

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

2/10/2025 - Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Randy Hurt 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 (Mayor Pro Tem), Randy Tweet, Jenni Swanson, Dylan Parker, Mark Poulos and Bill Healy.

Absent: Mayor Mike Thoms

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro Tem Hurt led in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Moment of Silence

Mayor Pro Tem Hurt requested a moment of silence. A moment of silence was observed.

5. Public Comment

Kelly McKay spoke about the potential negative environmental impact that the proposed truck stop and dispensary could have on the Milan Bottoms Bald Eagle population.

John Duyvejonck, Chair of the local Sierra Club Eagle Group, expressed his concerns about the proposed new business development around Milan Bottoms. He said the group is not anti-development and wants to see a plan and work with the City to address their environmental concerns.

Destiny Jackson and Juan Jackson said they wanted justice for Jakarta Jackson and remarked that the investigation wasn't transparent.

Tearah Cave said her brother should not have been fatally shot and asked Council members for justice to be served.

Several family members of Jakarta Jackson expressed their frustration regarding the officer involved in the fatal shooting and asked Council members for justice to be served and policies to be put in place, so this doesn't happen in the future.

TeRay McDowell expressed his frustration and anger regarding the body cam footage that was released. He expressed concerns about police policies and the behavior of officers toward the black community.

Yanessa Martin said her daughter will not grow up knowing her father. She said he was a brother, friend, father and son and his life should not have been taken.

Tony Bear, a business owner in East Moline, spoke about the tragedy and her frustration with the justice system.

Karen Unsinger said she knew Mr. Jackson when he was a student a few years ago. She said that police should have better training on how to interact with minorities, specifically people of color.

Alderson Robinson indicated he wasn't able to dialogue directly about the case because it is currently in litigation. He encouraged the audience to continue to attend Council meetings and speak.

6. Awards and Honor Presentations, Officer Swearing in Ceremony, and Proclamations

- a. Proclamation declaring February 2025 Black History Month in the City of Rock Island.

Clerk Gange read the proclamation. Mayor Pro Tem Hurt read the declaration. Rock Island County NAACP President Bonnie Ballard accepted the proclamation and said a few words. A photo was taken.

7. Update Rock Island

Celebrate 250 Years of the U.S. Army

The Downtown Library Branch, 401 19th Street, will host the next Rock Island Arsenal Lecture Series celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States Army. The lecture is this Wednesday, February 12th at 2 p.m. It is free and open to the public. The topic will be "1784 to 1860: A New Nation and a New Army."

Free Tax Assistance

Do you need help filing your taxes? The Martin Luther King Community Center is offering free tax filing services from now through April 5. No appointment is necessary. Tax professionals will be available every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. The MLK Center is located at 630 9th Street in Rock Island.

8. Ordinances (First Readings)

- a. Report from the Community Development Department regarding the sale of City-owned property at 431 9th Street for \$520 plus closing costs. (First Reading)
- b. Report from the Community Development Department regarding the sale of City-owned property at 509 6th Street for \$1 plus closing costs. (First Reading)
- c. Report from the Community Development Department regarding the sale of City-owned property at 930 10th Avenue for \$600 plus closing costs. (First Reading)
- d. Report from the Community Development Department regarding the sale of City-owned property at 2800 8 1/2th Avenue for \$1 plus closing costs. (First Reading)

- e. Report from the Community Development Department regarding the sale of City-owned property at Part of 612 18th Avenue for \$1 plus closing costs. (First Reading)
- f. Report from the Community Development Department regarding the sale of City-owned property at Part of 612 18th Avenue for \$1 plus closing costs. (First Reading)

Motion: Motion to approve the sales; authorize the City Manager to execute the sales agreements, and consider, suspend the rules, and pass ordinances a through f.
RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Robinson moved to approve the sales; authorize the City Manager to execute the sales agreements, and consider, suspend the rules, and pass ordinances a through f; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

- g. Report from the Community Development Department regarding a rezoning request from the City of Rock Island to consider a rezoning from C-1 (park conservation) district to R-1 (one unit residential) district for Realtor's Park (PIN 1613200007). (First Reading)

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to approve the rezoning request and consider the ordinance; Aldersperson Parker seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Parks & Recreation Director John Gripp said that Realtor Park is very small and a low-used park that was donated to the department several decades ago. The challenge with this parcel is access for public safety vehicles and is difficult for the department to maintain. The neighborhood formed an LLC to take the park on so it will continue to be a community space.

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

- h. Report from the Community Development Department regarding a right-of-way vacation request between 35th Street and Realtor's Park. (First Reading)

Motion: Motion to approve the vacation request and consider the ordinance.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

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Aldersperson Healy moved to approve the vacation request and consider the ordinance; Aldersperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

- i. Report from the Community Development Department regarding the sale of Realtor's Park (PIN 1613200007) for \$100 plus closing costs. (First Reading)

Motion: Motion to approve the sale; authorize the City Manager to execute the sales agreement, and consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to approve the sale; authorize the City Manager to execute the sales agreement, and consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

9. Passage of Ordinances and Resolutions

- a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding a Resolution for the Retirement Healthcare Funding Plan for Fire Department employees.

Motion: Motion to adopt the Resolution and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Robinson moved to adopt the Resolution and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents; Aldersperson Tweet seconded.

