

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**JULY 28, 2003
MINUTES**

The Rock Island City Council met in reconvened session on Monday, July 28, 2003, at 5:00 p.m. for Study Session. Present were Mayor Mark W. Schwiebert, presiding, and Aldermen Terry M. A. Brooks I, David R. Conroy, John E. Bauersfeld, Jr., Daniel Rockwell, Ann L. Keefe and Frank J. Forlini, Jr. Alderman Evelyn "Evie" R. White was absent for the beginning of the meeting, and arrived at 6:30 p.m. Staff present included City Manager John C. Phillips, Finance Director Bill Scott, Community and Economic Development Department Director Greg Champagne, Personnel Director/Assistant to the City Manager John Thorson, and Personnel Assistant/Risk Manager Troy Larson.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

City Manager John C. Phillips distributed items for Council, including the applications for the Special Use Permit Public Hearings, a letter from a resident concerning one of the public hearings, and a memo from the King Center Director regarding Family Fun Day August 2.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

City Manager John Phillips pointed out that there was some good news to share. He noted that the Management Report points out that the issues were recognized and identified, goals were set and focused on, and the goals were achieved. He noted that there are still on-going concerns.

Bill Scott, Finance Director, reviewed the fiscal year 2003 Management Report. He noted that this information is preliminary and should be considered a reasonable projection of activity for fiscal year 2003. He indicated that the auditors would present the final financial report in October.

Mr. Scott discussed the General Fund, noting that there were several general fund budget adjustments approved by the Council. These included fee increases, expenditure reductions and revenue shifts. He pointed out the shortfall in revenues from the taxes, which totaled \$2,168,299. He stated that General Fund expenditures would be reported as \$104,392 over the revised budget due to a one-time write-off of non-collectible accounts receivable. He stated that completion of this was the first step in the citywide process re-engineering of the accounts receivable system. Council members asked what was written off. Mr. Scott and Mr. Phillips explained that a portion of this was ambulance fees that could not be collected once Medicare had paid their portion. They explained that the remainder of this was a mixture of old lease payments, etc. that were not collected years ago. Mr. Scott explained that they are working toward centralizing billing and collecting and this was the first step in this process. He noted that many of these are accounts that cannot be traced back, and would not be collected. He indicated that the new module would monitor and track any unpaid accounts. He stated that the Finance Department has not been able to do that with weed liens, lease payments or ambulance fees.

Mr. Scott noted that the City financial policies require the transfer of excess General Fund balance at the end of the fiscal year to the Capital Improvements fund. He stated that the excess General Fund Balance is the unrestricted and undesignated fund balance that exceeds 60 days of budget operating expenditures for the following fiscal year. He noted that the General Fund is \$130,324 under the target for transferring excess fund balance to the Capital Improvement fund.

Mr. Scott noted that he had sent a copy of the report to Ron Norene and will be talking to him Tuesday. He also sent a copy to Dave Cahill. He stated that Mr. Norene was excited about the report and stated that this will not be a problem when purchasing the bond for the city, because even though there were issues, they have been addressed and the goals have been met. He noted that the bond would include wastewater, the Marina, and a Special Assessment project. This bond information will be brought to the Council for action at a later date.

Mr. Scott then discussed the June 2003 Management Report. He noted that the revenue is at 28% over and the expenditures are at 23% under the June benchmark of 25%. He stated that the Personnel Services account for 71% of the budgeted expenditures.

He discussed the shortfall for the sales, local sales and use taxes, which is \$131,862 below the predicted amount. He noted, however, that the new simplified telecommunication tax is a bright spot. He stated that this was adopted last year and the indications are that this new tax will cause total utility tax revenue to exceed the budget estimate.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion made by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Bauersfeld to recess to Executive Session on matters of Litigation CARRIED on a Roll Call vote. AYES: Aldermen Brooks, Conroy, Bauersfeld, Rockwell, White, Keefe and Forlini. NAYS: None.

The meeting was recessed at 6:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Schwiebert reconvened the regular meeting at 6:42 p.m. A motion made by Alderman Keefe and seconded by Alderman Forlini to adjourn the meeting CARRIED on a Roll Call vote. AYES: Aldermen Brooks, Conroy, Bauersfeld, Rockwell, White, Keefe and Forlini. NAYS: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Jeanne F. Paggen, City Clerk

The Rock Island City Council met in Council Chambers of Rock Island City Hall on Monday, July 28, 2003, at 6:50 p.m. for regular session. Present were Mayor Mark W. Schwiebert, presiding, and Aldermen Terry M. A. Brooks I, David R. Conroy, John E. Bauersfeld, Jr., Daniel Rockwell, Evelyn "Evie" R. White, Ann L. Keefe and Frank J. Forlini, Jr.

