

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 22, 2011
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:14P.M.**

1. The invocation was given by Chaplain Phillip Henslin, New Life Evangelical Lutheran Church/Police Chaplain and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Girl Scout Troop 3263.

2. Roll Call:

Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey

Aldermen: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -14-

Absent: -0-

3. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of February 14, 2011, seconded by Alderman Hervey. MOTION PREVAILED.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4. Prophet Yusef offered suggestions on how to bring jobs to Rockford.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

5. Alderman Thompson-Kelly submitted an e-mail from Maria Cole regarding pothole patching at the intersection of Furman and Ashland. Referred to Public Works Department.

6. Alderman Thompson-Kelly submitted a Memorandum from Wayne Dust, Planning Administrator, regarding Assistance from Illinois EPA to perform Environmental Assessment work. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.

7. Alderman Hervey submitted four (4) requests for service. Referred to Public Works Department.

8. Alderman Hervey submitted a Memorandum from Ron Schultz, City Attorney, regarding RMTD Credit Line. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.

9. Alderman Johnson submitted two (2) requests for service. Referred to Public Works Department.

10. Alderman Johnson submitted an e-mail from Jill Sunday regarding pothole patching on Eastmoreland Avenue between Broadway and Louisiana. Referred to Public Works Department.

11. Alderman Johnson submitted an e-mail from Linda Ksiazek concerning an on-going problem with a business in her neighborhood. Referred to Police Department/Jeff Andrews.

12. Alderman Durkee submitted a request from Darren Kent, Project Manager for Conlon Construction Co. in conjunction with Target remodel construction, requesting permission to allow approximately sixty (60) storage bins in the parking lot beginning March 3, 2011 – June 2, 2011 located at 6560 East State Street. Alderman Durkee moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Wasco. MOTION PREVAILED.
13. Alderman Beck submitted the Liquor Advisory Board minutes from the meeting held on February 15, 2011. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
14. Alderman Beck submitted the Zoning Board of Appeals minutes from the meeting held on February 15, 2011. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
15. Alderman Beck submitted a Memorandum from Marcy Leach, Engineering Operations Manager, regarding Ordinance Modifications, Chapters 5 and 26; Outdoor Dining Design Guidelines. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
16. Alderman Beck submitted a Memorandum from Julia Valdez, Deputy City Administrator/ Director of Human Resources; regarding St. Patrick's Day Parade – 3/12/11. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

17. Alderman Hervey read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award of Sole Source Contract to the Center for Sight & Hearing, of Rockford, Illinois for a period of 3 years at an estimated annual cost of \$6,000, and a total estimated cost of \$18,000. The funding source is Police Dept. Operating Budget. LAID OVER.
18. Alderman Hervey read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Engineering Agreement: 2011 HSIP Intersection Improvement Projects be made to McClure Engineering Associates, Inc. to perform design and construction engineering for a total not to exceed cost of \$103,319. The funding for this project will come from Sales Tax funds. LAID OVER.
19. Alderman Hervey moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of February 22, 2011 in the amount of \$2,341,441.70. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -14-

Nays: -0-

Absent: -0-

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATINS

20. Alderman Thompson-Kelly requested the RACVB Operating and Lease Agreement be referred to Planning and Development Committee for discussion. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.

OFFICERS REPORTS

21. Mayor Morrissey called attention to a Memorandum from Tim Hanson, Director of Public Works, regarding an up-date on snow removal costs from the 15.1 inch snow storm and our efforts to recover those costs, just under \$700,000, should the City become eligible under state and federal disaster emergency declaration standards.
22. Mayor Morrissey acknowledged Steve Ernst, Executive Director of RMAP, John Lewis, Sustainability Project Manager and Genevieve Borich, Executive Director of Rockford Regional Economic Development District, will be working together to lead the effort to expand and create a regional sustainability plan through the \$650,000 grant from the federal government, department of Housing and Urban Development in partnership with the EPA and IDOT. He announced a Kick-Off Summit will be held this Saturday at NIU Rockford Campus from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. He encouraged all to attend.
23. Mayor Morrissey announced a public hearing concerning towing procedures and policies will be held on Wednesday, February 23, 2011 at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers, City Hall 2nd floor.
24. Mayor Morrissey reported garbage collection in the alleys will resume to normal pick-up this week.
25. Mayor Morrissey mentioned a City salt truck had sustained minor damage after the truck fell into a sink hole on Cushman Road caused by water main breaks. A picture in the *Rockford Register Star* was displayed by Alderman Jacobson.
26. Alderman Timm thanked the Police and Legal Departments for their assistance to resolve an on-going problem with a business in the 9th Ward.
27. Alderman Thompson-Kelly commended the dedication of the Rockford Police Department community officer previously assigned to the 3rd and 7th Wards for attending a neighborhood watch group meeting on his own time.
28. Alderman Jacobson also mentioned the public hearing regarding towing policies and procedures to be held on Wednesday, February 23, 2011 at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers, City Hall 2nd floor.
29. Alderman Jacobson thanked the citizens for letting him know they had cleared snow away from the drains in the streets.
30. Alderman Robertson reported with deep sadness the passing of Melvin Wisniewski, retired Rockford Fire Department Lieutenant. He shared a story and offered words of condolences to his family.
31. Alderman Robertson spoke about the passing of Frank Ware, a good friend and valuable commodity in our community and mentioned the several articles in the *Rockford Register Star* since his passing.

