

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 15, 2008
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:14 P.M.**

1. The invocation was given by Father Ron Montanye, St. Sebastian Orthodox Catholic Church/Police Chaplain and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Frankie Cichock, Tiger Cub Scout #283.
2. Roll Call:

Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey

Aldermen: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -12-
Absent: Sosnowski, Thompson-Kelly -2-
3. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of December 8, 2008, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Sosnowski, Thompson-Kelly absent).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4. Rev. Derrick Shelby spoke about black children.
5. Alice Brandy spoke about employment opportunities and incarceration of young adults.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

6. Alderman Wasco submitted a Memorandum from Ronald N. Schultz, City Attorney, regarding Comcast Cable Communications, LLC FCC Forms 1240 and 1205. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
7. Alderman Wasco submitted a Memorandum from Mark Rose, Land Acquisition Officer, regarding the proposed vacation of Lewis Street and part of South 3rd Street. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
8. Alderman Curran submitted an e-mail from Travis Rafferty regarding installation of a stop sign at the intersection of Jackson and Dawson. Referred to the Public Works Department/Traffic.
9. Alderman Johnson submitted an e-mail from Tim Jensen concerning the garbage ordinance. Referred to the Legal Department.
10. Alderman Mark submitted a request from Norma Baker, Salvation Army, in conjunction with the Salvation Army Food for the Needy Distribution, requesting barricades for lane and street closures and police assistance for activities on Saturday, December 20, 2008 from 8:00 am- 1:00 pm at 416 South Madison Street. Alderman Mark moved to grant

the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Sosnowski, Thompson-Kelly absent).

11. Alderman McNeely submitted letters from residents of Emerson Estate Subdivision opposing rental properties being built in their neighborhood. Referred to Mayor Morrissey's Office and the Community Development Department/Reid Montgomery.
12. Alderman Conness submitted a Memorandum from Wayne M. Dust, Planning Administrator, regarding a proposed Intergovernmental Boundary Agreement with the Village of Rockton. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.
13. Alderman Conness submitted a Memorandum from Richard M. May, Commercial Development Coordinator, regarding the purchase of 9 vacant parcels of land from Seventh Street Area Development Council, Inc. for the Keith Creek Greenway trail project, park use and stormwater control. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.
14. Alderman Conness submitted a letter from Guy Fiorenza, concerning a home in his neighborhood. Referred to the Community Development Department.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

15. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Rental of Cherry Valley Farm and Compost Site for Agricultural Use (2009 Season), be made to Carlson Farms, of Cherry Valley, Illinois for their total bid of \$17,000.00. Funding source N/A. LAID OVER.
16. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending a need for confidentiality still exists for the following closed session minutes, as the cases and matters are still pending:

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But that the minutes for session on the following dates be open to the Public:

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LAID OVER.

2008-596CR

17. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for 35th Street Water Main Rehabilitation 2008 be made to Rockford Blacktop of

Rockford, Illinois for their total bid of \$767,585.93. The funding source is \$25 million G.O. Limited Tax Debt Certificates, Series 2008.

Alderman Curran moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Sosnowski, Thompson-Kelly absent). The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski, Thompson-Kelly -2-

2008-597CR

18. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Auburn Street Water Main Rehabilitation 2008 be made to the low bidder, Schlichting & Sons, of Rockford, Illinois for their total bid of \$2,426,650.00. The funding source is \$25 million G.O. Limited Tax Debt Certificates, Series 2008.

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Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski, Thompson-Kelly -2-

2008-598CR

19. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Aldeen Park Water Main Rehabilitation 2008 be made to the low bidder, Stenstrom Excavating, of Rockford, Illinois for their total bid of \$314,193.65. The funding source is \$25 million G.O. Limited Tax Debt Certificates, Series 2008.

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Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski, Thompson-Kelly -2-

2008-599CR

20. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Office of Professional Standards Software be made to CI Technologies, Inc. of Bellingham, Washington for an estimated cost of \$17,400. The funding source is Police Property Forfeiture.

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Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski, Thompson-Kelly -2-

2008-600CR

21. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the request for a Construction Change Order: City-Wide Alley Reconstruction, Phase I – 2008 be made to Stenstrom Construction Co. for an additional \$81,528.00 for a total not-to-exceed cost of \$440,470.72 for additional alley resurfacing. The funding for this project will come from Sales Tax Funds.

