

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD  
(AMENDED) JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS  
DECEMBER 9, 2013  
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:34 P.M.**

1. The invocation was given by Chaplain Ken Hendley, Free Will Baptist Church and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by the City Council Page Beatriz Medrano.
2. Roll Call:

Mayor Lawrence Morrissey

Aldermen: Durkee, McNamara, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg,  
Beach, Elyea, Beck, Chiarelli -11-  
Absent: Getchius, Frost, McNeely -3-
3. Alderman Hervey moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of December 2, 2013 seconded by Alderman Newburg. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Getchius, Frost, McNeely absent).

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

4. Marva Howse suggested the city make curbside garbage collection mandatory for residents living in the area of South Highland and South Gardner.
5. Bob Pfister commended the efforts of city staff for the tremendous task of putting together the garbage collection RFP. He wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season.
6. John Brantley mentioned the passing of Nelson Mandela and announced a Fairgrounds Outreach meeting will be held tomorrow.
7. Prophet Yusef spoke about how to reduce the exodus of people leaving Rockford.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

8. Alderman Thompson-Kelly asked for a moment of silence in observance of the passing of Nelson Mandela.
9. Alderman Hervey announced next Monday, December 16, 2013 at 6:00 pm will be the public hearing for the 2014 budget in Council Chambers.
10. Alderman Beck submitted a Memorandum from Mark Rose, Land Acquisition Officer, regarding the proposed sale of 731-733 North Winnebago Street. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
11. Alderman Beck submitted a Memorandum from 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Alderman Tom McNamara, regarding an amendment to Chapter 29, Article 5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford, establishing lighting requirements when a towing contact has been established. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.

## NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

12. Alderman Hervey read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Sale of Property at 325 Penfield Pl. be made to the sole bidder, Alejandro Arteaga, of Rockford, Illinois for his bid of \$500. LAID OVER.
13. Alderman Hervey moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of December 9, 2013 in the amount of \$3,491,603.22.
14. Alderman Beck read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the sale of vacant lot at 325 Salter Avenue for a minimum bid of \$350.00. LAID OVER.
15. Alderman Beck read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the amendment to the Noise Ordinance relating to Licensed Guard Dogs. LAID OVER.

### **2013-384CR**

16. Alderman Beck read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the settlement in Philpot v. City of Rockford in the amount of \$120,000.00 with a release to be obtained.

Alderman Beck moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Hervey. MOTION PREVAILED. The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes:	Durkee, McNamara, Hervey, Hill, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Chiarelli -9-
Nays:	Thompson-Kelly, Oddo -2-
Absent:	Getchius, Frost, McNeely -3-

## OFFICERS REPORTS

17. Alderman Oddo thanked city staff for their care of her during a medical concern and appreciated all the get-well wishes she received. She clarified she did not have a stroke.
18. Mayor Morrissey presented a Proclamation proclaiming the month of December, 2013 to be DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH in Rockford, Illinois and urged citizens to promote awareness of the impaired driving problem, support programs and policies to reduce incidences, and promote safe and healthier behaviors regarding the use of alcohol and drugs this December holiday season and throughout the year.
19. Mayor Morrissey thanked Alderman Thompson-Kelly for inviting the moment of silence in honor and memory of Nelson Mandela. He reported city flags are flying at half-mast in recognition of his life.
20. Mayor Morrissey congratulated the Kiwanis Clubs for receiving this year's Excelsior award and Rudy Valdez for receiving the Excalibur award. Rudy was also recognized today with The Jefferson Award, a regional recognition for his service.

