CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
City Council Chambers, City Hall, 3rd Floor,
1528 Third Avenue, Rock Island, IL

12/16/2024 - Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mayor Thoms called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Thoms asked City Clerk Samantha Gange to call the roll.

Present: Alderpersons Moses Robinson, Randy Hurt, Randy Tweet, Jenni Swanson, Dylan Parker, Mark Poulos, Bill Healy and Mayor Mike Thoms.

Absent: None.

Staff: City Manager Todd Thompson, Attorney Leslie Day, City Clerk Samantha Gange, and other City Staff.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Thoms led in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Moment of Silence

Mayor Thoms requested a moment of silence. A moment of silence was observed.

5. Public Comment

Mayor Thoms asked if anyone in the public wished to speak. No one was signed up speak.

6. Update Rock Island

Positive Parenting

The MLK Center will host a Positive Parenting workshop Tuesday, December 17th at 5 p.m. Parents will learn how to manage stress in their home.

Holiday Closings

City facilities, including City Hall and the Rock Island Public Library, will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The Rock Island Fitness Activity Center (RIFAC) will close at 11 am on Christmas Eve and remain closed Christmas Day.

Congratulations to MLK Community Center Executive Director Jerry Jones for being chosen as one of the 25 Most Influential Leaders in 2024 by the Quad Cities Business Journal. Jerry was nominated by readers for his leadership, business accomplishments, community building and philanthropic efforts in the community.

7. Ordinances (First Readings)

a. Report from the Community Development Department regarding the Rock Island Downtown Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and Redevelopment Project. (First Reading)

Motion:	Motion to consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance; Alderperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

b. Report from the Community Development Department designating the Rock Island Downtown Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area. (First Reading)

Motion:	Motion to consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

c. Report from the Community Development Department adopting Tax Increment Financing. (First Reading)

Motion:	Motion to consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

d. Report from the Community Development Department regarding a rezoning request from Amy McFall at 3720 8th Street. (First Reading)

Motion:	Motion to approve the rezoning request and consider the ordinance.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Swanson moved to approve the rezoning request and consider the ordinance; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

8. Passage of Ordinances and Resolutions

a. A Special Ordinance regarding a request from Maple Ridge Apartments, 3700 5th Street, to place their parking lot under City ordinance control. (Second Reading)

Motion:	Motion to pass the ordinance.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Poulos moved to pass the ordinance; Alderperson Tweet seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

b. An Ordinance adopting the budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025. (Second Reading)

Motion:	Motion to pass the ordinance.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to pass the ordinance; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

c. An Ordinance for the levy, assessment, and collection of property taxes for the City of Rock Island for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025. (Second Reading)

Motion: Motion to pass the ordinance.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Swanson moved to pass the ordinance; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

d. An Ordinance for the property tax levy of the downtown Special Services Area (SSA), providing $310,659 in property taxes for collection in the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025. (Second Reading)

Motion: Motion to pass the ordinance.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Tweet moved to pass the ordinance; Alderperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

e. Report from the Community Development Department and City Attorney regarding a resolution declaring the City's intent to acquire vacant and abandoned properties for donation to the Land Bank.

Motion: Motion to adopt the resolution.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to adopt the resolution; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

f. Report from the Mayor's Office and Administration regarding a resolution to extend the moratorium on all new Retail Tobacco and Vape Dealer (Tobacco Class B) licenses in the corporate limits of the City of Rock Island, expiring June 30, 2025.

Motion: Motion to adopt the resolution.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Poulos moved to adopt the resolution; Alderperson Hurt seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

9. Consent Agenda

All items under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by a single motion and subsequent roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless an Alderperson so requests, in which case, the item will be moved from the Consent Agenda and considered as the first item after approval of the Consent Agenda.

a. Minutes from the December 9, 2024 City Council Meeting.

b. Claims for the week of November 1 through November 7, 2024, in the amount of $762,628.47; for the week of November 8 through November 14, 2024, in the amount of $1,120,323.53; for the week of November 15 through November 21, 2024, in the amount of $597,928.72, and payroll for the weeks of November 11 through November 24, 2024, in the amount of $1,810,047.06.

c. International City/County Management Association (ICMA) claims for the weeks of November 2 through November 15, 2024, in the amount of $29,403.12; claims for the weeks of November 16 through November 29, 2024, in the amount of $28,381.06.

d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding the Bi-State Regional Commission Joint Purchasing Council awarding bids for the water and wastewater treatment chemicals for 2025.

