

**CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD  
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS  
JANUARY 12, 2009  
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:11 P.M.**

The invocation was given by Randy Fast, Cathedral of St. Peter/Police Chaplain and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Page Carla Centeno.

2. Roll Call:
- Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey
- Aldermen: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,  
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, Conness -13-
- Absent: McNeely -1-

3. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of January 5, 2009, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. McNeely absent).

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

4. Alderman Thompson-Kelly, on behalf of the Legislative and Lobbying Committee, moved for the adoption of a Resolution regarding the support of the Charter School Initiative, and specifically the Legacy Academy of Excellence Charter School proposal that will be voted on by the Rockford Public School District 205 Board ("School Board") meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2009. (Refer to Item #58).
5. Alderman Conness submitted a Memorandum from Richard M. May, Commercial Development Coordinator, regarding a Redevelopment Agreement approving TIF Funding for the construction of the Rockford Renaissance Development LLC, a mixed-use development, at West State Street and Springfield Avenue. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.
6. Alderman Conness submitted a Memorandum from Reid Montgomery, Director of Community & Economic Development, regarding a recommendation to the Planning and Development Committee on renewing the contract with RLDC. Referred to Planning and Development Committee.
7. Alderman Johnson submitted three (3) Requests for Service Referred to the Legal Department and the Public Works Department.
8. Alderman Curran submitted a Memorandum from Andres Sammul, Finance Director, regarding Water Bond Authority Reauthorization. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.
9. Alderman Curran submitted a Memorandum from Patrick Hayes, Legal Director, regarding Intergovernmental Agreement for Lease of Fairgrounds Park Day Care Center. Referred to Finance and Personnel Committee.

Alderman McNeely joined the meeting at 6:16 pm.

### NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 2009-004CR

10. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending awarding the contract for Street Sweeper parts to Standard Equipment. The contract is for a period of three years at an estimated annual cost of \$70,000, total contract cost of \$210,000. The funding source is Property Operations Budget.

Alderman Curran moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. McNeely voted "no"). The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,  
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: -0-

#### 2009-005CR

11. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending awarding the contract for John Deere Equipment parts to West Side Tractor. The contract is for a period of three years at an estimated annual cost of \$35,000, total contract cost of \$105,000. The funding source is Property Operations Budget.

Alderman Curran moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. McNeely voted "no"). The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,  
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: -0-

#### 2009-006CR

12. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending awarding the contract for Ford Truck parts to Fran Kral. The contract is for a period of three years at an estimated annual cost of \$130,000, total contract cost of \$390,000. The funding source is Property Operations Budget.

Alderman Curran moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. McNeely voted "no"). The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,  
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: -0-

**2009-007CR**

13. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending awarding the contract for International Truck parts to Chicago International. The contract is for a period of three years at an estimated annual cost of \$90,000, total contract cost of \$270,000. The funding source is Property Operations Budget.

Alderman Curran moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. McNeely voted "no"). The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: -0-

**2009-008CR**

14. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending awarding the contract for General Motors Vehicle parts to Finley GMC. The contract is for a period of three years at an estimated annual cost of \$15,000, total contract cost of \$45,000. The funding source is Property Operations Budget.

Alderman Curran moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. McNeely voted "no"). The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: -0-

**2009-009CR**

15. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Demolition of 2818 Arthur Ave., 2820 Arthur Ave., and 1052 N. Rockton Ave. be made to the low bidder for each property, Northern Illinois Service, of Rockford, Illinois for a total award of \$13,650.00 for the three properties. The funding source is CDBG.

Alderman Curran moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. McNeely voted "no"). The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: -0-

**2009-010CR**

16. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Commercial Vehicle Body Repair be made to the low bidder, Auto Enhancers, Inc. of Rockford, Illinois for labor rates and discount as shown on tabulation. The funding source is Equipment Fund.

Alderman Curran moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. McNeely voted "no"). The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: -0-

**2009-011CR**

17. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Network Switches be made to Sentinel Technologies, of Downers Grove, Illinois for a total cost of \$121,276.00, which is comprised of hardware and software and hardware and software support. The funding source is Information Technology Operating Budget.