21. Mayor Morrissey mentioned in past years, city council meetings have been cancelled during the Christmas holiday and/or the New Year's week. He asked any alderman interested in cancelling one or both meetings to let him know and he will be happy to accommodate the consensus.
22. Alderman Beck clarified the snow emergency parking ordinance as it pertains to city streets that have only one side parking. He advised the snow emergency ordinance supersedes the no parking side of the street and residents should abide by the odd/even parking during the snow emergency declaration.
23. Alderman McNamara announced this Saturday, December 14, 2013 the Coronado Theatre will show three holiday movies free of charge from 1:00 pm – 6:30 pm. The movies include "The Polar Express", "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" and "It's A Wonderful Life".
24. Patrick Hayes, Legal Director, advised at next week's council meeting during "Officers Reports" there will be a question and answer period available for the staff's selected vendor for the Wellness Clinic. He mentioned this item will be on the Finance and Personnel Committee agenda next week.
25. Alderman Newburg requested information about the status of the previous allocation of \$300,000 for the Pilot Policing District real estate acquisition and consulting fees.  
  
Chris Black, Finance Director, indicated he would report on that matter to Alderman Newburg.
27. Alderman Hervey reported the CIP was laid over at the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting tonight and she asked the aldermen to email her and copy Patrick Zuroske with any items to be added, deleted or amended by Thursday.
28. Alderman Durkee advised the EDEEN budget was emailed to each alderman and will be discussed at a joint meeting with Planning/Development and Finance/Personnel Committees.
29. Alderman Hervey asked if council could revisit modifications to the city council meeting structure.
30. Alderman Beck advised the city council meeting structure item will be placed on the Code and Regulations Committee agenda the first part of January.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **2013-385CR**

31. Alderman Hervey moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report regarding the matter of the tax abatement ordinance begs leave to recommend: That the tax levied under the Bond issues referred to on the attached sheet be abated in the amounts as indicated. The Legal director is hereby authorize to prepare the required Abatement Ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, McNamara, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Chiarelli -11-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Getchius, Frost, McNeely-3-

**2013-386CR**

32. Alderman Hervey moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending that the 2014 budget be adopted as presented at the meeting on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and amended in the attached memorandum dated November 27, 2013 from Carrie Eklund, Central Services Manager and that the Budget Officer be directed to prepare the necessary Appropriation Ordinance.

Alderman McNamara made a motion to amend the committee report to reflect \$100,000 in funding for Rockford Mass Transit District (RMTD) from the Sanitation Fund, seconded by Alderman Hervey. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, McNamara, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Chiarelli -11-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Getchius, Frost, McNeely-3-

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

Ayes: Durkee, McNamara, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Chiarelli -11-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Getchius, Frost, McNeely-3-

**2013-387CR**

33. Alderman Hervey moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending that the City of Rockford Fire Department give ownership of the 2009 18 ft. Clark Aluminum boat with a 60-horsepower Mercury outboard motor and trailer that tows the boat, to the Loves Park Fire Dept. The Loves Park Fire Dept. will own, maintain and be responsible for upkeep; the Rockford Fire Dept. will be able to use said boat and trailer without any charge. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, McNamara, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Chiarelli -11-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Getchius, Frost, McNeely-3-

**2013-388CR**

34. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Ordinance Restricting Groundwater Use for Potable Purposes from the property located at 301-401 South Water Street (a/k/a Ingersoll Site). MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, McNamara, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Chiarelli -11-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Getchius, Frost, McNeely-3-

**2013-389CR**

35. 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 (A) Special Use Permit for two (2) primary off-site landmark style signs to serve shopping center; APPROVE the (B) Variation to increase the sign height from eight (8) feet to thirty (30) feet for two (2) primary off-site landmark style free-standing signs; APPROVE the (C) Variation to increase the maximum square footage of a sign from sixty-four (64) square feet to two hundred seventy-five (275) square feet for two (2) primary off-site landmark style signs; APPROVE the (D) Variation to increase sign height from eight (8) feet to twelve feet six inches (12'6") for two (2) landmark style free-standing signs on Lot five (5) and Lot seventy (70); and APPROVE the (E) Variation to increase the maximum square footage of sixty-four (64) to ninety-six (96) square feet for two (2) landmark style free-standing signs on Lot five (5) and Lot seventy (70) in a C-2, Limited Commercial Zoning District and in a C-3, General Commercial Zoning District at 2013 McFarland Road and 18xx North Perryville Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. There shall not be any additional shopping center signs allowed for the proposed development.
2. Must submit revised sign elevations for staff's review and approval prior to issuance of a sign permit for shopping center signage.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact. The Legal Director is hereby instructed to prepare the necessary Ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, McNamara, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Chiarelli -10-  
Nays: Hervey -1-  
Absent: Getchius, Frost, McNeely-3-