Alderman Curran moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Sosnowski, Thompson-Kelly absent). The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski, Thompson-Kelly -2-

22. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of December 15, 2008 in the amount of \$5,053,645.76. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski, Thompson-Kelly -2-

23. Alderman Wasco read a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING with modified conditions, the Liquor Advisory Board, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the sale of liquor by the drink in conjunction with a restaurant with bar in the name of Sunil Puri/First Rockford Restaurant, LLC d/b/a 205, in a C-4, Urban Mixed District at 205 West State Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. No open dance floor area is permitted.
2. Meeting all applicable liquor codes.
3. That there shall be no cover charge to enter the premises.
4. That live entertainment or DJ shall only be allowed in conjunction with private events not open to the general public.

The Legal Director is hereby instructed to prepare the necessary Ordinance. LAID OVER.

OFFICERS REPORTS

24. Mayor Morrissey advised that City Hall will be closed ½ day on Wednesday, December 24, 2008 in observance of the Christmas Eve holiday and closed on Thursday, December 25, 2008 in observance of the Christmas Day holiday.
25. Mayor Morrissey noted an amendment to the appointment of Shirley Mondesir, CCA Human Services Board; term for one (1) year to expire December 2009.
26. Mayor Morrissey requested City Council Members review the Memorandum regarding the 2009 Budget Sessions with suggested dates for two (2) Saturday budget workshops and return the form to the Mayor's Office with their preferred date.
27. Mayor Morrissey reported with concern the impact of the arrest of Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich on this City, the State and Nation. He announced Alderman Johnson will be reading in a draft Resolution later in the meeting calling for his resignation.
28. Mayor Morrissey announced Chairman Christiansen will be making a presentation in the near future to City Council with an update on the Freedom Field Project.
29. Mayor Morrissey commented on the distribution of retro-pay to the Fire and Police Department employees, subsequent to the arbitrator's ruling. He indicated the Firefighters have received their retro-pay and the Police Officers retro-pay will be forthcoming. He thanked those union employees for their patience.
30. Mayor Morrissey announced Tuesday, December 16th at 7:00 pm, District 205 will be holding a meeting regarding Charter School Applications. He encouraged all to attend.
31. Mayor Morrissey mentioned last Friday evening the Metro Centre held an open house to celebrate the newly renovated suites and thanked all involved with the Metro Centre renovations.
32. Alderman Curran thanked the anonymous person who gave him an "apple plaque" gift for Christmas.
33. Alderman Conness announced he would not be seeking re-election as Alderman of the 14th Ward and that he will be a candidate for Rockford Township Highway Commissioner. He thanked present and past City staff for having the privilege to work with them and thanked his constituents for their support and providing him the opportunity to serve their interests as Alderman of the 14th Ward for the past 16 years. He received a standing ovation.
34. Alderman Timm announced the City has received a federal grant for housing rehabilitation in the 9th Ward. He mentioned letters have been sent to those home owners eligible for funding, informing them of a meeting to be held on December 18, 2008 at 6:00 pm at St. Bernadette's Church for more information.

35. Alderman Timm thanked all his neighborhood organizations for their efforts and thanked former North End Square president, Jim Powers, and his wife for their dedication and leadership to the residents of that neighborhood since 1997.
36. Alderman Timm thanked those individuals answering the phones in the Public Works Department for their excellent customer service.
37. Alderman Jacobson mentioned he attended the 18th annual Milestone Christmas Party at the Harmony Club this past Sunday and thanked the Weavers and all the volunteers for their efforts to make this a wonderful holiday party for those individuals.
38. Alderman Johnson announced she has passed around the draft Resolution for signature, calling for Governor Rod Blagojevich to Resign from Governing the State of Illinois, and will be reading it in later in the meeting under the Motion and Resolutions.
39. Alderman Johnson expressed frustration and concern with information she received during a U.S. Bankruptcy Creditors meeting on CMF Mortgage cases Friday morning at the Coronado Theatre.
40. Alderman Johnson commented she attended the City Awards and Holiday Open House at City Hall last Friday, congratulated the award winners and thanked City staff for working hard all year.
41. Mayor Morrissey announced the locations of the warming sites in Winnebago and Boone Counties which will operate between November 1, 2008 and April 1, 2009 on those days when temperatures are expected to fall to 20 degrees. He thanked those sites for opening their doors to serve our citizens.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2008-601CR

42. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Liquor Advisory Board, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the sale of beer and wine by the drink in conjunction with a restaurant in the name of **Joseph DeSerto d/b/a Maciano's Pizza and Pastaria** in a C-3, General Commercial Zoning District at 5801 Columbia Parkway, #101. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
 1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
 2. Compliance with all City of Rockford Liquor Codes.
 3. The hours of operation will be limited to 11:00 am to 10:00 pm Sunday through Thursday.
 4. The hours of operation will be limited to 11:00 am to 11:00 pm Friday through Saturday.
 5. The sale of alcohol shall be limited to the interior site and outdoor seating area that were submitted.
 6. The outdoor seating area must be enclosed by a fence of at least five (5) feet in height and approved by Staff.

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

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski, Thompson-Kelly -2-

2008-602CR

43. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Liquor Advisory Board, thereby recommending that City Council DENY the sale of liquor by the drink in conjunction with a Sport's Bar and Grill in the name of **Alice Rene Jones d/b/a Thirty Something Sports Bar and Grill** in a C-2, Limited Commercial District at 1405-1407 North Main Street. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -11-
Nays: McNeely -1-
Absent: Sosnowski, Thompson-Kelly -2-

2008-603CR

44. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Variation to reduce the required parking from 247 parking spaces to 173 parking spaces in a C-2, Limited Commercial Zoning District at 5051 East State Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
2. Submittal of Building Permit for Staff review and approval.
3. Submittal of detailed landscape plan to include the type of species to be planted to Staff's review and approval.

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: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski, Thompson-Kelly -2-

2008-604CR

45. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City council APPROVE the Variation to increase the maximum allowable wall signs above the ground floor from 2 to 3 in a C-2, Limited Commercial District at 2902 McFarland Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Compliance with all Building and Fire Codes.
2. Each sign above the ground level shall be limited to one side of the building.
3. Additional wall signage shall be subject to the City of Rockford sign regulations.
4. The sign for Rockford Spinal Center shall not exceed the width of 5 windows from outer edge to outer edge of the building, and shall be scaled in height proportionately per Staff approval.

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: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -12-
 Nays: -0-
 Absent: Sosnowski, Thompson-Kelly -2-

2008-605CR

46. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Variation to increase the sign height from the maximum allowable height of 20 feet to 25 feet within a shopping center in a C-3, General Commercial District at 1601 North Alpine Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Submittal of a permanent sign permit to be in accordance with Exhibit E.
2. The spaces between sign may not have additional 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: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -12-
 Nays: -0-
 Absent: Sosnowski, Thompson-Kelly -2-

2008-606CR

47. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Variation to increase the allowable number of business identification wall signs from two (2) to three (3) in a C-3, General Commercial District at 7310 Walton Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. The sign on the western exposure shall be limited to thirty (30) inches in height.

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: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -12-

Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski, Thompson-Kelly -2-

2008-607CR

48. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending ratification of the Electrical Supply Contract with Exelon Energy for the period of January 2009 through December 2011 at the rates quoted therein. The funding source is Departmental Operating Budgets. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski, Thompson-Kelly -2-

2008-608CR

49. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report Recommending the award for Leak Correlator be made to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Echologics Engineering, Inc., of Toronto, ON Canada for their total bid of \$19,960.00. The funding source is Water Division Operating Budget. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski, Thompson-Kelly -2-

2008-609CR

50. Alderman Conness moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending that the attached Rockford Global TradePark (GTP) Tax Increment Financing District #3 Redevelopment Plan and Project be approved. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -12-
Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski, Thompson-Kelly -2-

2008-610CR

51. Alderman Conness moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending that the area attached as Exhibit A be designated the Rockford Global TradePark (GTP) Tax Increment Financing District #3. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -12-

Nays: -0-
Absent: Sosnowski, Thompson-Kelly -2-

2008-611CR

52. Alderman Conness moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending that the Tax Increment Financing be adopted for the Rockford Global TradePark (GTP) Tax Increment Financing District #3. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -12-