Alderman Curran moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. McNeely voted "no"). The Committee Report was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: -0-

18. Alderman Curran read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of January 12, 2009 in the amount of \$3,991,968.13. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -14-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: -0-

**OFFICERS REPORTS**

19. Mayor Morrissey thanked Council members, staff, union representatives and the community for participating in and giving their full attention at Saturday's meeting to take on the difficult task of budget cuts. He announced the next Budget Session is

scheduled for January 24, 2009 at 8:00 am – Noon in Council Chambers. Anyone interested in scheduling additional sessions, please contact Alderman Curran.

20. Mayor Morrissey mentioned a memorandum is forthcoming as a follow-up from the budget session last Saturday addressing questions raised, concerns and changes, as determined, to various discrepancies at that meeting.
21. Mayor Morrissey announced the RockStat meetings will now be open to the public, the first meeting will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2009 from 10:00 am to noon at the Airport Auditorium. Julia Scott-Valdez, Assistant City Administrator, has distributed a list of the upcoming RockStat meetings.
22. Mayor Morrissey mentioned Walker Parking will be making a presentation to Council at the City Council meeting next week to report the findings of their study.
23. Mayor Morrissey announced that City Hall will be closed Monday, January 19, 2009 in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. The next City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 6:00 pm.
24. Mayor Morrissey advised he will be in Washington D.C. next week attending the Inauguration and U.S. Conference of Mayors Annual Meeting.
25. Mayor Morrissey commented Alex Weiss, Consultant for the Rockford Police Department, will be providing his findings and suggesting recommendations for the Police Department.
26. Mayor Morrissey commended Cyndie Hall, Mayor's Office of Tourism, Culture and Special Events, for successfully collaborating the "Year of Innovation 2009", a marketing effort, which promotes positive change in the community with over 25 scheduled projects and programs involving more than 60 partnering companies, municipalities and non-for-profit agencies. For more information contact Cyndie Hall at 815/987-5591.
27. Mayor Morrissey commented Adam Smith, Director of Education and Lifelong Learning, has distributed a memorandum regarding Charter Schools. Morrissey advised a Resolution supporting the Legacy Charter School will be placed up for passage tonight and encouraged Council support. He also mentioned the Rockford School District will be voting tomorrow night on that issue.
28. Mayor Morrissey advised Tim Hanson, Director of Public Works, will be making a presentation at the end of tonight's meeting to provide an update on snow removal and ice operations and pothole analysis. Mayor Morrissey announced the City is in a Snow Emergency Operation.
29. Alderman Holt thanked the Mayor's Office and staff for providing him with information before Saturday's Budget meeting and commented on his confusion with a quote in the *Rockford Register Star* by Mayor Morrissey. He encouraged the Administration, Council and City staff to be innovative in making decisions to decrease the budget deficit, but not allow those decisions to compromise the services for our citizens.

Alderman Beck exited the meeting at 6:30 pm.

30. Alderman Curran expressed concern with the number of calls he received from his constituents who received parking tickets during the last Snow Emergency Operation. He requested a review of the Odd/Even Parking Ordinance.
31. Alderman Bell thanked Jim Ryan, City Administrator, and staff for providing him with an outline with recommendations and options for each department's budgets prior to the meeting last Saturday.
32. Alderman Jacobson reiterated Alderman Curran's comments regarding the Odd/Even Parking Ordinance.
33. Alderman Timm commended the 911 operator who answered his call for medical assistance for her professionalism and expressed sincere gratitude to the firefighters and paramedics for the exceptional care given to him after he fell on the ice and broke his arm. He also thanked all those who came to see him in the hospital and thanked everyone for their calls, cards and flowers.
34. Alderman Johnson also recognized the excellent service and care the firefighters and paramedics provide the citizens of Rockford.
35. Alderman Johnson requested everyone in Council Chambers look for a black earring she lost tonight.
- 35a. Alderman Johnson commented she attended Pastor Denver Bittner's final Sunday service yesterday at Zion Lutheran Church and celebration event in the afternoon. She wished him well in his new position as President of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois and presented him with a proclamation on behalf of the City of Rockford.
36. Alderman Johnson made a reminder tomorrow evening will be the quarterly meeting for the Rolling Green Neighborhood Association at 6:30 pm at Broadway Covenant Church, 3525 Broadway. She announced guest speakers for the meeting and thanked Officer Jason Mallo for implementing a reverse 911.
37. Alderman Conness announced he found Alderman Johnson's earring.
38. Alderman McNeely apologized for being unable to attend the 2009 Budget Session on Saturday, but will review the handout for the next budget session meeting.
- 38a. Alderman McNeely agreed with Alderman Curran the Odd/Even Parking Ordinance needs review.
39. Alderman McNeely expressed her condolences to the Barbary family who lost two members of their family and offered her thoughts and prayers to them.

