

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 14, 2011
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:14 P.M.**

1. The invocation was given by Father Ron Montanye, St. Sebastian Orthodox Church/Rockford Police Chaplain and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Page Yesenia Centeno.
2. Roll Call:

Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey

Aldermen: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Robertson -12-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-
3. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of February 7, 2011, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly, McNeely).

PUBLIC HEARING

4. Mayor Morrissey called upon Alderman Hervey to conduct a public hearing. Alderman Hervey called the public hearing to order at 6:16 pm, stating that it was being held pursuant to the requirements of the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982, a public hearing must be conducted by the City Council prior to approval of any Industrial Project Revenue Bonds.

Wesley Willows has requested the issuance of not to exceed \$55,000,000 aggregate principal amount Revenue Bonds. Proceeds of the Bonds will be used for refunding obligations currently outstanding and also to construct a phase of apartments containing approximately 41 new apartment units for housing for the elderly, in Rockford, Illinois. The City of Rockford is authorized under the statutes to issue the Bonds and make the loan to provide the financing for the Project. The Bonds are not general obligations of the City of Rockford or the State of Illinois, or any political subdivision thereof, and the principal of, and interest on, the bonds will be payable solely from amounts received pursuant to and under the terms of the financing agreements for the Project. Neither the credit nor the taxing power of the City of Rockford or of any political subdivision thereof will be pledged for the payment of the principal of, or interest on, the Bonds. The Project is to be constructed within the City of Rockford.

Notice of this public hearing was given in the Rockford Register Star on January 21, 2011, as required by federal regulations. Such notice informed the residents of the City of Rockford that they would be given the opportunity to express their view for or against the proposal to issue the Bonds. Alderman Hervey asked for any questions or concerns from the City Council members and the public, there were none. The public hearing was adjourned at 6:19 pm.

The meeting returned to regular business at 6:19 pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

5. Prophet Yusef recited scripture from the Bible about respecting authority and obeying your parents.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

6. Alderman Curran submitted an e-mail from Victoria Franks requesting traffic control signs at an intersection that is currently uncontrolled. Referred to Public Works/Traffic Division.
7. Alderman Johnson submitted two (2) requests for service. Referred to Public Works Department.
8. Alderman Johnson submitted two (2) letters from Kathleen Reingold concerning parking violations. Referred to Public Works Department and Legal Department.
9. Alderman Jacobson submitted a Memorandum from Reid Montgomery, Director of Community & Economic Development, regarding Pre Development Agreement with Belmont Sayre LLC, about Barber Colman. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.
10. Alderman Hervey submitted a Memorandum from Patrick Zuroske, Capital Program Manager regarding City-State Agreement Amendment: West State Street Land Acquisition. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
11. Alderman Durkee submitted a letter from Steven Doubleday, First Rockford Group, concerning snow removal procedures and property zoning questions. Referred to Public Works Department and Community Development.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

12. Alderman Hervey read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Refrigerator Units with Delivery & Removal be made to American TV & Appliance, of Madison, Wisconsin for their unit prices as shown on the attached tabulation. The funding source is Weatherization Grant Funds. LAID OVER.
13. Alderman Hervey read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending that the City proceed with issuing a Request for Information (RFI) for outsourcing emergency medical services. LAID OVER.
14. Alderman Hervey moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of February 14, 2011 in the amount of \$1,970,707.21. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm,
Beach, Elyea, Beck, Robertson -12-
Nays: -0-

Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-

OFFICERS REPORTS

15. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the week of February 14, 2011 to be "ROCKFORD POLICE & FIRE CHAPLAINS WEEK" in Rockford, Illinois and urged its citizens to honor and show our sincere appreciation for Rockford's Police and Fire Chaplains by deed, remark and attitude.
16. Mayor Morrissey advised the data collected from the census is expected to be available this week summarizing areas of growth over the last ten (10) years, subsequently triggering the restructuring of the district map. Alderman Jacobson will be appointed as chairman of the committee that will create the new map. Any aldermen interested in serving on the committee, please contact Mayor Morrissey or Alderman Jacobson.
17. Mayor Morrissey called attention to a Memorandum from Tim Hanson, Director of Public Works, regarding the Rockford Water Laboratory – Bacteriological (Bac T) Certified. Any questions can be directed to Mayor Morrissey or Tim Hanson, Director of Public Works
18. Mayor Morrissey announced with deep sympathy the passing of Frank Ware, President and CEO of Janet Wattles for 22 years, and offered condolences to his family.
19. Mayor Morrissey offered insight to the arbitrator's decision regarding "manning" in the Rockford Police Department and emphasized the need for manning reform at the state level. Copies of the arbitrator's ruling will be provided upon request.
20. Mayor Morrissey announced a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, February 23rd at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers, City Hall 2nd floor, regarding the City of Rockford Towing Ordinance.
21. Mayor Morrissey wished his wife and everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.
22. Alderman Jacobson thanked city staff for assisting with the fire hydrant issue and requested citizens to help with flooding in the streets by clearing areas near the drains.
23. Mayor Morrissey reported garbage collection in the alleys will resume to normal service beginning next week, Monday, February 21, 2011.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2011-042CR

24. Alderman Jacobson moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of an Extension – Garrison Lofts & Town Homes Development. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.
MOTION PREVAILED.