Nays: -0-

Absent: Sosnowski, Thompson-Kelly -2-

53. Alderman Conness moved the adoption of an Ordinance recommending that the attached River District North Redevelopment Plan and Project be approved. HELD OUT.
54. Alderman Conness moved the adoption of an Ordinance recommending that the River District North Redevelopment Project Planning Area be approved. HELD OUT.
55. Alderman Conness moved the adoption of an Ordinance recommending that the County Clerk be instructed to implement Tax Increment Financing per statute within the River District North Redevelopment Area. HELD OUT.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2008-116R

56. Alderman Johnson moved the adoption of a Resolution Calling for Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich to resign from governing the State of Illinois. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -10-

Nays: Bell, McNeely -2-

Absent: Sosnowski, Thompson-Kelly -2-

2008-117R

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

RFP: Cisco 3560 Switches, funding source: IT Fund.

MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Sosnowski, Thompson-Kelly absent).

NEW BUSINESS

2008-243-O

58. Alderman Conness introduced and read an Ordinance removing certain parcels from the West Side #1 TIF District so that the parcels can be included in the new River District North TIF District.

Alderman Conness moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Sosnowski, Thompson-Kelly absent; Ald. McNeely voted "no"). The Ordinance was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -11-
Nays: McNeely -1-
Absent: Sosnowski, Thompson-Kelly -2-

59. Alderman Wasco introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 284, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to add the following:

"One Hour Parking" on the east side of North Main Street from 160 feet to 180 feet north of Jefferson Street, thus repealing the existing "Passenger Loading Zone" restriction.

LAID OVER.

60. Alderman Wasco introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 280, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to add the following:

"No Parking Anytime" on the west side of South Church Street from Chestnut Street to Cedar Street, thus repealing the existing "Two Hour Parking" restriction.

"No Parking Anytime" on the south side of Chestnut Street from Court Street to South Main Street, thus repealing the existing "Two Hour Parking" restriction.

LAID OVER.

61. Alderman Wasco introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Schedule Section 291, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to add the following:

That traffic on Hecker Avenue be required to Stop prior to entering the intersection of Brown Avenue.

That traffic on Alliance Avenue be required to Stop prior to entering the intersection of Sherman Avenue.

That traffic on Taylor Street be required to Stop prior to entering the intersection of North Avon Street.

LAID OVER.

62. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 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
December 22, 2008
6:00 P.M.
AGENDA

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

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

I. NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS TO BE READ IN DECEMBER 22, 2008

A. CODE AND REGULATIONS

1. Wasco – Review of Code and Regulation Committee Closed Session Minutes.
 2. Wasco - LAB – Sale of packaged liquor in conjunction with a convenience store in the name of Gamil, Sala and Muammar Elzofri d/b/a Eddie's Food at 1203 7th Street.
 3. Wasco – ZBA – Modification of SUP for storage of salvage materials at 2xx Quaker Road and 217 Peoples Avenue.
 4. Wasco – Intergovernmental Agreement for Combined Pipe Utility Easements.
- Officers Reports
 - Unfinished Business of previous meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER DECEMBER 15, 2008

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III. ORDINANCES

A. LAID OVER DECEMBER 15, 2008

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B. HELD OUT DECEMBER 15, 2008

1. Conness - Ordinance - Recommending that the attached River District North Redevelopment Plan and Project be approved.
2. Conness - Ordinance - Recommending that the River District North Redevelopment Project Planning Area be approved.
3. Conness - Ordinance - Recommending that the County Clerk be instructed to implement Tax Increment Financing per statute within the River District North Redevelopment Area.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

A. HELD OUT DECEMBER 15, 2008

1. Mayor Morrissey - Re-appointment - Personnel Appeals Board, Ms. Susan Salvi Buckwalter, to a one (1) year term, which would expire December, 2009. (Pursuant to Rule 18 this re-ointment is up for passage on January 12, 2009).
2. Mayor Morrissey - Re-appointment - CCA Human Services Board, Ms. Betty Cleary, to a three (3) year term, which would expire August 2011. (Pursuant to Rule 18 this re-appointment is up for passage on January 12, 2009).
3. Mayor Morrissey - Appointment -CCA Human Services Board, Ms. Shirley Mondesir, to a one (1) year term, which would expire December 2009. (Pursuant to Rule 18 this appointment is up for passage on January 12, 2009).
- 4.* Mayor Morrissey - Appointment - Rockford Area Arts Council, Alderman Frank Beach to a term ending June 2009. (Pursuant to Rule 18 this appointment is up for passage on January 5, 2009).
- 5.* Mayor Morrissey - Appointment - Library Board, Ms. Lisa Frost to replace Frank Witt whose term expired June 2008. Ms. Frost's appointment is a 3-year term and would expire in June 2011. (Pursuant to Rule 18 this appointment is up for passage on December 29, 2008).

