schipp said he hoped the City would reach out to local non-profits as had been done in the past. Mr. Tweet said with the last round of surplus, non-profits were given a look one day early before the auction.

VOTE:

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

30. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a request to disband the Water Resources Advisory Committee.

MOTION:

Alderman Tollenaer moved to approve the request as recommended and authorize the City Attorney to process the necessary paperwork; Alderman Mayberry seconded.

Alderman Parker applauded City staff and the Mayor's Office for getting rid of boards and committees that are no longer needed and reinvigorating others and bringing more citizens into the process. Alderman Schipp commended Linda Mohr and the Mayor for getting the list of Boards and Commissions and their members to Council members.

VOTE:

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

31. Report from the Fire Department regarding a request from the Rock Island Firefighters Association, IAFF Local 26, to utilize the intersection of 30th Street and 18th Avenue on Friday, September 1st from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday, September 2nd and Sunday, September 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for their annual Muscular Dystrophy Association "Fill the Boot"

fundraising campaign.

MOTION:

Alderman Spurgetis moved to approve the request as recommended; Alderman Mayberry seconded.

VOTE:

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

32. Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request for the installation of a handicapped parking space at 2735 8 1/2 Avenue.

MOTION:

Alderman Tollenaer 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 voice vote. Aye: Spurgetis, Tollenaer, Parker, Schipp, Geenen, Clark, and Mayberry. Nay: None. Absent: None.

33. Report from the Mayor regarding Reappointments and Appointments to the Water Pollution Control Board, the Stormwater Board of Appeals, the Ethics Commission, and the Human Rights Commission.

MOTION:

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

Alderman Geenen asked how interested citizens could apply to serve on boards and commissions. Mayor Thoms said there is a form on the website that can be completed online, or the form can be printed and completed and brought to City Hall, or a person could just write a letter and include information about their background that could be advantageous to the committee.

VOTE:

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

34. Report from the City Clerk regarding an Activity Permit application for the St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held on Saturday, March 17, 2018 beginning at 11:30 a.m. and a Resolution authorizing the use of a portion of 15th Street from 2nd Avenue to the Centennial Bridge.

MOTION:

Alderman Tollenaer moved to approve the event as recommended and adopt the resolution; Alderman Schipp seconded.

VOTE:

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

35. Report from the City Clerk regarding an Activity Permit application from the Cornbelt Running Club to hold their 29th annual Nancy Kapheim Memorial Classic 5K and 10K Run on Sunday, October 1, 2017 beginning at 8:00 a.m.

MOTION:

Alderman Spurgetis moved to approve the event as recommended; Alderman Tollenaer seconded.

VOTE:

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

36. Street Closing and Sound Amplification Requests

- a. Report from the City Clerk regarding a request for Sound Amplification from Augustana College for a concert to be held on Saturday, August 19, 2017 from 9:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. in the campus Lower Quad at 3435 9 1/2 Street.
- b. Report from the City Clerk regarding a request for a street closing at 9th Street between 6th Avenue and 7th Avenue; along with a sound amplification permit for the Rock Island County NAACP Community Day Celebration and Resource Fair to be held on Saturday, September 9, 2017 from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Center at 630 9th Street.
- c. Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Matt Stoefen for a street closing of 22nd Street between 16th Avenue and 17th Avenue for the Highland Park Historic Neighborhood Association Block Party to be held on Sunday, September 24, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- d. Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Breanna Harris for a street closing of 8th Street between 6th Avenue and 7th Avenue for a birthday party to be held on Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

MOTION:

Alderman Clark moved to approve the requests as recommended for items a through d; Alderman Spurgetis seconded.

VOTE:

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

37. Other Business

Alderman Mayberry reported that two veterans had died: Marcus Jackson, a solder who served

in Desert Storm; and Alderman Mayberry's nephew who passed away in New Orleans.

Alderman Parker expressed his regards for the family of Javier Perez, chair of the Human Rights Commission and active Rock Islander, and an active member of the Broadway Historic District, who recently passed away.

Alderman Schipp condemned the violence in Charlottesville, VA. Alderman Geenen reported that One Human Family Quad Cities will have a No Hate Rally on August 16 at noon.

Alderman Mayberry asked Public Works Director Larry Cook to comment on non-Rock Island residents serving on boards. Mr. Cook said since 2007, half of the Sunset Marina Boaters Advisory Committee members are non-Rock Island residents.

Karen Bibee, resident of the Park Ridge condos, reported to Council on the numerous sanitary sewer back-ups they have had in their condo for the past seven years after heavy rains. She spoke about what it has been like for them on a daily basis dealing with the situation. When they have contacted the Public Works Department, they have not had any follow-up response for assistance. They were also told that in 2017 there would be money available to fix the problem, but that is not true. She wanted it on the record that there is a severe problem and they need assistance to fix the problem. Alderman Tollenaer did attend their recent condo board meeting.

Bill Bibee said he has spoken to several department heads about putting a shut-off device in their manhole. Public Works has never gotten back to them. The situation is getting worse and he wants to know what the City is going to do about the situation. He would like for the City to schedule a meeting with the Mayor or City Manager and the City Engineer and department heads with the residents so they can ask questions and find solutions.

Roxanne Tacey, resident of the Hodge Park condos, said it has been very expensive and time-consuming having to remove tile, carpet, dry wall, etc. when the back-ups occur. Back-flow preventers were put in six units by the condo association at a cost of \$20,000, but they are not a guaranteed fix. Residents have also had to contend with health issues and unlivable situations brought on by the ongoing problem. Any help from the City would be appreciated.

Roger Clawson, insurance agent for the Park Ridge Condo Association and the Hodge Park Condo Association, said the problem has been going on for eight years. Many residents never filed claims. He explained how their insurance rates can go up or coverage be restricted or even canceled. The condo association has a policy covering the building and there are the individual homeowner policies. There are 24 unit owners. He is asking the City to be proactive; the residents just want to find a solution.

Erick Black, homeowner on 21st Avenue, lives in the house his grandfather built more than fifty years ago. His grandfather put in a check-flow valve system, but they do go bad. Mr. Black now has a hand push system. With the heavy rains last month, he had sewage coming up through the toilet in the basement; but there was also sewage in the street. He believes the sewers are a combined system and that is the problem. A resolution is needed.

Alderman Schipp said this is a crisis and he is deeply sorry for the poor customer service and lack of follow-up. The cost issue will be hefty, but the situation is unacceptable. He said the City will fix this. Alderman Tollenaer agreed.

Alderman Clark said he wanted to hear from City Manager Randy Tweet about whose issue it is.

Mr. Tweet responded they are not sure why some condo owners are experiencing the back-up problem when houses lower on the line are not. It is a separate sewer, but it is common for

stormwater drains in homes to be tied into the sanitary sewer. Mr. Tweet said foundation drains were allowed back then, but not now. He has spoken with Public Works Director Larry Cook; an engineering inspection of the affected units needs to be done. They have installed flow meters to collect data, but it needs a large rain event to get the data. They are meeting tomorrow with the engineer for the Long Term Control Plan. The whole separated storm area does experience infiltration and that is why the City is installing a new \$5.6 million lift station at Black Hawk to deal with the inflow issue. Ultimately, it may require a house to house inspection in the area with City policy established regarding the separation of systems on private property to prevent these issues. There may be cracks in the laterals causing infiltration. Mr. Tweet said it will be a long process. They will meet with the condo associations. The City will try to get an expert to review the entire system. There are always problems with heavy rains throughout the city. It will take a long time to separate out the systems and connections that were built years ago, but that are no longer allowed.

Alderman Spurgetis asked for the investigation to begin as soon as possible with a report back to Council as soon as feasible.

Mr. Bibee asked if a meeting with the City is feasible. He was told to contact Mr. Cook to set up the meeting and Mr. Cook will be the primary contact for this situation.

Mr. Black said it is a neighborhood problem, not just the condos, and it goes back fifty years. Mr. Tweet said that's why they believe the problem is old foundation drains connected to the system.

Bill Gustafson, Rock Island resident and RIHS art teacher, said he would like to be considered when the Chief Black Hawk mural is reconditioned by Saratoga. He has experience; his own mural is on the side of the building at Steve's Old Time Tap. Mayor Thoms directed him to speak with Community and Economic Development Director Chandler Poole.

Alderman Mayberry commended Cub Scout Troop 258 and their parents and leaders for their excellent attention and behavior during the Council meeting.

38. Motion to adjourn.

MOTION:

Alderman Clark moved to adjourn the meeting to 6:45 p.m., Monday, August 28, 2017; Alderman Schipp seconded.

VOTE:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Judith H. Gilbert, City Clerk