VOTE:

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

- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding the Motor Fuel Tax Resolution appropriating \$349,850 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for Street Maintenance in 2025.

Motion: Motion to adopt the Motor Fuel Tax Resolution.
RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Tweet moved to adopt the Motor Fuel Tax Resolution; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

10. 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 Aldersperson 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. Claims for the week of January 3 through January 9 in the amount of \$2,289,443.35; for the week of January 10 through January 16 in the amount of \$1,236,955.20; for the week of January 17 through January 23 in the amount of \$907,903.45; and payroll for the weeks of January 6, 2025 through January 19, 2025 in the amount of \$1,828,554.85.
- b. Minutes from the January 27, 2025 Study Session and City Council meeting.
- c. Minutes from the January 27, 2025 Closed Session.
- d. International City/County Management Association (ICMA) claims for the weeks of December 28 through January 10, 2025 in the amount of \$30,040.17; ICMA claims for the weeks of January 11 through January 24, 2025 in the amount of \$29,359.87.
- e. ACH Report for the month of December 2024 in the amount of \$1,942,415.50.
- f. Purchase Card Claims for the period of November 27, 2024 through December 26, 2024 in the amount of \$103,722.58.
- g. Report from the Fire Department regarding a payment in the amount of \$12,685 plus \$2,000 for contingency if needed to Hodge Construction for construction services to replace an exterior door at the Central Fire Station.
- h. Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2025 Municipal Tree Contract recommending the bid be awarded to Advantage Tree Services, an Arbor Masters Company of

Davenport, IA in the amount of in the amount of \$32,482.

- i. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of \$48,953.7 to Tyler Technologies, Plano, TX, for the ERP system quarterly Software as a Service (SaaS) fee.
- j. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of \$69,505.85 to Harris Computer Systems, Chicago, IL, for utility billing software maintenance.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to approve Consent Agenda items a through j; Aldersperson Tweet seconded.

VOTE:

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

11. Claims/Purchases

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a payment in the amount of \$98,353.32 to Brandt Construction, Milan, Illinois, for an emergency sewer main repair at Alleman High School.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$54,034 to Surdex, St. Louis, Missouri, for Ortho and Lidar GIS aerial photography.

Motion:	Motion to allow claim items a through b.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to allow claim items a and b; Aldersperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

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

- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a payment in the amount of \$28,493.43 to Langman Construction, Rock Island, Illinois, for an emergency water main repair at 4443 46th Avenue.

Motion:	Motion to allow the claim.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to allow the claim; Aldersperson Tweet seconded.

Aldersperson Parker recused himself from the vote due to the nature of his employment.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

12. Budget/Finance Items

- a. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget carryover from CY 2024 in the American Rescue Plan Act Fund (248) in the amount of \$75,802.63 and the Park and Recreation Fund (555) in the amount of \$1,140,186.57.
- b. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget carryover from CY 2024 in the MLK Activity Fund (901) in the amount of \$91,194.75.
- c. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget carryover from CY 2024 in the Public Library Fund (251) in the amount of \$40,640.13.

Motion:	Motion to approve budget carryover items a through c as recommended.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Tweet moved to approve budget carryover items a through c as recommended; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

13. Appointments to Boards/Commissions/Committees

- a. Report from the Mayor's Office regarding appointments and reappointments to the Community Development Commission and the Commercial/Industrial Revolving Loan Fund (CIRLF).

Motion:	Motion to approve the appointments and reappointments as recommended.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Robinson moved to approve the appointments and reappointment as recommended; Aldersperson Tweet seconded.

Aldersperson Healy recused himself from the vote because he is being reappointed to the CIRLF committee.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Poulos, Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson, Parker. Nay: None. Absent: None.

14. Events/Misc Requests

- a. Report from the City Clerk's Office regarding a sound amplification request from Kavanaugh's Hilltop Tavern for their 13th Annual Shamrockin' Patty O' Pardy event on Saturday, March 15, 2025 from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.; and a request for the outdoor consumption of alcohol in the fenced-in area of the adjacent parking lot.

Motion: Motion to approve the requests, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations, contacting the Fire Department for fire and safety considerations, and subject to being closed down early if complaints are received.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to approve the requests, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations, contacting the Fire Department for fire and safety considerations, and subject to being closed down early if complaints are received; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

15. Rock Island Port Authority

- a. Motion: Motion to close the regular City Council meeting and convene the Rock Island Regional Port District meeting.

VV Voice vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to close the regular City Council meeting and convene the Rock Island Regional Port District meeting; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

- b. Other Business/New Business

Community Development Director Brainard noted that the port plan is currently out to bid to solicit planning consultants.

Economic Development Director Flaherty said they would be putting forth a Memorandum of Understanding with the City listed as the grant applicant.

- c. Motion: Motion to exit the Rock Island Regional Port Authority and reconvene the regular City Council meeting.
- VV Voice vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to exit the Rock Island Regional Port Authority and reconvene the regular City Council meeting; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

16. Other Business/New Business

There was no other business to discuss.

17. Adjourn

- a. Motion: Motion to Adjourn to February 24, 2025.
- VV Voice vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to adjourn the meeting; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

The meeting concluded at 7:43 p.m.