**2013-390CR**

36. 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 a two-family residential use in a C-2, Limited Commercial Zoning District at 124 North Longwood. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all necessary building and fire codes
2. Must obtain all necessary permits to establish the residence to a two-family structure.
3. Must provide at least four (4) paved parking spaces off the alley. Must submit a plan at the time of building permit for staff's review and approval.
4. The property must be brought up to code to meet minimum standards.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact. The Legal Director is hereby instructed to prepare the necessary Ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, McNamara, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Chiarelli -11-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Getchius, Frost, McNeely-3-

**2013-391CR**

37. 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 a used car dealership in a C-4, Urban Mixed Use Zoning District at 1517 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Must meet all applicable building and fire codes.
2. Maintenance of plantings must include adequate watering, pruning, moving and removal of litter including the parkway, the area between the property line and the street curb or edge of pavement.
3. The applicant must provide a minimum of five (5) parking spaces
4. Any future signage on the property must comply with current sign regulations.
5. Prior to establishment of the use, the landscaping shall be maintained and the fence repaired.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact. The Legal Director is hereby instructed to prepare the necessary Ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, McNamara, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Chiarelli -11-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Getchius, Frost, McNeely-3-

**2013-392CR**

38. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the sale of property at 1524 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue for a minimum bid of \$1.00 with preference to the adjacent property owner and will be required to demolish the structure within six months of taking title. The Legal Director is hereby instructed to prepare the necessary Ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, McNamara, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Chiarelli -11-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Getchius, Frost, McNeely-3-

39. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance that traffic on 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue be required to stop prior to entering the intersection of 19<sup>th</sup> Street and 12<sup>th</sup>

Avenue, thus repealing 19<sup>th</sup> Street stopping for 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, thus overturning the Traffic Commission recommendation.

Alderman Beck held the item over for one week. HELD OUT.

**2013-181-O**

40. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of an Ordinance for the annexation of property commonly known as 3104 Searles Avenue. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, McNamara, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Chiarelli -11-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Getchius, Frost, McNeely-3-

**2013-182-O**

41. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Schedule Section 280 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to add the following:

"No Parking Anytime" on the south side of Jonathan Avenue from Rockton Avenue to 295 feet east of Rockton Avenue.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, McNamara, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Chiarelli -11-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Getchius, Frost, McNeely-3-

**2013-183-O**

42. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Schedule Section 293 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to add the following:

That traffic on Gale Lane be required to Yield prior to entering the intersection of Shelford Lane/Sandringham Lane.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, McNamara, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Chiarelli -11-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Getchius, Frost, McNeely-3-

**2013-184-O**

43. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Schedule Section 161 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to add the following: That "Two Hour Parking" be established on the east side of 7<sup>th</sup> Street from 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 75 feet south of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, thus repealing the "Fifteen Minute Parking" restriction.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, McNamara, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg,  
Beach, Elyea, Beck, Chiarelli -11-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Getchius, Frost, McNeely-3-

### **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

#### **2013-213R**

44. Alderman Beach introduced a Resolution that the City Council of the City of Rockford begin discussion to consider, for the safety of our citizens, the value of establishing a snow removal ordinance pertaining to residential sidewalks. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.

### **OFFICERS REPORTS**

45. Alderman Beach distributed copies of a fictional article in the January, 2026 edition of *Forbes Magazine*, ranking Rockford in the Top 10 communities in the nation, rising from the third most miserable city in 2013. The story is for inspiration only, not an actual article.