32. Alderman Robertson thanked the three (3) former mayors and Andres Sammul, Director of Finance, for volunteering their service to help the Rockford School Board solve their budget crisis.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2011-021-O

33. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of 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 Freemont Street."

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

2011-049CR

34. Alderman Hervey moved the adoption of 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 Grant Funding. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

2011-050CR

35. Alderman Hervey moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending that the City proceed with issuing a Request for Information (RFI) for outsourcing emergency medical services. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

2011-022-O

36. Alderman Hervey moved the adoption of 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. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2011-015R

37. Alderman Hervey, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the Central Services Manager to take bids for the following:

A. Bid: ICase-IClear Interface Development, funding source: 2009 ARRA Grant Funding
B. Bid: Tree Removal, funding source: Street Division Operating Budget.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

2011-016R

38. 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 the Phase II acquisition of land along West State Street (Independence Ave. to Bayliss Ave.) in the City of Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

NEW BUSINESS

2011- 023-O

39. Alderman Jacobson introduced and read an Ordinance approving the attached Extension of the Garrison Lofts & Townhomes Development Agreement.

Alderman Jacobson moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. McNeely voted no). The Ordinance was placed on Passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Robertson -13-
Nays: McNeely -1-
Absent: -0-

OFFICERS REPORTS

40. Patrick Hayes, Legal Director, announced Ronald Schultz, City Attorney, will be celebrating his retirement of thirty (30) years of service to the City of Rockford on Friday, February 25, 2011 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the City Hall Lobby. He invited all to join in celebrating Ron's career.
41. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 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 28, 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)

I. NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS TO BE READ IN FEBRUARY 28, 2011

A. CODE AND REGULATIONS

1. Beck – ZBA – Approval of the Zoning Map Amendment at 1215 Parkside Drive.
 2. Beck – LAB – Approval of the sale of liquor by the drink, in conjunction with a sit down restaurant in the name of **Mayra Gisela Fernandez d/b/a Isla Del Mar Restaurant** Located at 623 Kishwaukee Street.
- Officers Reports
 - Unfinished Business of previous meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER FEBRUARY 22, 2011

1. Hervey - Finance and Personnel - Recommending the award of Sole Source Contract to the Center for Sight & Hearing, of Rockford, Illinois for a period of 3 years at an estimated annual cost of \$6,000, and a total estimated cost of \$18,000. The funding source is Police Dept. Operating Budget.
2. Hervey - Finance and Personnel - Recommending the award for Engineering Agreement: 2011 HSIP Intersection Improvement Projects be made to McClure Engineering Associates, Inc. to perform design and construction engineering for a total not to exceed cost of \$103,319. The funding for this project will come from Sales Tax funds.

III. MISCELLANEOUS HELD OUT FEBRUARY 22, 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).

IV. MOTION AND RESOLUTIONS

- 1. Beck - St. Patrick's Day Parade

V. 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
Monday, February 28, 2011, 4:45 p.m.

Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)
AGENDA

1. C & R 11-10 Special Events Review
2. C & R 11-15 St. Patrick's Day Parade
3. C & R 11-16 Ordinance Modifications, Chapters 5 & 26; Outdoor Dining Design Guidelines
4. C & R 11-12 ZBA#001-11 Zoning Map Amendment from C-1, Limited Office District to C-2, Limited Commercial District at 1215 Parkside Drive
5. C & R 11-13 10-LAB-024 Request for the Sale of Liquor by the Drink in conjunction with a sit down restaurant in a C-2, Limited Commercial District at 623 Kishwaukee Street

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Monday, February 28, 2011, 5:15 p.m.

Conference Room B, City Hall 2nd floor (south room)
AGENDA

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Award of Bid: Demolition of 715 & 815 S. Main Street – Suspend rules
 - B. Award of contract: Morgan Street Bridge Utility Relocation – Suspend rules
 - C. Award of Bid: Fire Department Station Wear – Suspend rules
 - D. Award of RFP: EMS Billing
 - E. Extension of Electric Supply Contract
 - F. Engineering Agreement: Spring Brook Road Reconstruction
 - G. Change Order: City-Wide Inlets 2010
 - H. Resolution to take Bids
 - I. Vouchers
2. RMTD Credit Line

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, February 28, 2011, 5:30 p.m.
CD Conference Room, City Hall 2nd floor
AGENDA

1. Memorandum from Reid Montgomery, Director of Community & Economic Development, regarding Pre Development Agreement with Belmont Sayre LLC, about Barber Colman.
2. Memorandum from Wayne Dust, Planning Administrator, regarding Assistance from the Illinois EPA to perform Environmental Assessment work.
3. Memorandum regarding the RACVB Operating and Lease Agreement.

LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE

Monday, February 28, 2011, _____ p.m.
Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)
AGENDA

No Meeting Scheduled.