INTRODUCTORY PROCEEDINGS

Mayor Schwiebert called the meeting to Order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Alderman White gave the Invocation. Alderman Keefe made the following corrections to the Minutes of July 14, from Page 4..."*The first one requires a dog that is off the owner's property to be secured by a leash ~~no more than six feet long~~ and be under the control of a person willing and able to prevent the dog from violating any city ordinances. ~~Dangerous Vicious~~ dogs need to be muzzled as well. Another change requires that, if the owner or keeper of ~~the a dangerous~~ dog is a minor, the parent or guardian is ~~responsible for compliance of the requirements of the ordinance~~ liable for injuries and property damage caused by the dangerous dog.*" Following this, a motion made by Alderman Keefe and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the Minutes of the meeting of July 14 as amended CARRIED on a Voice vote.

PROCLAMATIONS

Agenda Item #6

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT/AUGUST 5

Mayor Schwiebert read a proclamation declaring August 5 as National Night Out. The framed document was presented to Rick Newswander, who spoke about the events to be occurring that day and evening. He discussed what "National Night Out" is about, and invited everyone to be at Sunset Park Shelter at 5:00 p.m. for the picnic, with the program beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda Item #7

VFW BUDDY POPPIES DAY

Mayor Schwiebert called attention to a proclamation declaring August 8 and 9 as VFW Buddy Poppies Day.

Agenda Item #8

SCHOOL'S OPEN SAFETY WEEK/AUGUST 4 – 8

Mayor Schwiebert called attention to a proclamation declaring August 4 – 9 as School's Open Safety Week.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Agenda Item #9

SPECIAL USE AMENDMENT/1728 9 STREET

Mayor Schwiebert closed the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. and opened a Public Hearing on a request from Lonnie Ray Westerfield to continue to operate a food and ice cream shop at 1728 9th Street. Council members received a copy of the Special Use Permit application prior to the Public Hearing.

Mr. Westerfield spoke to Council regarding his request. He stated that they have already opened, and the business has been good. He indicated that there were some problems the first week, and he realized that he should not stay open so late.

Alderman White indicated Council received a letter from neighbors who are concerned about people fixing cars and playing music in the lot. Mr. Westerfield stated that they do not allow music to be played in the lot, and they have a business in Davenport where they keep the lot clean and work with the neighbors. He stated that they plan to work with the neighbors here also. Alderman Brooks stated that they keep the place clean and suggested that Mr. Westerfield talk to Mr. Johnson about his concerns.

Mayor Schwiebert closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:08 p.m. A motion made by Alderman Brooks and seconded by Alderman Forlini to approve the Special Use Permit with the stipulations indicated, and refer to the City Attorney for an Ordinance CARRIED on a Voice vote.

Agenda Item #10

SPECIAL USE PERMIT/2208 7 Avenue

Mayor Schwiebert closed the regular meeting at 7:10 p.m. and opened a Public Hearing on a request from Dr. Francine Ricketts for a Special Use Permit to operate a professional psychology office and one-bedroom apartment at 2208 7th Avenue. Council members received a copy of the Special Use Permit application prior to the Public Hearing. Mayor Schwiebert noted that a letter had been received by Council members from Chuck and Diane Oestrich the past week.

Dr. Francine Ricketts, resident of Davenport, with a practice in Rock Island since 1998, spoke to Council and reviewed her request. She stated that she was also requesting a curb cut. She indicated that her office is very low traffic, noting that staff had concerns about a commercial venture in a residential area. Alderman White stated that the City Attorney had advised her that she could not vote on this issue.

Alderman Keefe asked if the six parking places included the two in the garage. Dr. Ricketts stated that she plans to use the garage for her and her secretary to park during the daytime, with the tenant allowed to use the garage at night. She noted the concern from Broadway about parking, and stated that she sees one client (or couple/family) at a time, and there is no more than a ten-minute overlap for the next appointment.

Alderman Bauersfeld noted that he had received telephone calls from Howard Braren and Dave Levin. He stated that Mr. Braren spoke very highly of Dr. Ricketts and noted her positive impact on the community.

David Levin, 3201 36th Avenue, and employed by Ruhl and Ruhl, stated that this building has been vacant for eighteen months to two years. He stated that the owner bought it on a tax sale. He noted that there was a curb cut on 22nd Street at one time, and Engineering indicated that it could be done again if Dr. Ricketts paid to have it done. He stated that he met at the property with Mid America, and they can move the guide wire. He also noted that Council has previously approved a hairdresser for the Broadway area.

Ed Hanna, President of the Broadway Historic District, stated that they were not aware of the parking situation. He stated that they would be agreeable to the first parking plan, which had three parking spaces in front, without the diagonal parking. He stated that the building will be improved.

Dan Carmody, 745 15th Street, stated that they looked at various alternatives for this business, and called this placement of a business in a residential area “new urbanism.” He noted that it adds character to the neighborhood.

Bill Rowand, 536 26th Street, stated that he owns the building across from this house, and feels that this will be an asset to the neighborhood. He stated that the sale of the units in the Anastasia Murphy House might be easier with occupants in this building rather than having a vacant house across the street. He stated that Dr. Ricketts will be spending a lot of money on the house, and also will be an asset to the neighborhood.

Karen Williams, 852 19th Street, spoke in opposition to the Special Use Permit. She discussed the down zoning issue of several years ago, which was favored by an overwhelming majority of Broadway residents. She stated that the vision of the Broadway District was residential and many persons have put thousands of dollars in their property, increasing the value of the houses in the neighborhood.

Chuck Oestrich, 816 22 Street, spoke in opposition to the Special Use Permit. He stated that Broadway is a strong neighborhood and should remain as such.

Diane Oestrich, 816 22 Street, spoke in opposition to the Special se Permit, but added that she was not opposed to Dr. Ricketts. She stated that she has lived in Broadway for forty years, and things have changed. She expressed her disagreement with Dan Carmody about this being “new urbanism.” She also noted that the other Special Use Permit that was granted in Broadway is an owner-occupied house. She stated that this house is not an eyesore, even though it is overgrown sometime. She stated that the money to be spent is irrelevant. She pointed out that the Catholic Social Services building is available and already has offices built in. She stated that this will have a negative effect on Broadway.

Dr. Ricketts spoke in response to some of the concerns expressed. Alderman Bauersfeld asked why six parking spaces were required when there are only two employees. Greg Champagne responded that the zoning ordinance requires six, but the Council can vary this.

Mayor Schwiebert closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:45 p.m. A motion made by Alderman Keefe and seconded by Alderman Forlini to approve the Special Use Permit, subject to the construction of three additional parking spaces, and refer to the City Attorney and staff for the appropriate recommendations regarding signage and lighting, etc. to be included in the ordinance, CARRIED on a Voice vote.

Alderman Bauersfeld left the meeting following this vote.

ORDINANCES

Agenda Item #11

RESIDENTIAL PARKING ELIMINATED/23-24 STREETS, 20 AVENUE

The City Clerk read a Special Ordinance amendment eliminating a Type B Residential Parking area located between 23rd and 24th Streets on 20th Avenue. A motion made by Alderman White and seconded by Alderman Conroy to consider, suspend the rules and pass the Ordinance CARRIED on a Roll Call vote. AYES: Aldermen Brooks, Conroy, Rockwell, White, Keefe and Forlini. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item #12

SURPLUS/K-9 UNITS

The City Clerk read a Special Ordinance declaring two K-9 units as surplus for purposes of sale to the Parks Department. A motion made by Alderman Keefe and seconded by Alderman Rockwell to consider, suspend the rules and pass the Ordinance CARRIED on a Roll Call vote. AYES: Aldermen Brooks, Conroy, Rockwell, White, Keefe and Forlini. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item #13

NO PARKING TO CORNER/38 STREET EXTENDED

The City Clerk read a Special Ordinance extending the “No Parking to Corner Zone” located on 38th Street adjacent to the entry drive of Andreen Hall an additional thirty feet northwest. A motion made by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman White to consider, suspend the rules and pass the Ordinance CARRIED on a Roll Call vote. AYES: Aldermen Brooks, Conroy, Rockwell, White, Keefe and Forlini. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item #14

HANDICAPPED PARKING/2830 5 ½ AVENUE

The City Clerk read a Special Ordinance establishing a Handicapped Parking Space at 2830 5 ½ Avenue. A motion made by Alderman White and seconded by Alderman Rockwell to consider, suspend the rules and pass the Ordinance CARRIED on a Roll Call vote. AYES: Aldermen Brooks, Conroy, Rockwell, White, Keefe and Forlini. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item #15

LOADING ZONE/1715 2 AVENUE

The City Clerk read a Special Ordinance establishing a Loading Zone behind the Quad City Arts building at 1715 2nd Avenue. A motion made by Alderman and seconded by Alderman to consider, suspend the rules and pass the Ordinance CARRIED on a Roll Call vote. AYES: Aldermen Brooks, Conroy, Rockwell, White, Keefe and Forlini. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item #16

PARKING LOT/15-16 STREETS, 5 – 6 AVENUE

The City Clerk read a Special Ordinance regulating parking at the parking lot between 15th and 16th Streets, from 5th to 5 ½ Avenue, and the lot at 15th and 16th Streets south of 5 ½ Avenue. A motion made by Alderman Forlini and seconded by Alderman White to consider, suspend the rules and pass the Ordinance CARRIED on a Roll Call vote. AYES: Aldermen Brooks, Conroy, Rockwell, White, Keefe and Forlini. NAYS: None.

CLAIMS

Agenda Item#17a

CONNELLY, CARLSON/WORKERS COMPENSATION

The City Clerk read a report from the Personnel Department recommending payment to Karin Connelly and Greg Carlson in the amount of \$15,842 for workers compensation case settlement.

Agenda Item #7b

DATA DIRECT SERVICES/EPA WATER QUALITY REPORT

The City Clerk read a report from the Public Works Department recommending payment to Data Direct Services in the amount of \$3,895.74 for the printing and mailing of the annual EPA water quality report.

Agenda Item #7c

FRYE BUILDERS/GREAT RIVER PLAZA RENOVATIONS

The City Clerk read a report from the Public Works Department recommending payment to Frye Builders in the amount of \$53,000.20 for the Great River Plaza Renovations.

Agenda Item #17d

GENERAL CONSTRUCTORS/GREAT RIVER PLAZA RENOVATIONS

The City Clerk read a report from the Public Works Department recommending payment to General Constructors in the amount of \$24,161.74 for the Great River Plaza Renovations.

Agenda Item #17e

WALKER PARKING CONSULTANTS/PARKING STRUCTURE

The City Clerk read a report from the Public Works Department recommending payment to Walker Parking Consultants in the amount of \$6,354.53 for the 16th Street and Third Avenue Parking Structure.

Agenda Item #17f

**FARHRNER ASPHALT SEALERS/
2003 STREET JOINT AND CRACK SEALING PROGRAM**

The City Clerk read a report from the Public Works Department recommending payment to Farhrner Asphalt Sealers in the amount of \$88,035.30 for the 2003 Street Joint and Crack Sealing Program.

Agenda Item #17g

KELLY CONSTRUCTION/2003 MUDJACKING PROGRAM

The City Clerk read a report from the Public Works Department recommending payment to Kelly Construction in the amount of \$14,275.00 for the 2003 Mudjacking Program.

Agenda Item #17h

SETTLE, INC./2003 SEALCOAT PROGRAM

The City Clerk read a report from the Public Works Department recommending payment to Settle, Inc. in the amount of \$32,194.88 for work completed on the 2003 Sealcoat Program.

Agenda Item #17i

VALLEY CONSTRUCTION/17 STREET RESURFACING PROJECT

The City Clerk read a report from the Public Works Department recommending payment to Valley Construction in the amount of \$23,956.95 for the 17th Street Resurfacing Project.

Agenda Item #17j

PHOENIX CORPORATION/GREAT RIVER PLAZA RENOVATIONS

The City Clerk read a report from the Public Works Department recommending payment to Phoenix Corporation in the amount of \$72,409.60 for the Great River Plaza Renovations.

Agenda Item #17k

ABONMARCHE CONSULTANTS/MARINA MASTER PLAN

The City Clerk read a report from the Public Works Department recommending payment to Abonmarche Consultants in the amount of \$2,530.00 for additional work on the Marina Master Plan permitting process.

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**JULY 28, 2003
MINUTES**

A motion made by Alderman Forlini and seconded by Alderman Keefe to accept the reports and authorize payments as recommended CARRIED on a Roll Call vote. AYES: Aldermen Brooks, Conroy, Rockwell, White, Keefe and Forlini. NAYS: None.

**Agenda Item #18
JULY 11 – 24**

The City Clerk read the claims for the weeks of July 11 through 24 in the amount of \$1,217,480.41. A motion made by Alderman Forlini and seconded by Alderman White to allow the claims CARRIED on a Roll Call vote. AYES: Aldermen Brooks, Conroy, Rockwell, White, Keefe and Forlini. NAYS: None.

PAYROLL

**Agenda Item #19
JULY 7 – 20**

The City Clerk read the payroll for the weeks of July 7 through 20 in the amount of \$974,098.30.

GENERAL FUND	\$623,816.86
TIF DISTRICT #1 DOWNTOWN	488.15
TIF DISTRICT #2 S 11 ST	181.59
TIF DISTRICT #3 N 11 ST	181.57
KING CENTER	3,161.06
FEDERAL COPS GRANT	4,259.25
COMM. DEV. BLOCK GRANT	27,615.50
LIBRARY	39,685.63
ELDERLY SERVICES CONTRIBUTION	548.51
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	4,890.62
WATER	55,481.25
SEWER	38,747.36
COMMUNITY/ECONOMIC DEV.	5,817.14
BRIDGE	840.37
SUNSET MARINA	8,894.05
RIFAC	223.37
PARK AND RECREATION	119,075.60
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	23,376.97
SELF INSURANCE	1,818.88
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE	877.10
CAFETERIA PLAN	5,781.37
MLK ACTIVITY FUND	4,927.38
DRUG PREVENTION	3,408.72
TOTAL	\$974,098.30

A motion made by Alderman Forlini and seconded by Alderman White to allow the payroll CARRIED on a Roll Call vote. AYES: Aldermen Brooks, Conroy, Rockwell, White, Keefe and Forlini. NAYS: None.

Alderman Bauersfeld returned to the meeting.

BIDS/PURCHASES

Agenda Item #20

VOHNE LICHE KENNELS/K-9 DOG

The City Clerk read a report from the Police Department regarding bids for the purchase of a K-9, recommending the bid of Vohne Liche Kennel in the amount of \$4,200.00. A motion made by Alderman Forlini and seconded by Alderman Keefe to authorize purchase as recommended CARRIED on a Roll Call vote. AYES: Aldermen Brooks, Conroy, Bauersfeld, Rockwell, White, Keefe and Forlini. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item #21

STATE CONTRACT/LIBRARY EQUIPMENT

The City Clerk read a report from the Information Technology Services Department regarding authorization of the State Contract Purchase, with HP-Compaq Computer Corporation in the amount of \$11,782.00 for twelve Compaq Desktop computers and seven displays.

Alderman Bauersfeld asked if the Library would be reimbursing the city for these. City Manager John Phillips responded that they would not since this was a part of the city's network and need the support from staff. Claire Dubuisson, Information Services Department Manager, stated that the city provides the staff computers, and the Library purchases the computers used by the public throughout the Library.

A motion made by Alderman Rockwell and seconded by Alderman Conroy to authorize purchase as recommended CARRIED on a Roll Call vote. AYES: Aldermen Brooks, Conroy, Bauersfeld, Rockwell, White, Keefe and Forlini. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item #22

**ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AND EQUIPMENT COMPANY/
PARKING RAMP ELECTRICAL PARTS**

The City Clerk read a report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the Parking Ramp Electrical Parts, recommencing the bid of Electrical Engineering and Equipment Company in the amount of \$46,797.75. A motion made by Alderman Forlini and seconded by Alderman Rockwell to award the bid as recommended and authorize purchase CARRIED on a Roll Call vote. AYES: Aldermen Brooks, Conroy, Bauersfeld, Rockwell, White, Keefe and Forlini. NAYS: None.

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS

Agenda Item #23

AL JACKSON CATERING/MARINA LUAU

The City Clerk read a report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for catering the Luau at Sunset Marina on August 16, recommending Al Jackson Catering in the estimated amount of \$2,655.00. A motion made by Alderman Keefe and seconded by Alderman Bauersfeld to award the bid as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents CARRIED on a Roll Call vote. AYES: Aldermen Brooks, Conroy, Bauersfeld, White, Keefe and Forlini. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Alderman Rockwell, due to possible conflict of interest.

Agenda Item #24

ANDREWS CONSTRUCTION/2003 DITCH CLEANING

The City Clerk read a report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2003 Ditch Cleaning, recommending the bid of Andrews Construction in the amount of \$16,625.00. A motion made by Alderman Forlini and seconded by Alderman Conroy to award the bid as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents CARRIED on a Roll Call vote. AYES: Aldermen Brooks, Conroy, Bauersfeld, Rockwell, White, Keefe and Forlini. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item #25

BRANDT CONSTRUCTION/17 STREET RESURFACING

The City Clerk read a report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 17th Street Resurfacing, recommending the bid of Brandt Construction in the amount of \$786,776.11. Alderman White asked what the timetable was on this project, and Bob Hawes, Public Works Department Director, stated that they should be done by October 30. He stated that they would be doing 25th Avenue to 31st Avenue. Following discussion, a motion made by Alderman White and seconded by Alderman Forlini to award the bid as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents CARRIED on a Roll Call vote. AYES: Aldermen Brooks, Conroy, Bauersfeld, Rockwell, White, Keefe and Forlini. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item #26

2212 35 AVENUE/PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIM

The City Clerk read a report from the Personnel Department regarding the appeal of a denial of payment for a property damage claim at 2212 35th Avenue. A motion was made by Alderman Keefe and seconded by Alderman White to uphold the decision for denial of the payment for this claim.

Dr. Tom Brozovich and his wife, Lora, spoke to Council regarding their request. Dr. Brozovich stated that they have lived in Rock Island all their life, and this was an unprecedented situation. He stated that the water line is over fifty years old, with a history of other breaks within five or six blocks.

Mrs. Brozovich stated that they have lived in this house over ten years and have never had any problems. She indicated that, for that reason, they decided to make improvements to the basement. Alderman Keefe stated that the City is not liable for this type of damage and referred to the Tort Immunity Act.

Mrs. Brozovich stated that they would like to at least be able to get things back in the entertainment room for the children. Dr. Brozovich added that they could not even replace the souvenir type items that were lost in this situation, but would like to at least replace the basic items. Alderman Brooks stated that there were multiple breaks in the line, according to Dr. Brozovich, and the Council should do what is right for the people. Alderman White noted that this type of decision was very difficult.

Alderman Bauersfeld called the question, which ended the discussion.

A motion made by Alderman Keefe and seconded by Alderman White to uphold the decision for denial of claim FAILED on a Roll Call vote. AYES: Alderman Keefe. NAYS: Aldermen Brooks, Conroy, Bauersfeld, Rockwell, White and Forlini.

A motion made by Alderman Bauersfeld and seconded by Alderman Conroy to have a written agreement with them and pay them \$12,000 CARRIED on a Roll Call vote. AYES: Aldermen Brooks, Conroy, Bauersfeld, Rockwell and White. NAYS: Aldermen Keefe and Forlini.

COMMUNITY/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Agenda Item #27

1120-1124 7 AVENUE/SPECIAL USE PERMIT ENFORCEMENT

The City Clerk read a report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding enforcement issues of a Special Use Permit at 1120/12124 7th Avenue. A motion made by Alderman Bauersfeld and seconded by Alderman White to schedule consideration of revoking the Special Use Permit CARRIED on a Roll Call vote. AYES: Aldermen Brooks, Conroy, Bauersfeld, Rockwell, White, Keefe and Forlini. NAYS: None. Mayor Schwiebert stated that there would be a Public Hearing August 11 on this issue.

Agenda Item #28

TRANSFER OF PROPERTY/FARMALL

The City Clerk read a report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the transfer of Farmall property to the City from International truck and Engine Corporation. Greg Champagne, Community and Economic Development Department Director, explained the transfer, referring back to the sellers option in the agreement with Navistar in 1988. He noted that the city would be responsible for the demolition of the buildings on the property. Alderman Conroy asked for a report on the cost of this demolition.

Alderman Conroy noted that this is a good opportunity to add to the river project. Mr. Champagne stated that Navistar has been very responsive and good to work with. Following discussion, a motion made by Alderman White and seconded by Alderman Forlini to approve the transfer of title and refer to the City Attorney for an Ordinance CARRIED on a Roll Call vote. AYES: Aldermen Brooks, Conroy, Bauersfeld, Rockwell, White, Keefe and Forlini. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item #29

1800 78 AVENUE WEST/WAIVER OF TAXES

The City Clerk read a report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Rock Island County to waive the city portion of past due property taxes on property at 1800 78th Avenue West, conditioned upon submittal of a plan for reuse or maintenance of the property and identification of the buyer. A motion was made by Alderman Rockwell and seconded by Alderman Bauersfeld to waive the taxes conditioned on the stipulations stated.

Alderman Conroy stated that the letter contains no information about the future use of the property. Following discussion, a motion made by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Bauersfeld to amend the motion by adding “that the issue be brought back to Council for final action” CARRIED on a Voice vote. The motion was made by Alderman Rockwell and seconded by Alderman Bauersfeld to waive the taxes conditioned on the stipulations stated, and that the issue be brought back to Council for final action, CARRIED on a Roll Call vote. AYES: Aldermen Brooks, Conroy, Bauersfeld, Rockwell, White, Keefe and Forlini. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item #30

STREET VACATION/22 STREET, 13-16 AVENUES

The City Clerk read a report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from Chris Ales to vacate the 22nd Street right of way between 13th Avenue and 16th Avenue, recommending approval subject to approval of a development agreement, Final Plan, subdivision, final rezoning to Planned Unit Development, and either easements or relocation of public utilities. A motion made by Alderman Forlini and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the vacation subject to stipulations, and refer to the City Attorney for an Ordinance CARRIED on a Roll Call vote. AYES: Aldermen Brooks, Conroy, Bauersfeld, Rockwell, White, Keefe and Forlini. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item #31

AMERICAN DISCOVERY TRAIL CROSSING GRANT/TWO

The City Clerk read a report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding two grant applications for the American Discovery Trail Crossing Grant, recommending that Council approve the sponsorship of the Scenic Byways and TAP grants. A motion made by Alderman Bauersfeld and seconded by Alderman Rockwell to approve the sponsorship of the Scenic Byways and TAP Grants and authorize the Mayor to execute the grant documents CARRIED on a Roll Call vote. AYES: Aldermen Brooks, Conroy, Bauersfeld, Rockwell, White, Keefe and Forlini. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item #32

701 5 STREET, 516 9 AVENUE/DEMOLITION

The City Clerk read a report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from the Rock Island Economic Growth Corporation to demolish structures at 701 5th Street and 516 9th Avenue. A motion made by Alderman Forlini and seconded by Alderman Bauersfeld to approve the demolition of these structures as recommended CARRIED on a Roll Call vote. AYES: Aldermen Brooks, Conroy, Bauersfeld, Rockwell, White, Keefe and Forlini. NAYS: None.

Agenda Item #33

1541 26 STREET/ROOF DEFERRED PAYMENT LOAN

The City Clerk read a report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request for a commitment from the Council for a Roof Deferred Payment Loan at 1541 26th Street in the amount of \$3,564.00. A motion made by Alderman Bauersfeld and seconded by Alderman White to commit \$3,564.00 as recommended CARRIED on a Roll Call vote. AYES: Aldermen Brooks, Conroy, Bauersfeld, Rockwell, White, Keefe and Forlini. NAYS: None.

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING/PARKING

Agenda Item #34

HANDICAPPED PARKING/39 STREET

The City Clerk read a report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Connie Vandekerckhove for a handicapped Parking Space on the east side of 39th Street across the street from her home. Alderman Keefe noted that there were no objections from the neighbors. Following discussion, a motion made by Alderman Keefe and seconded by Alderman Bauersfeld to approve the request and refer to the City Attorney for an Ordinance CARRIED on a Voice vote.

Agenda Item #35

HANDICAPPED PARKING/2532 8 AVENUE

The City Clerk read a report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from John Brooks for a Handicapped Parking Space in front of 2532 8th Avenue. A motion made by Alderman White and seconded by Alderman Forlini to approve the request and refer to the City Attorney for an Ordinance CARRIED on a Voice vote.

Agenda Item #36

HANDICAPPED PARKING/1808 13 STREET

The City Clerk read a report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Joy Lowery for a Handicapped Parking Space in front of 1808 13th Street. Martha Lowery, 1808 13th Street, spoke to Council regarding her request.

Ms. Lowery indicated that her mother is in a wheelchair, and they are unable to get the chair in the side door of the house. She stated that they have to take her in the front door, and would plan to build a ramp from the sidewalk to the door so they can get her in the front door without lifting her up the steps. Following discussion, a motion made by Alderman Bauersfeld and seconded by Alderman Brooks to approve the request and refer to the City Attorney for an Ordinance CARRIED on a Voice vote.

Agenda Item #37

RESIDENTIAL PARKING/27 STREET, 18 – 19 AVENUES

The City Clerk read a report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from neighbors for a Type B Residential Parking area on 27th Street between 18th and 19th Avenues. A motion made by Alderman White and seconded by Alderman Rockwell to approve the request and refer to the City Attorney for an Ordinance CARRIED on a Voice vote.