### **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

#### **2013-214R**

46. Alderman Hervey, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution, by the City Council of the City of Rockford, Illinois that the City of Rockford reject the proposals received for Electrical Parts and Supplies and take new proposals immediately. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, McNamara, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg,  
Beach, Elyea, Beck, Chiarelli -11-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Getchius, Frost, McNeely-3-

#### **2013-215R**

47. Alderman Hervey, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution, by the City Council of the City of Rockford, Illinois that the Mayor execute an agreement for Collection of Household Hazardous Waste with Clean Harbors Environmental, of Norwel, MA for their bid as follows:

Year 1	\$110,558.02
Year 2	\$113,874.76
Year 3	\$117,291.00
Year 4	\$120,809.73
Year 5	\$133,260.26

The funding source is Sanitation Fund. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, McNamara, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Chiarelli -11-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Getchius, Frost, McNeely-3-

**2013-216R**

48. Alderman Hervey, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution, by the City Council of the City of Rockford, Illinois that the Mayor execute an agreement for SCADA Support Services with Baxter-Woodman Control Systems Integration for one year in the amount of \$60,000. The contract includes the option for 3 one year extensions. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, McNamara, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Chiarelli -11-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Getchius, Frost, McNeely-3-

**2013-217R**

49. Alderman Hervey, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution, by the City Council of the City of Rockford, Illinois that the Mayor execute an agreement for S.E. Rockford Superfund Site – Groundwater Monitoring with Nationwide Environmental Services (NES), in the amount of \$90,840.00 for 3 years. The funding source is Water Division Operating Funds. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, McNamara, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Chiarelli -11-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Getchius, Frost, McNeely-3-

**2013-218R**

50. Alderman Hervey, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution, by the City Council of the City of Rockford, Illinois that the Mayor execute an agreement for Traffic Signal Equipment with Brown Traffic Products, of Davenport, Iowa in the amount of \$74,000. The funding source is Traffic Division Operating Budget. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, McNamara, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Chiarelli -11-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Getchius, Frost, McNeely-3-

**2013-219R**

51. Alderman Hervey, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution, by the City Council of the City of Rockford, Illinois that the Mayor execute an agreement for Repair and Maintenance Hourly Labor Rate with Monroe Truck and Equipment, of Monroe, Wisconsin in the amount of \$94.00 per hour.

The term of the contract is three years. The funding source is the Garage fund.  
MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, McNamara, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg,  
Beach, Elyea, Beck, Chiarelli -11-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Getchius, Frost, McNeely-3-

**2013-220R**

52. Alderman Hervey, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution, by the City Council of the City of Rockford, Illinois that the Mayor execute an agreement for Selection of wellness Clinic Vendor with Marathon Health for Life, of 20 Winooski Falls Way, Vermont in the amount of \$818,746.00 plus \$70,000 for implementation, with annual increases of a maximum of 5%. The term of the contract is three years. The funding source is Health fund. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, McNamara, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg,  
Beach, Elyea, Beck, Chiarelli -11-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Getchius, Frost, McNeely-3-

**2013-221R**

53. Alderman Hervey, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution, by the City Council of the City of Rockford, Illinois that the Mayor execute an agreement for Engineering Services for North Main Street Corridor water main and landscaping improvement design plans with HR Green, Inc. in the amount of \$99,995.50. The funding source is Sales Tax and WRIA funds. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Durkee, McNamara, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg,  
Beach, Elyea, Beck, Chiarelli -11-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Getchius, Frost, McNeely-3-

**NEW BUSINESS**

54. Alderman Beck introduced and read an Ordinance for the sale of property located at 1524 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue; PIN #11-36-153-016 at a minimum bid of \$1.00 with preference to the adjacent property owner and will be required to demolish structure within six (6) months of taking title. LAID OVER.
55. Alderman Beck introduced and read an Ordinance amending Article 63 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a Special Use Permit for a used car dealership in a C-4, Urban Mixed Use Zoning Ordinance at 1517 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
1. Must meet all applicable building and fire codes.