- 40. Alderman McNeely also expressed condolences to the Box family for their loss and offered her thoughts and prayers to them.
- 40a. Mayor Morrissey announced the next 2009 Budget Session will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2009 from 8:00 am - noon in Council Chambers.
- 41. Alderman Holt mentioned he also attended Sunday's service at Zion Lutheran Church yesterday with Pastor Denver Bittner giving his last sermon. He commended Pastor Bittner and his congregation for the decades of commitment to change the direction of that neighborhood with much sacrifice. He expressed his gratitude to Pastor Bittner and his wife for their unselfish devotion to this community and wished him the best in the coming years.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**2009-012CR**

- 42. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the Final Plat of Varland #2 Subdivision. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, McNeely, Conness -13-  
 Nays: -0-  
 Absent: Beck -1-

**2009-013CR**

- 43. 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 height from eighteen (18) feet to twenty-nine (29) feet for a tree house in an R-1, Single-family Residential District at 1589 Shiloh Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Meeting all applicable Building Codes and obtaining the appropriate permits.
- 2. That the accessory structure (tree house) shall not be intended for habitation or business use.
- 3. There shall be no storage of materials beneath the tree house itself.
- 4. The structure shall contain operating smoke and carbon dioxide detectors and a minimum of a five (5) pound rated fire extinguisher.

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

**2009-014CR**

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 Special Use Permit for an auto detailing shop in an R-2, Two-family Residential Zoning District at 1515 Broadway. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all Building and Fire Codes.
2. There shall be no overnight outdoor storage of vehicles on the property.
3. No outside storage of any kind.
4. Submittal of landscaping plan to include the type of species to be planted for Staff's review and approval.
5. All conditions must be met prior to establishment of use.

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: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,  
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, McNeely, Conness -13-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Beck -1-

**2009-015CR**

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 reduce the side yard setback from the required six (6) feet to three (3) feet for a two-car garage addition in an R-1, Single-family Residential District at 1234 National Avenue. Approval is subject to the following condition:

1. Construction of the proposed addition must be compatible with the existing architectural style of the home.

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: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,  
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, McNeely, Conness -13-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Beck -1-

**2009-016CR**

46. 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 alcohol by the package in conjunction with a grocery store in the name of **Abdulhakim A.M. Alshaman d/b/a South Main Foods** in an R-1, Single-family Residential Zoning District at 1321 South Main Street.

1. Meeting all applicable Building and Fire Codes.

2. The amount of alcoholic sales display shall not exceed 20% of the gross interior floor square footage. A detailed interior floor plan drawn to scale indicating all liquor display areas shall be submitted for Staff's review and approval.
3. Window display signage is limited to 30% of window area.
4. There shall be no sale of liquor after 12:00 A.M.
5. The sale of rose tubes, airplane-sized bottles and any other products that can be deemed to be easily manufactured into crack pipes is prohibited.
6. The amount of alcoholic sales can only be 35% of gross annual sales of the business.
7. Compliance with all City of Rockford Liquor Codes.

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

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Holt, McNeely, Conness -12-  
 Nays: Beach -1-  
 Absent: Beck -1-

**2009-017CR**

47. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that the City Council APPROVE the amendments to Chapter 3, Section 3-4, "Curb service or outdoor sales prohibited" of the Liquor Ordinance of the City of Rockford. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Holt, McNeely, Conness -12-  
 Nays: Beach -1-  
 Absent: Beck -1-

**2009-018CR**

48. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Two (2) Cargo Vans for the Police Department be made to Anderson Rock River Ford, of Rockford, Illinois for their total bid of \$41,306.00. The funding source is Federal Property Forfeiture Funds. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, McNeely, Conness -13-  
 Nays: -0-  
 Absent: Beck -1-

**2009-019CR**

49. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending authority be sought for the issuance of \$350,000 in General Obligation Bonds (Sales Tax Alternate Revenue Source) for the Valencia River North TIF Project.