2011-043CR

25. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Legislative Lobbying Committee Report recommending the City Council not support the following City Staff initiative:

Allow Auxiliary or In-Training Personnel in Public Safety Operations.

Alderman Hervey, on behalf of Alderman Thompson-Kelly, made a motion to refer the item back to the Legislative Lobbying Committee, seconded by Alderman Beck. MOTION FAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Hervey, Beach, Beck -5-
Nays: Mark, Wasco, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Elyea, Robertson -7-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-

The committee report was placed up for passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Mark, Wasco, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Elyea, Robertson -8-
Nays: Curran, Hervey, Beach, Beck -4-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-

2011-044CR

26. Alderman Hervey moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the Engineering Agreement Amendment: Dawson Ave. Water Main award be made to Missman Stanley & Associates, Inc. for an additional \$24,000 for a new total not to exceed cost of \$360,200.00 for additional design engineering. The funding for this project will come from IEPA funding and \$25 million G.O. Limited Tax Debt Certificates, Series 2008. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Robertson -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-

2011-045CR

27. Alderman Hervey moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the Amended 2011 License and Fee Schedule as attached be approved. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Robertson -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-

2011-046CR

28. Alderman Hervey moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending that the City proceed with analysis of the parts operation with Baker

Tilly's assistance and accept proposals for outsourcing the central supply operation at City Yards. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Robertson -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-

2011-047CR

29. Alderman Hervey moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the 2011-2015 Capital Improvement Plan (version 2/7/2011) for implementation by the Department of Public Works.

Alderman Hervey made a motion for the 2011 CIP to include the resurfacing of Avon Street (from Whitman to Mulberry) for \$100,000 (Sales Tax). To offset this investment funds would be re-allocated from the Keith Creek watershed improvements project, seconded by Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Elyea voted no; Ald. Thompson-Kelly, McNeely absent).

The committee report as amended was placed up for passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Robertson -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-

2011-048CR

30. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the sale of city owned lots near West State Street and Concord to Collins and Stone Funeral Home, Inc. for \$35,000.00 on the terms of the proposed agreement. The Legal Director shall prepare the necessary ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Robertson -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-

2011-017-O

31. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Schedule 286 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford by adding the following,

"Restricting parking to Three Hours Parking on both sides of 1st Street from State Street to 105 feet north of State Street" thus repealing the existing Two Hours Parking restriction.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm,
Beach, Elyea, Beck, Robertson -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-

2011-018-O

32. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Schedule 315 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford by adding the following,

“No Parking Anytime on the east side of South Main Street from Mill Street to Kent Street.”

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm,
Beach, Elyea, Beck, Robertson -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-

2011-019-O

33. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Schedule 300 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford by repealing the following:

“That this ordinance repeals the 20 MPH School Speed Limit on John Street from Church Street to Court Street, thus reinstating a 30 MPH Speed Limit.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm,
Beach, Elyea, Beck, Robertson -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2011-013R

34. Alderman Hervey, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution that the City approve an Agreement between the City of Rockford and the State of Illinois, Department of Transportation for improvements to Kilburn Ave. (Glenwood Ave. to Jefferson St.) in Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois.
MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm,
Beach, Elyea, Beck, Robertson -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-

2011-014R

35. Alderman Hervey, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution providing for the issuance of Industrial Project Revenue Bonds,

Series 2011 (Wesley Willows Project) in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$55,000,000 of the City of Rockford, Illinois (the "Series 2011 Bonds"); approving the execution of an Indenture of Trust providing for the issuance of and security for the for Series 2011 Bonds; approving the execution of a Loan Agreement providing for the loan of the Series 2011 Bond proceeds to Wesley Willows; approving the execution of a Tax Regulatory Agreement; and authorizing and approving certain other matters. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Robertson -12-

Nays: -0-

Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-

NEW BUSINESS

36. Alderman Beck introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Schedule 303, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to add the following:

"That a mid-block pedestrian crossing be established on Custer Avenue 115 feet east of Fremont Street."

LAID OVER.

2011-020-O

37. Alderman Beck introduced and read an Ordinance approving the sale of city-owned property near Concord and West State Street for \$35,000 under the terms of the attached Agreement for Deed.