6.* Mayor Morrissey - Re-appointment - Library Board, Mr. Brad Long, term to expire June 2011. (Pursuant to Rule 18 this re-appointment is up for passage on December 29, 2008).

- 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).

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3. The hours of operation will be limited to 11:00 am to 10:00 pm Sunday through Thursday.
4. The hours of operation will be limited to 11:00 am to 11:00 pm Friday through Saturday.
5. The sale of alcohol shall be limited to the interior site and outdoor seating area that were submitted.
6. The outdoor seating area must be enclosed by a fence of at least five (5) feet in height and approved by Staff.

2. Wasco – Ordinance - SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Variation to reduce the required parking from 247 parking spaces to 173 parking spaces in a C-2, Limited Commercial Zoning District at 5051 East State Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
2. Submittal of Building Permit for Staff review and approval.
3. Submittal of detailed landscape plan to include the type of species to be planted to Staff's review and approval.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact.

3. Wasco – Ordinance - SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City council APPROVE the Variation to increase the maximum allowable wall signs above the ground floor from 2 to 3 in a C-2, Limited Commercial District at 2902 McFarland Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Compliance with all Building and Fire Codes.
2. Each sign above the ground level shall be limited to one side of the building.
3. Additional wall signage shall be subject to the City of Rockford sign regulations.
4. The sign for Rockford Spinal Center shall not exceed the width of 5 windows from

outer edge to outer edge of the building, and shall be scaled in height proportionately per Staff approval.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact.

- 4. Wasco – Ordinance - SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Variation to increase the sign height from the maximum allowable height of 20 feet to 25 feet within a shopping center in a C-3, General Commercial District at 1601 North Alpine Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Submittal of a permanent sign permit to be in accordance with Exhibit E.
- 2. The spaces between sign may not have additional signage.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact.

- 5. Wasco – Ordinance - SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Variation to increase the allowable number of business identification wall signs from two (2) to three (3) in a C-3, General Commercial District at 7310 Walton Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The sign on the western exposure shall be limited to thirty (30) inches in height.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact.

- 6. Conness – Ordinance - Recommending that the attached Rockford Global TradePark #3 (GTP) Tax Increment Financing District #3 Redevelopment Plan and Project be approved.
- 7. Conness – Ordinance - Recommending that the area attached as Exhibit A be designated the Rockford Global TradePark (GTP) Tax Increment Financing District #3.
- 8. Conness – Ordinance - Recommending that the Tax Increment Financing be adopted for the Rockford Global TradePark (GTP) Tax Increment Financing District #3.

* 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 22, 2008, 5:00 p.m.
Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)
AGENDA**

1. C & R 08-213 Ordinance for Outdoor Sales
2. C & R 08-241 Proposed Vacation of Lewis Street & Part of South 3rd Street
3. C & R 08-238 Closed Session for Purposes of Pending Litigation (Attorney Angela Hammer)

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

**Monday, December 22, 2008, 5:15 p.m.
Conference Room B, City Hall 2nd floor (south room)
AGENDA**

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Rescind Renewal of Contract: TPA for Worker's Compensation
 - B. Award of RFP: Property and Evidence Tracking Software
 - C. Change Order: Timekeeping System Contract
 - D. Engineering Agreement Amendment: Dawson Avenue Water Improvements – Suspend rules
 - E. Resolution to take Bids
 - F. Vouchers
 - √ Training/Travel request for Police Department

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Monday, December 22, 2008, 5:15 p.m.
CD Conference Room, City Hall 2nd floor
AGENDA**

1. Memorandum from Wayne M. Dust, Planning Administrator, regarding a proposed Intergovernmental Boundary Agreement with the Village of Rockton.
2. Memorandum from Richard M. May, Commercial Development Coordinator, regarding the purchase of 9 vacant parcels of land from Seventh Street Area Development Council, Inc. for the Keith Creek Greenway trail project, park use and storm water control.

LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE

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

No Meeting Scheduled.