2. Maintenance of plantings must include adequate watering, pruning, mowing, and removal of litter including the parkway, the area between the property line and the street curb or edge of pavement.
3. The applicant must provide a minimum of five (5) parking spaces
4. Any future signage on the property must comply with the current sign regulations.
5. Prior to establishment of the use the landscaping shall be maintained and the fence repaired.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact. LAID OVER.

56. Alderman Beck introduced and read an Ordinance amending Article 63 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a Special Use Permit for a two-family residential use in a C-2, Limited Commercial Zoning District at 124 Longwood. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Must meet all applicable building and fire codes.
2. Must obtain all necessary permits to establish the residence to a tow-family structure
3. Must provide at least four (4) paved parking spaces off the alley. Must submit a plan at the time of building permit for Staff's review and approval.
4. The property must be brought up to code to meet minimum standards.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact. LAID OVER.

57. Alderman Beck introduced and read an Ordinance amending Article 64 and Article 63 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a (A) Special Use Permit for two (2) primary off-site landmark style signs to serve shopping center; APPROVE the (B) Variation to increase the sign height from eight (8) feet to thirty (30) feet for two (2) primary off-site landmark style free-standing signs; APPROVE the (C) Variation to increase the maximum square footage of a sign from sixty-four (64) square feet to two hundred seventy-five (275) square feet for two (2) primary off-site landmark style signs; APPROVE the (D) Variation to increase sign height from eight (8) feet to twelve feet six inches (12'6") for two (2) landmark style free-standing signs on Lot five (5) and Lot seventy (70); and APPROVE the (E) Variation to increase the maximum square footage of sixty-four (64) to ninety-six (96) square feet for two (2) landmark style free-standing signs on Lot five (5) and Lot seventy (70) in a C-2, Limited Commercial Zoning District and in a C-3, General Commercial Zoning District at 2013 McFarland Road and 18xx North Perryville Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. There shall not be any additional shopping center signs allowed for the proposed development.
2. Must submit revised sign elevations for staff's review and approval prior to issuance of a sign permit for shopping center signage.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact. LAID OVER.

58. Alderman Beck introduced and read an Ordinance restricting groundwater use for potable purposes from the property located at 301-401 South Water Street (a/k/a Ingersoll Site). LAID OVER.
59. Alderman Hervey introduced and read an Ordinance, Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois, that by the passage and approval of this Ordinance, the attached Intergovernmental Agreement between the Rockford Fire Department and Loves Park Fire Department gives ownership of the 2009 18 ft. Clark aluminum boat with a 60-horsepower Mercury outboard motor and trailer that tows the boat to the Loves Park Fire Department. LAID OVER.
60. Alderman Hervey introduced and read an Ordinance directing the application of pledged revenues and other moneys in Bond Funds and Escrow Bond Funds of Various Bond Ordinances for the Payment of Principal and Interest on the Bonds issued pursuant to said Ordinances. LAID OVER.
61. Alderman Hervey read an Ordinance to increase the 2013 tax levy for street and bridge purposes from .06% of the value as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue of all taxable property in the City of Rockford to .10% of the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue of all taxable property in the City of Rockford.

Alderman Hervey moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Beach. MOTION FAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes:	Durkee, McNamara, Hervey, Hill, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Chiarelli -9-
Nays:	Thompson-Kelly, Oddo -2-
Absent:	Getchius, Frost, McNeely -3-

The Ordinance was LAID OVER.

62. Alderman Hervey introduced and read an Ordinance for the 2014 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.
63. Alderman Hervey made a motion to convene into closed session in order to discuss potential litigation and litigation matters, seconded by Alderman Newburg. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes:	Durkee, McNamara, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Chiarelli -11-
Nays:	-0-
Absent:	Getchius, Frost, McNeely -3-

The meeting went into closed session at 7:46 pm.