The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, McNeely, Conness -13-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Beck -1-

**2009-020CR**

50. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending authority be sought for the issuance of \$950,000 in General Obligation Bonds (Sales Tax Alternate Revenue Source) for the Tandem Global Tradepark #1 TIF Project. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.

**2009-021CR**

51. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending authority be sought for the issuance of \$3,500,000 in General Obligation Bonds (Sales Tax Alternate Revenue Source) for the Assisted Living TIF Project. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, McNeely, Conness -13-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Beck -1-

**2009-022CR**

52. Alderman Curran moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending authority be sought for the issuance of \$1,300,000 in General Obligation Bonds (Sales Tax Alternate Revenue Source) for the Main Whitman TIF Project. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, McNeely, Conness -13-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Beck -1-

53. Alderman Curran moved the re-appointment - Personnel Appeals Board, Ms. Susan Salvi Buckwalter, to a one (1) year term, which would expire December, 2009. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Conness -12-  
Nays: McNeely -1-  
Absent: Beck -1-

54. Alderman Curran moved the re-appointment - CCA Human Services Board, Ms. Betty Cleary, to a three (3) year term, which would expire August 2011. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,  
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, McNeely, Conness -13-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Beck -1-

55. Alderman Curran moved the appointment -CCA Human Services Board, Ms. Shirley Mondesir, to a one (1) year term, which would expire December 2009. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,  
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Conness -12-  
Nays: McNeely -1-  
Absent: Beck -1-

56. Alderman Conness moved the adoption of a Planning and Development Committee Report recommending approval of the attached proposed Intergovernmental Boundary Agreement between the City of Rockford and the Village of Rockton. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.

Alderman Sosnowski made a motion to lay the committee report over, seconded by Alderman Beach. LAID OVER.

#### **2009-002-O**

57. Alderman Conness moved the adoption of an Ordinance approving the Contract for Purchase and Sale to purchase 9 vacant parcels from Seventh Street Area Development Council, Inc. for \$30,000 for the Keith Creek Greenway trail project, park use, and storm water control. The purchase price will be paid with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,  
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Conness -12-  
Nays: McNeely -1-  
Absent: Beck -1-

### **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

#### **2009-005R**

58. Alderman Thompson-Kelly, on behalf of the Legislative and Lobbying Committee, moved for the adoption of a Resolution regarding the support of the Charter School Initiative, and specifically the Legacy Academy of Excellence Charter School proposal that will be voted on by the Rockford Public School District 205 Board ("School Board") meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2009. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Beck absent; Ald. McNeely voted "no").

**2009-006R**

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

Bid: Salt Bags, funding source: Property Fund

Bid: Millennium Fountain Repairs, funding source: Water Operating Funds

Bid: Symantec Anti-Virus Renewal, funding source: IT Fund

MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Beck absent).

**NEW BUSINESS**

60. Alderman Wasco introduced and read an Ordinance for the vacation of property commonly known as Lewis Street and a portion of South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to Joseph Behr and Sons.

LAID OVER.

**2008-003-O**

61. Alderman Wasco introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 3, Section 3-5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford upon all other requirements of the Liquor Ordinance having been met, said amendment shall serve as City council advice and consent for the Liquor Commissioner to issue a Liquor License to the following person:

1. **Abdulhakim Alshaman d/b/a South Main Food and Liquor** located at 1321 South Main Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

- a. Meet all applicable Building and Fire Codes.
- b. The amount of alcoholic sales display shall not exceed 20% of the gross interior floor square footage. A detailed interior floor plan drawn to scale indicating all liquor display areas shall be submitted for Staff's review and approval.
- c. Window display signage is limited to 30% of window area
- d. There shall be no sale of liquor after 12:00 a.m.
- e. The sale of rose tubes, airplane-sized bottles and any other products that can be deemed to be easily manufactured into crack pipes is prohibited.
- f. The amount of alcoholic sales can only be 35% of gross annual sales of the business.
- g. Compliance with all City of Rockford Liquor Codes.

