



Headlines



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City Council Advances Goals

In September of 2003, the City Council established several goals for attainment in the coming year. A summary of progress toward some of these goals is identified below:

Southwest Residential Development

- **Progress:** An agreement was reached for a new residential development in Southwest Rock Island called Highland Place. This agreement will result in the creation of fifteen single-family lots and seventeen condominium units.



Retrain and Attract Grocery Store

- **Progress:** The City of Rock Island reached an agreement with a developer that facilitated the purchase of the Rock Island Eagles Store. The grocery store is now known as the new Rock Island Country Market located at 2252 24th Street, Rock Island.

Casino Rock Island

- **Progress:** A draft agreement was negotiated with the Casino Rock Island. The agreement will result in a \$65 million first phase investment, more jobs, and \$6,000,000 in annual gaming revenue for the City.

Community Marketing

- **Progress:** A new director, Jennifer Fowler, was selected as the Community Marketing Director. Ms. Fowler is working with the city to prepare an updated Community Marketing Plan.



Alcohol Control Strategy

- **Progress:** An ordinance was passed by City Council to restrict convenience stores from selling alcohol after 1:00 p.m. To review a copy of the ordinance click [here](#).

Infill Housing

- **Progress:** The City Council approved an agreement that will result in the renovation of the upper floors of the Voss Warehouse for 32 loft apartments.



Budget

- **Progress:** The City Council reached consensus on a range of options to increase revenue and cut spending in order to balance the 2004-2005 budget and eliminate a projected \$1.2 million deficit.

Emergency Communications

- **Progress:** A decision was made to replace and upgrade the City's emergency communication system to be more reliable and more affordable system.