The meeting returned into open session at 8:36 pm and found the following aldermen present:

Durkee, McNamara, Hervey, Hill, Thompson-Kelly, Oddo, Newburg, Beach, Elyea  
Chiarelli -10-

64. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 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, 2<sup>ND</sup> floor City Hall**  
**425 E. State Street, Rockford**  
**December 16, 2013**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**AMENDED 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

**I. PUBLIC HEARING – 2014 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance**

- Petitions and Communications
- Proclamations
- Committee Reports
- Officers Reports

**II. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION ON THE VENDOR SELECTION OF WELLNESS CLINIC**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**III. COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER DECEMBER 9, 2013**

1. Hervey - Finance and Personnel - Sale of Property at 325 Penfield Pl. be made to the sole bidder, Alejandro Arteaga, of Rockford, Illinois for his bid of \$500.
2. Beck - Code and Regulation - Approval of the sale of vacant lot at 325 Salter Avenue for a minimum bid of \$350.00.
3. Beck - Code and Regulation - Approval of the amendment to the Noise Ordinance relating to Licensed Guard Dogs
4. Beck - Code and Regulation - Recommending that the Legal Director be instructed to draw an Ordinance that traffic on 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue be required to stop prior to entering the intersection of 19<sup>th</sup> Street and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, thus repealing 19<sup>th</sup> Street stopping for 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, thus overturning the Traffic Commission recommendation.

#### **IV. ORDINANCES LAID OVER DECEMBER 9, 2013**

1. Beck - Ordinance - Sale of property located at 1524 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue; PIN #11-36-153-016 at a minimum bid of \$1.00 with preference to the adjacent property owner and will be required to demolish structure within six (6) months of taking title.
2. Beck - Ordinance - Amending Article 63 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a Special Use Permit for a used car dealership in a C-4, Urban Mixed Use Zoning Ordinance at 1517 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
  1. Must meet all applicable building and fire codes.
  2. Maintenance of plantings must include adequate watering, pruning, mowing, and removal of litter including the parkway, the area between the property line and the street curb or edge of pavement.
  3. The applicant must provide a minimum of five (5) parking spaces
  4. Any future signage on the property must comply with the current sign regulations.
  5. Prior to establishment of the use the landscaping shall be maintained and the fence repaired.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact.

3. Beck - Ordinance - Amending Article 63 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a Special Use Permit for a two-family residential use in a C-2, Limited Commercial Zoning District at 124 Longwood. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
  1. Must meet all applicable building and fire codes.
  2. Must obtain all necessary permits to establish the residence to a tow-family structure
  3. Must provide at least four (4) paved parking spaces off the alley. Must submit a plan at the time of building permit for Staff's review and approval.
  4. The property must be brought up to code to meet minimum standards.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact.

4. Beck - Ordinance - Amending Article 64 and Article 63 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a (A) Special Use Permit for two (2) primary off-site landmark style signs to serve shopping center; APPROVE the (B) Variation to increase the sign height from eight (8) feet to thirty (30) feet for two (2) primary off-site landmark style free-standing signs; APPROVE the (C) Variation to increase the maximum square footage of a sign from sixty-four (64) square feet to two hundred seventy-five (275) square feet for two (2) primary off-site landmark style signs; APPROVE the (D) Variation to increase sign height from eight (8) feet to twelve feet six inches (12'6") for two (2) landmark style free-standing signs on Lot five (5) and Lot seventy (70); and APPROVE the (E) Variation to increase the maximum square footage of sixty-four (64) to ninety-six (96) square feet for two (2) landmark style free-standing signs on Lot five (5) and Lot seventy (70) in a C-2, Limited Commercial Zoning District and in a C-3, General Commercial Zoning District at 2013 McFarland Road and 18xx North Perryville Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. There shall not be any additional shopping center signs allowed for the proposed development.
2. Must submit revised sign elevations for staff's review and approval prior to issuance of a sign permit for shopping center signage.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact.

