

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 7, 2011
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:19 P.M.**

1. The invocation was given by Chaplain Connie Marquis, Salvation Army and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Page Yesenia Centeno.

2. Roll Call:

Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey

Aldermen: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson,
Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Robertson -12-

Absent: Durkee, McNeely (late) -2-

3. Alderman Hervey moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of January 24, 2011, seconded by Alderman Jacobson.

Alderman Mark made a motion to reconsider item #41 in the Journal of Proceedings;

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Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance for a Mid-Block Pedestrian Crossing on Custer Avenue 115 feet east of Fremont Street.

seconded by Alderman Beck. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Durkee, McNeely absent).

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

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Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Robertson -12-

Nays: -0-

Absent: Durkee, McNeely -2-

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4. Will Pederson announced the Winnebago County 9/11 Emergency Responders Memorial has been established to honor those who put themselves in harm's way each and every day and asked for support to create this memorial.

Alderman McNeely joined the meeting at 6: 26 pm

5. Eve Kirk expressed her concerns with the snow removal operations from the snowstorm last week.

6. Michael Wright urged council members to support extending the hours of liquor sales on Sunday.
7. Prophet Yusef spoke about the power of Christians.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

8. Alderman Robertson submitted a flier from Kris Keiper, YWCA, inviting everyone to attend the "Stand Against Racism" event on Friday, April 22, 2011. For more information visit the YWCA website at ywca.org/rockford.
9. Alderman Hervey submitted a request for an alley vacation. Referred to Public Works Department.
10. Alderman Hervey submitted an e-mail from David Holler, Director of Business Development, concerning outsourcing services for parking enforcement management hardware, software and collection services. Referred to Mayor Morrissey's Office/City Administrator Jim Ryan.
11. Alderman Jacobson submitted signed petitions supporting extending the hours of liquor sales on Sundays in the City of Rockford. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
12. Alderman Beck submitted a Memorandum from Julia Scott-Valdez, Director of Human Resources, regarding a Special Events Review. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
13. Alderman Elyea submitted a request from Kelly, Crusader Clinics Women Health Service/Lyran Society Fundraiser, requesting permission for liquor within a confined space ("S" license) on February 19, 2011 from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm at 115 4th Avenue. Alderman Elyea moved to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Durkee absent).

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

14. Alderman Beck read 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. LAID OVER.
15. Alderman Hervey read 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. LAID OVER.

16. Alderman Hervey read 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. LAID OVER.
17. Alderman Hervey read 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. LAID OVER.
18. Alderman Hervey read 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. LAID OVER.

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19. Alderman Hervey read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending a three year contract extension with Nationwide Environmental Services in the amount of \$88,350 for operation of a groundwater testing and monitoring program for the Southeast Rockford Groundwater Contamination Site. The contract for these services includes six semi-annual sampling events. Data from the monitoring is submitted to the USEPA. The funding source is Water Division Operating Budget.

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

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

20. Alderman Hervey moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of February 7, 2011 in the amount of \$1,992,213.03. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

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

21. Alderman Thompson-Kelly read a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of an Extension – Garrison Lofts & Town Homes Development. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. LAID OVER.

OFFICERS REPORTS

22. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the week of February 7, 2011 to be "PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN CENTENNIAL WEEK" in Rockford, Illinois and encouraged all citizens to honor President Ronald Reagan and to attend the Reagan Centennial Concert, at the Dixon Theatre, February 19, 2011; matinee at 2:00 pm and the evening performance at 8:00 pm.

23. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the month of February 2011 to be "GUILFORD HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BOWLING MONTH" in Rockford, Illinois and congratulated the Guilford High School Boys Bowling Team on a tremendous 2010-2011 season and winning the state championship.
24. Mayor Morrissey addressed the concerns of public participation speaker Eve Kirk regarding snow removal operations during last week's snowstorm.
25. Mayor Morrissey commended the Police and Fire Chiefs and Public Works Director Tim Hanson for their establishing a unified command center and following FEMA and IEMA's protocol for dealing with that disaster. He was informed by Chief Bergsten that Rockford was the only department in Illinois to implement the unified command center.
26. Mayor Morrissey mentioned a Memorandum from Mark Stockman, Superintendent – Street and Transportation Division, regarding post blizzard clean up and operations and resuming pothole patching efforts.
27. Mayor Morrissey reported Rabine, City of Rockford contractor, is continuing snow removal efforts in specific areas throughout the City.
28. Mayor Morrissey reported the city will be submitting an application to FEMA for reimbursement for recovery of eligible costs due to the snowstorm.
- 28a. Mayor Morrissey mentioned two (2) Memorandums from Andres Sammul, Finance Director, regarding the Financial Discussion and Fourth Quarter Investment Report. Please review to prepare for upcoming budget discussions for the 2012 budget planning.
29. Mayor Morrissey suggested having an opportunity to bring the Baker Tilly consultants back to answer specific requests for information regarding their proposals and recommendations on outsourcing.
- 29a. Mayor Morrissey called attention to a Memorandum from Patrick Hayes, Legal Director, regarding Legislative Proposal on Staffing Levels. He encouraged the aldermen to review the information provided and direct any questions or concerns to Mayor Morrissey or Patrick Hayes, Legal Director.
30. Alderman Robertson thanked the Public Works Department for a commendable job with snow removal operations and lauded the unified command center for coordinating all departments' efforts.
31. Alderman Robertson cautioned the aldermen to be mindful of what the citizens of this community want for those services, the effectiveness, efficiency and quality of those services before making any decisions. He commended all city employees for doing a great job every day.
32. Alderman Thompson-Kelly thanked Alderman Robertson for his comments.

33. Alderman Thompson-Kelly advised she has additional questions regarding the CIP and was under the impression another meeting would be scheduled to discuss the proposed revisions from the last meeting.
34. Alderman Thompson-Kelly thanked all the street department supervisors for their quick response to her concerns and thanked her constituents for their patience.
35. Alderman Thompson-Kelly expressed her concern with the announcement garbage collection in selected alleys in the City of Rockford has been temporarily halted due to impassable conditions caused by the snow storm and that garbage should be placed at the curb until further notice. She requested a reverse 9-1-1 call be forwarded to all constituents affected by this announcement.
36. Alderman Jacobson also addressed the garbage collection issue in selected alleys in the City of Rockford.
37. Alderman Jacobson thanked City staff for their foresight to organize a unified command center to efficiently coordinate efforts to deal with the snow storm.
38. Alderman Jacobson urged council members to reconsider the issue of extending the hours of liquor sales on Sunday.
39. Alderman Hervey thanked all the city employees involved in the snow removal operations.
- 39a. Alderman Hervey requested a follow-up meeting to review the snow removal operations from last week's snow storm.
40. Alderman Curran also received several calls concerning garbage collection in selected alleys throughout the City. He advised that garbage is to be placed at the curb until further notice.
41. Alderman Curran decked out in Packer apparel was happy to announce the Green Bay Packer's victory in the Super Bowl yesterday and contended he would have supported any team from the Central Division playing in the Super Bowl.
42. Mayor Morrissey thought Alderman Curran's comments were excellent.
43. Alderman Johnson also sported Packer apparel and agreed with Alderman Curran's comments.
- 43a. Alderman Johnson clarified parliamentary procedures in committees.
44. Alderman Hervey apologized for misunderstanding a parliamentary procedure in committee.
45. Alderman Beach suggested citizens parking their cars in the street attempt to stagger them to allow for emergency vehicles to get through until the streets can be cleared.

- 46. Alderman Jacobson requested private plowing services make a conscious effort to keep the space in front of mailboxes clear for mail delivery.
- 47. Alderman Jacobson voiced his concern with snow plows leaving a mound of snow at the intersection of Sandy Hollow and Samuelson making it difficult for vehicles to get through.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2011-040CR

- 46. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Special Use Permit for an on-premise electronic graphic display sign that exceeds the allowable 36 square feet to 70 square feet on an existing free-standing sign in a C-2, Limited Commercial Zoning District at 3600 North Main Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
 - 1. Meeting all applicable fire and building codes.
 - 2. That the sign shall be for on-premise advertising.
 - 3. Removal of the lower 1/3 of the sign within one year of approval of a Special Use Permit.

Approval is based on the findings of fact. The Legal Director is hereby instructed to prepare the necessary Ordinance.

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- 47. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Liquor Advisory Board, thereby recommending that City Council DENY a request for sale of liquor by the drink in conjunction with a tavern, sale of package liquor in conjunction with a liquor store in a C-2, Limited Commercial District at 1312 7th Street.

Alderman McNeely made a motion to send the committee report back to the Liquor Advisory Board, seconded by Alderman Beck. MOTION FAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Timm, McNeely -2-
 Nays: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Robertson -11-
 Absent: Durkee -1-

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 Absent: Durkee -1-

48. Alderman Thompson-Kelly 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. LAID OVER

Alderman Hervey made a motion to lay the committee report over, seconded by Alderman Beck.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2011-012R

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

A. Bid: Traffic Signs, Blanks, and Posts, funding source: Traffic Division Operating Budget

B. RFP: Code Violation Hearing Officer for Community Development, funding source: CD/Building Operating Budgets.

MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Durkee absent).

NEW BUSINESS

50. Alderman Beck introduced and read 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.

LAID OVER.

51. Alderman Beck introduced and read 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.”

LAID OVER.

52. Alderman Beck introduced and read 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.

LAID OVER.

53. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 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 14, 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

I. PUBLIC HEARING

1. TEFRA Hearing; Wesley Willow Bonds

- 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)

II. NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS TO BE READ IN FEBRUARY 14, 2011

A. CODE AND REGULATIONS

1. Beck- Special Events Review

- Officers Reports
- Unfinished Business of previous meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER FEBRUARY 7, 2011

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6. Thompson-Kelly - Planning and Development - Recommending approval of an Extension – Garrison Lofts & Town Homes Development. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.
7. Thompson-Kelly - Legislative Lobbying - Recommending the City Council not support the following City Staff initiative:

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III. ORDINANCES LAID OVER FEBRUARY 7, 2011

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- Motions and Resolutions

IV. MOTION AND RESOLUTIONS

1. Hervey – 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 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.

- New Business

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. Beck - Ordinance - For a Mid-Block Pedestrian Crossing on Custer Avenue 115 feet east of Fremont Street.
2. Hervey – Ordinance - Amendment to the 2011 License and fee Schedule.

* 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 14, 2010, 5:15 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. C & R 11-10 Special Events Review
2. C & R 11-09 Closed Session for Purposes of Pending or Threatening Litigation and/or Land Acquisition

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Monday, February 14, 2010, 5:15 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Award of Bid: Refrigerators for Human Services
 - B. Outsourcing Recommendation: EMS

C. Vouchers

2. City-State Agreement: Kilburn Avenue Resurfacing

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Monday, February 14, 2010, 5:30 p.m.
CD Conference Room, City Hall 2nd floor
AGENDA**

No Meeting Scheduled.

LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE

**Monday, February 14, 2010, _____ p.m.
Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)
AGENDA**

No Meeting Scheduled.