Alderman Beck moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly, McNeely absent). The Ordinance was placed on Passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Robertson -12-

Nays: -0-

Absent: Thompson-Kelly, McNeely -2-

38. Alderman Hervey introduced and read an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Legal Director to execute the attached 2011 License and fee Schedule as amended to include the Water Division Environmental Laboratory Fee Schedule. LAID OVER.

OFFICERS REPORTS

37. Alderman Beach mentioned attending the visitation of a young woman who died of a drug overdose and urged young adults to flee temptation and understand the consequences of using drugs.

38. Alderman Jacobson commented today is the two year anniversary of the (NIU) Northern Illinois University campus shooting.
39. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Reed
City Council Clerk

[The meeting was taped in its entirety, and the tape is on file in the Legal Department]

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
City Council Chambers, 2ND floor City Hall
425 E. State Street, Rockford
February 22, 2011
6:00 P.M.
AGENDA

The following represents, in general, the chronological order of proceedings at the City Council meeting:

- Call to Order by the Mayor
- Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call and determination of quorum
- Acceptance of Journal of Proceedings
- Public Hearing
- Public Participation
- Petitions and Communications
- New Committee Reports (Reports of Standing Committees – Code and Regulation, Finance and Personnel, Planning and Development - and other select committees)
- Officers Reports
- Unfinished Business of previous meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER FEBRUARY 14, 2011

1. Hervey - Finance and Personnel - Recommending the award for Refrigerator Units with Delivery & Removal be made to American TV & Appliance, of Madison, Wisconsin for their unit prices as shown on the attached tabulation. The funding source is Grant Funding.
2. Hervey - Finance and Personnel - Recommending that the City proceed with issuing a Request for Information (RFI) for outsourcing emergency medical services.

II. ORDINANCES LAID OVER FEBRUARY 14, 2011

1. Beck - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 16, Schedule 303, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to add the following:

"That a mid-block pedestrian crossing be established on Custer Avenue 115 feet east of Fremont Street."
2. Hervey - Ordinance - Authorizing the Mayor and Legal Director to execute the attached 2011 License and fee Schedule as amended to include the Water Division Environmental Laboratory Fee Schedule.

III. MISCELLANEOUS LAID OVER FEBRUARY 14, 2011

- 1.* Mayor Morrissey - Appointment - Mechanical Board; Mr. Joseph Reister, for a three (3) year term, which would expire in February, 2014. (Pursuant to Rule 18 the appointment will be placed up for passage February 28, 2011).
- 2.* Mayor Morrissey - Appointment - Historic Preservation Commission; Ms. Vicki Kreuger, for a three (3) year term, which would expire in February, 2014. (Pursuant to Rule 18 the appointment will be placed up for passage February 28, 2011).
- 3.* Mayor Morrissey - Appointment - Community Action Board; Ms. Sandra L. Mulligan, for a three (3) year term, which would expire in February, 2014. (Pursuant to Rule 18 the appointment will be placed up for passage February 28, 2011).
- 4.* Mayor Morrissey - Appointment - Community Action Board; Ms. Darcy Bucholz, for a three (3) year term, which would expire in February, 2014. (Pursuant to Rule 18 the appointment will be placed up for passage February 28, 2011).
- 5.* Mayor Morrissey - Appointment - Community Action Board; Mr. John Cressman, for a three (3) year term, which would expire in February, 2014. (Pursuant to Rule 18 the appointment will be placed up for passage February 28, 2011).

- Motions and Resolutions

IV. NEW BUSINESS (note: Ordinances may be read in under New Business and Rule 11 suspended and final vote taken. Committee Reports would have previously been voted on).

- 1.
- * same action taken before
- Adjournment

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POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

The following items appear on the City Council Standing Committee Agendas as noted. Items may receive a vote at committee and come before the first City Council meeting held after the committee meeting. Rule 11 can be suspended and final vote taken on said items at the City Council meeting (no rule suspension is necessary to take a vote on vouchers).

CODE AND REGULATION COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 22, 2011, _____ p.m.
Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)
AGENDA

No Meeting Scheduled.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 22, 2011, 5:15 p.m.
Conference Room B, City Hall 2nd floor (south room)
AGENDA

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Award of Sole Source Contract: Center for Sight & Hearing
 - B. Engineering Agreement: 2011 HSIP Intersection Improvement Projects
 - C. Resolution to take Bids
 - D. Vouchers
2. City-State Agreement Amendment: West State Street Phase II Land Acquisition

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 22, 2011, _____ p.m.
CD Conference Room, City Hall 2nd floor
AGENDA

No Meeting Scheduled.

LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 22, 2011, _____ p.m.
Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)
AGENDA

No Meeting Scheduled.