Alderman Wasco moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Beck absent; Beach voted "no"). The Ordinance was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -12-  
Nays: Beach -1-  
Absent: Beck -1-

**2009-004-O**

62. Alderman Curran introduced and read an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$6,100,000 for the purpose of defraying the costs of certain corporate capital acquisitions and improvements.

Alderman Curran moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Beck absent). The Ordinance was placed on passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Bell, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,  
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Holt, Beck, McNeely, Conness -13-  
Nays: -0-  
Absent: Beck -1-

63. Tim Hanson, Public Works Director, gave a presentation and answered questions from council members concerning pothole patching, repair/reconstruction of streets and snow removal and salting operations.
64. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 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**  
**January 20, 2009**  
**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)
- Officers Reports
- Unfinished Business of previous meeting

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**I. COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER JANUARY 12, 2009**

1. Conness - Planning and Development - Recommending approval of the attached proposed Intergovernmental Boundary Agreement between the City of Rockford and the Village of Rockton. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.

**II. ORDINANCES LAID OVER JANUARY 12, 2009**

1. Wasco - Ordinance - Vacation of property commonly known as Lewis Street and a portion of South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to Joseph Behr and Sons.

- Motions and Resolutions

**III. 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. Wasco –Ordinance - SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Variation to increase the maximum allowable height from eighteen (18) feet to twenty-nine (29) feet for a tree house in an R-1, Single-family Residential District at 1589 Shiloh Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
  1. Meeting all applicable Building Codes and obtaining the appropriate permits.
  2. That the accessory structure (tree house) shall not be intended for habitation or

business use.

- 3. There shall be no storage of materials beneath the tree house itself.
- 4. The structure shall contain operating smoke and carbon dioxide detectors and a minimum of a five (5) pound rated fire extinguisher.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact.

- 2. Wasco – Ordinance - SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Special Use Permit for an auto detailing shop in an R-2, Two-family Residential Zoning District at 1515 Broadway. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Meeting all Building and Fire Codes.
- 2. There shall be no overnight outdoor storage of vehicles on the property.
- 3. No outside storage of any kind.
- 4. Submittal of landscaping plan to include the type of species to be planted for Staff's review and approval.
- 5. All conditions must be met prior to establishment of use.

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 reduce the side yard setback from the required six (6) feet to three (3) feet for a two-car garage addition in an R-1, Single-family Residential District at 1234 National Avenue. Approval is subject to the following condition:

- 1. Construction of the proposed addition must be compatible with the existing architectural style of the home.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact.

- 4. Wasco – Ordinance - Recommending that the City Council APPROVE the amendments to Chapter 3, Section 3-4, "Curb service or outdoor sales prohibited" of the Liquor Ordinance of the City of Rockford. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance.

\* 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**

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

No Meeting Scheduled.

**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, January 20, 2009, 5:15 p.m.  
Conference Room B, City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (south room)  
AGENDA**

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
  - A. Water System Rehabilitation Project Change Order #3, Group 1-NT – Suspend rules
  - B. Water System Rehabilitation Project Change Order #7, Group 1A – Suspend rules
  - C. Water System Rehabilitation Project Change Order #5, Group 1B – Suspend rules
  - D. Resolution to take Bids
  - E. Vouchers
2. Water Bond Authority Reauthorization

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, January 20, 2009, 5:15 p.m.  
CD Conference Room, City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
AGENDA**

1. Memorandum from Richard M. May, Commercial Development Coordinator, regarding a Redevelopment Agreement approving TIF Funding for the construction of the Rockford Renaissance Development LLC, a mixed-use development, at West State Street and Springfield Avenue.
2. Memorandum from Reid Montgomery, Director of Community & Economic Development, regarding a recommendation to the Planning and Development Committee on renewing the contract with RLDC.

**LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, January 15, 2009, 5:30 p.m.  
Conference Room A, City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (north room)  
AGENDA**

1. Legislative Initiatives

2. New Business