Motion:	Motion to approve Consent Agenda items a through d.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Healy moved to approve Consent Agenda items a through d; Alderperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

10. Contracts/Agreements

a. Report from the Economic Development Department regarding an Economic and Business Growth Partnership Agreement with Grow Quad Cities.

Motion:	Motion to approve the agreement, subject to minor attorney modifications, and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to approve the agreement, subject to minor attorney modifications, and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

b. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding a contract agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) - Command from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027.

Motion:	Motion to approve the proposed labor agreement as recommended.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Poulos moved to approve the proposed labor agreement as recommended; Alderperson Hurt seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

c. Report from Administration regarding an Interagency Agreement with the Finance Department in the amount of $86,831.37 for the ARPA Program Manager's salary and benefits for CY2025. (ARPA restricted funds)

d. Report from Administration regarding an Interagency Agreement with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center in the amount of $100,000 for the STEAM Lab. (ARPA restricted funds)

e. Report from Administration regarding an Interagency Agreement with the Fire Department in the amount of $230,947.16 for the new P25 Station Alerting System project. (ARPA restricted funds)

f. Report from Administration regarding an Interagency Agreement with the Fire Department in the amount of $650,425 for the purchase of a new fire truck. (ARPA restricted funds)

g. Report from Administration regarding an Interagency Agreement with the IT Department in the amount of $266,719.43 for City Hall Security and Technology upgrades. (ARPA restricted funds)

h. Report from Administration regarding an Interagency Agreement with the Police Department in the amount of $252,000 for police recruitment, retention and additional public safety enforcement. (ARPA restricted funds).

i. Report from Administration regarding an Interagency Agreement with the Parks & Recreation Department in the amount of $78,144.27 for the Saukie Golf Course project. (ARPA restricted funds)

j. Report from Administration regarding an Interagency Agreement with the Parks & Recreation Department in the amount of $90,000 for the Higland Springs Golf Course ADA Compliance project (ARPA restricted funds)

Motion:	Motion to approve Interagency Agreements c through j, subject to minor attorney modifications and minor budget adjustments, and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Healy moved to approve Interagency Agreements c through j, subject to minor attorney modifications and minor budget adjustments, and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson. Nay:

None. Absent: None.

11. Budget/Finance Items

a. Report from the Finance Department regarding the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for CY 2025 through CY 2028.

Motion:	Motion to approve the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan for CY 2025 through CY 2028.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to approve the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan for CY 2025 through CY 2028; Alderperson Tweet seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

b. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the TIF #3 North 11th Street Fund (203) in the amount of $150,000.

c. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the MLK Activity Fund (901) in the amount of $6,000.

Motion:	Motion to approve budget adjustments b and c as recommended.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Robinson moved to approve budget adjustments b and c as recommended; Alderperson Tweet seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

12. Department Reports

a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding approval to surplus the ROSCO RA400 Patcher and authorize the procurement of a Falcon 4-Ton Asphalt Recycler and Hot Box Trailer.

Motion: Motion to approve the surplus and authorize the procurement of a recycler and hot box trailer with funds obtained from the sale.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Poulos moved to approve the surplus and authorize the procurement of a recycler and hot box trailer with funds obtained from the sale; Alderperson Tweet seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Public Works Director Mike Bartels explained that the hot box would replace the ROSCO patcher.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

b. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding a General Wage increase (Non-Affiliated Employees).

Motion: Motion to approve the General Wage increase as recommended.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to approve the General Wage Increase as recommended; Alderperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

c. Report from the City Manager regarding Freedom of Information Act and Open Meeting Act Officer appointments for CY 2025.

Motion: Motion to approve the appointments as recommended.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Poulos moved to approve the appointments as recommended; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

13. Other Business/New Business

Mayor Thoms wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

14. Closed Session

a. **5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.**

b. **5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.**

Motion:	Motion to enter into Closed Session for the exceptions cited.
VV	Voice vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Tweet moved to enter Closed Session for the exceptions cited; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 voice vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

The City Council entered closed session at 7:03 p.m.

15. Adjourn

a.	Motion:	Motion to Adjourn to January 13, 2025
	VV	Voice vote is needed.

After reconvening the regular meeting, Clerk Gange called the roll. All Council members and Mayor Thoms were present.

MOTION:

Alderperson Poulos moved to adjourn; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 voice vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson. Nay:

None. Absent: None.

The meeting concluded at 7:30 p.m.