LICENSES/PERMITS

Agenda Item #38

YA MAKI MY WEEKEND/STREET CLOSING

The City Clerk read a report from the City Clerk regarding a request from the District to close off 19th Street between Second and Third Avenue during Ya Maka My Weekend August 7 through 10 to sue the area for sand volleyball. A motion made by Alderman Forlini and seconded by Alderman Conroy to approve the request CARRIED on a Voice vote.

Agenda Item #39

QUAD CITY MARATHON/RESOLUTION

The City Clerk read a report from the City Clerk regarding an application for the Quad City Marathon, a request for \$1,000 in in-kind services, and a Resolution to close off a portion of Highway 92 from 17th to 24th Streets. A motion made by Alderman Bauersfeld and seconded by Alderman White to approve the application and in-kind services, and adopt the Resolution CARRIED on a Roll Call vote. AYES: Aldermen Brooks, Conroy, Bauersfeld, Rockwell, White and Keefe. NAYS: Alderman Forlini.

ITEMS FROM THE CITY MANAGER'S MEMORANDUM

PARKWAY SIGNAGE

Greg Champagne, Community and Economic Development Department Director, reviewed the signage and banners for the parkway. He noted that the banners would have to be replaced every three to five years, and the design could be changed at that time as well. He distributed copies of the proposed sign for the Rock Island gateways, and Council discussed these.

MISCELLANEOUS

City Manager John Phillips called attention to the information regarding the ILEAS/Terrorism task Force Update, which was provided by Police Chief Terry Dove. He called attention to the information from CED regarding the Family Dollar Store on 11th Street and the Tax Increment Finance Funds.

Alderman Conroy asked for maps of the TIF Districts for reference during Goal Setting Sessions, and Alderman Bauersfeld asked for a list of the five-year capital projects and their funding sources – those that are done through restrictive funding and others. Alderman Bauersfeld stated that they sometimes have to explain where the money is coming from for specific projects, because the public perception is that all the money goes into one place and is taken from the same place for all expenses. The residents don't always realize that some of the money received is designated for a specific project or use.

Mr. Phillips also called attention to the information regarding consideration of a Responsible Bidders Ordinance, noting that they decided not to pursue it.

Mr. Phillips called on Fire Chief Jerry Shirk. Chief Shirk stated that the Fire Department received \$180,000 grant that will be used to purchase new SCVA's/breathing apparatus for all firefighters. He indicated that they have applied for this before, but this is the first time they have received the grant.

Jerry Jones, King Center Director, invited everyone to attend the King Center Family Fun Day Saturday, August 2. He stated that the parade will start at 10:30 a.m. and the event will end at 3:30 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

Alderman White reminded people to get their nominations in for Citizen of the Year.

Alderman Keefe suggested a directive to the downtown after coming off the bridge. She also noted that the Keystone Organization has a new website address – KeystoneRockIsland.org.

Alderman Brooks discussed the ratio of alcohol to other items for sale in some of the convenience stores on 11th Street. He stated that there should be a percentage limitation.

Alderman Brooks also spoke about gun violence, and noted that homicide by guns is the largest killer of African American males. He requested that Mayor Schwiebert issue a proclamation or resolution.

Linda Peterson, 1300 15th Avenue, spoke to Council. She stated that she is retiring from being a Leader of Girl Scout Troop #1544 for about thirty years, and expressed appreciation to the Council for their support of her troop through the years. She commented on some of the girls she has worked with over the years and stated that she hopes she has been a good role model for them.

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**JULY 28, 2003
MINUTES**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion made by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Bauersfeld to recess to Executive Session on matters of Litigation and Personnel CARRIED on a Roll Call vote. AYES: Aldermen Brooks, Conroy, Bauersfeld, Rockwell, White, Keefe and Forlini. NAYS: None.

The meeting was recessed at 9:10 p.m.

RECESS

Mayor Schwiebert reconvened the regular meeting at 9:51 p.m. A motion made by Alderman White and seconded by Alderman Keefe to recess to Monday, August 11 at 5:00 p.m. CARRIED on a Roll Call vote. AYES: Aldermen Brooks, Conroy, Bauersfeld, Rockwell, White, Keefe and Forlini. NAYS: None.

The meeting was recessed at 9:52 p.m.

Jeanne F. Paggen, City Clerk