5. Alderman Beck introduced and read an Ordinance restricting groundwater use for potable purposes from the property located at 301-401 South Water Street (a/k/a Ingersoll Site).
6. Hervey – Ordinance - Intergovernmental Agreement between the Rockford Fire Department and Loves Park Fire Department gives ownership of the 2009 18 ft. Clark aluminum boat with a 60-horsepower Mercury outboard motor and trailer that tows the boat to the Loves Park Fire Department.
7. Hervey - Ordinance - Application of pledged revenues and other moneys in Bond Funds and Escrow Bond Funds of Various Bond Ordinances for the Payment of Principal and Interest on the Bonds issued pursuant to said Ordinances.
8. Hervey - Ordinance - Increase the 2013 tax levy for street and bridge purposes from .06% of the value as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue of all taxable property in the City of Rockford to .10% of the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue of all taxable property in the City of Rockford.
9. Hervey - Ordinance - Levy and assessment of taxes for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2013 of the City of Rockford, Winnebago and Ogle Counties, and State of Illinois.
10. Hervey – Ordinance – 2014 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance

- Motions and Resolutions

**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. Hervey – Ordinance - Sale of Property at 325 Penfield Pl. be made to the sole bidder, Alejandro Arteaga, of Rockford, Illinois for his bid of \$500.
2. Beck – Ordinance - Sale of vacant lot at 325 Salter Avenue for a minimum bid of \$350.00.
3. Beck – Ordinance - Amendment to the Noise Ordinance relating to Licensed Guard Dogs
4. Beck – Ordinance - Traffic on 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue be required to stop prior to entering the intersection of 19<sup>th</sup> Street and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, thus repealing 19<sup>th</sup> Street stopping for 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, thus overturning the Traffic Commission recommendation.

- \* 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, December 16, 2013, 5:00 p.m.**

**Conference Room A, City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (north room)  
AGENDA**

1. C & R 13-203            Proposed Sale of Real Estate/731-33 N. Winnebago Street
2. C & R 13-204            Amendment to Chapter 29, Article 5 of the Code of Ordinances
3. C & R 13-205            Resolution from Ald. Beach: Establishing a Snow Removal Ordinance Pertaining to Residential Sidewalks
4. C & R 13-111            Public Safety Committee Discussion

**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**Monday, December 16, 2013, 5:15 p.m.**

**Conference Room B, City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (south room)  
AMENDED AGENDA**

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
  - A. Award of Bid: Elevator Maintenance
  - B. Award of Contract: Stop Loss Coverage – Health Insurance 2014 – Suspend rules
  - C. Award of RFP: Selection of Wellness Clinic Vendor
  - D. Street Sweeping
    1. Resolution to Ratify Settlement of 2012-2014 Contract
    2. Award of Bid: Street Sweeping
  - E. Vouchers
2. Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance

3. Informational Memo: Relocation of Overhead Utilities – ComEd Rider LGC
4. 2014-2018 Capital Improvement Plan

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Monday, December 16, 2013, 5:00 p.m.**

**CD Conference Rm., City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor**

**AMENDED AGENDA**

1. Selection Process for Structures to be demolished in 2014.
2. The Revised consolidated Plan Budget indicating the \$200,000 for Home Demolitions.
3. Development Agreement for 2620 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Stenstrom and Clark Developers.
4. Review and Discuss Recommendations about the Rockford 2020 Plan Topic #9: Natural Resources and Plan Topic #10: Historic Preservation. .

**LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE**

**Monday, December 16, 2013, 4:30 p.m.**

**Conference Room A, City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (north room)**

**AGENDA**

1. Update on Veto Session
2. Annual Review from our Lobbyist
3. Resolution for Advisory Referendum on Arbitration Reform Limiting Arbitrator Awards to Existing Revenues.
4. Renewal of Annual Lobbying Contract with McGuire Woods.
5. New Business