

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JOINT MINUTES
Environmental Learning Center – 6:30 p.m. – November 9, 2015

The joint meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Councilmembers present were Spread, Bynum, Natvig, and Fitzgerald. Mike Rehwaldt joined the meeting at 6:32 p.m. Also present from the city were City Administrator Gregg Mandsager, Police Chief Brett Talkington, and Fire Chief Ewers.

The first item on the agenda was a presentation by the Bi-State Regional Commission, which provides community and regional programs/services, transportation planning, and DataGraphics Center services to its member governments. The following topics were presented:

Regional Coordination Efforts:

- Comprehensive Economic Development strategy annually updated
- Revolving Loan Fund with more than 40 jobs created/retained with four loans
- Region 9 Long Range Transportation Plan
- Bi-State Region Joint Purchasing Council
- Regional Solid Waste Plan
- Communication Technology Consortium

Economic Development Efforts:

- Provides data for projects/fact sheets
- Prepares grant applications – EDA Grant and RISE
- RLF Funded Merrill Hotel and Conference Center, PCG Powder Coating, and Feldman Performance
- Supports Rock Island Arsenal

Joint Purchasing Council:

- Have 31 participating entities with 19 bids/year
- Had over \$2.5 million in purchases
- Paper bid prices better than state bid
- Connecticut Modeling the program
- City purchases include office calendars, printer supplies, copier paper, ice melt, sign posts, turf chemicals and seed, janitorial supplies, and can liners
- County purchases include copier paper and ice melt

Bi-State Transportation Planning Activities:

- Region 9 Transportation Planning Coordination
- Long and short range planning
- Transportation improvement programming
- Traffic analysis/modeling safety
- Transit planning and administration
- Conducted freight study rail, water, air service
- Multi-purpose trail planning

Community and Regional Programs/Services:

- Household and resident surveys

- Grants – applications and management
- Comprehensive land use and community development plans
- Park, recreation and greenway plans
- Development codes – municipal, zoning, etc.
- Personnel, word processing and financial assistance

Bulat received questions on joint fuel purchasing.

The second item on the agenda was a presentation by the American Red Cross Strategic Community Relationships Campaign and update to the community.

Executive Director Amber Wood stated the ARC prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. She stated that through its strong network, the ARC is always there in times of need. She then talked about the ARC's strategic community relationship objectives and then presented a map showing the locations of the ARC serving the Quad Cities and West Central Illinois.

Ms. Wood stated the ARC's core strength is as an immediate first responder. People receive immediate help free of charge, which includes food, shelter, clothing, assistance in refilling life-sustaining medication, and counseling services. She then talked about the ARC's strategic community relationships and the influence they have on long-term recovery. She stated the ARC provides casework/recovery planning and direct client assistance. She stated that recovery efforts can extend many years after a disaster if funding allows. She stated that each disaster has different circumstances, needs and challenges.

Ms. Wood stated the mission of the ARC is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies through preparation, response, and recovery.

Wood received questions on funding, staffing, and the questionnaires the ARC requested back.

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator