

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

4/28/2025 - 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 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.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to allow Aldersperson Robinson to attend remotely pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/7(a)(i); Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

Aldersperson Moses Robinson attended via remote connection.

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

- a. Proclamation declaring Wednesday, April 30, 2025, as Eudell Watts III Day.

Clerk Gange read the proclamation. Mayor Thoms read his declaration. Eudell Watts III was present to accept the proclamation. A photo was taken.

- b. Proclamation recognizing Gas & Electric Credit Union's 90th Anniversary.

Clerk Gange read the proclamation. Mayor Thoms read his declaration. Gas & Electric Credit Union CEO Daryl Empen was present to accept the proclamation. A photo was taken. Mr. Empen said a few words.

- c. Proclamation declaring May as Internal Audit Awareness Month.

Clerk Gange read the proclamation. Mayor Thoms read his declaration. Roberto Leone from the Institute of Internal Audit Heartland Iowa Chapter was present to accept the proclamation. A photo was taken. Mr. Leone said a few words.

- d. Proclamation declaring May 4th through May 10th as National Small Business Week.

Clerk Gange read the proclamation. Mayor Thoms read his declaration. Taylor Love, owner of Pioneer Improvement, was present to accept the proclamation. A photo was taken. Mr. Love said a few words.

6. Public Comment

Kelly McKay, Tim Pressly, Justin Booker, Jon Duyvejonck, Kai Swanson, Toni Bare, Don Mavis, John Ewert, Peter Tokar and Troy Greene spoke on the Casino West development project.

Taelor Denton spoke about democracy and social justice as they related to Milan Bottoms and the officer-involved shooting of Jakarta Jackson.

TerRay McDowell spoke about the officer-involved shooting of Jakarta Jackson.

Mayor Thoms spoke about respectful communication, City transparency, economic development and conservation.

7. Update Rock Island

Learn more about West End Revitalization

Stop by the MLK Center tomorrow, April 29th, to hear an update on West End Revitalization progress. An open house will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Staff will be sharing upcoming plans and ways the public can get involved in transforming the heart of our community. The Open House is free and open to all.

Free Comic Book Day

The Rock Island Public Library will celebrate Free Comic Book Day this Saturday, May 3rd, by giving away comics for all ages and a cartoon drawing class with local caricature artist Bill Douglas. Visit the Rock Island Downtown Library on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to grab a free comic while they last.

Attendees of all ages can learn how to create a comic book page with the Draw with Bill cartoon class, offered from 12:30 to 2 p.m., also at the Downtown Library. The drawing class is free, but registration is required. To sign up, visit the library website at www.rockislandlibrary.org or call 309-732-READ.

Broadway Mother's Day Tour

The Broadway Historic District Association is planning a Mother's Day tour of five of Rock Island's oldest historic homes.

The tour will take place Sunday, May 11th, from noon to 4 p.m. and will feature the main floor of some of the oldest houses in Rock Island. Two of the featured homes are Buford Mansion and the Plummer House. All homes are within an easy walk. Tickets are \$20 each, and available at the door of any of the homes. For more information, go to the Facebook page for Broadway Historic District.

8. Ordinances (First Readings)

All items under the Ordinances (First Readings) will be enacted by a single motion and subsequent roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless an Alderperson requests it, in which case, the item will be moved and considered after approval.

- a. Report from the Community Development Department regarding a partial street vacation of 20th Avenue east of 46th Street. (First Reading)

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

Mayor Thoms announced item 8a was removed from the agenda.

- b. Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from John Curtis, 3011 7th Avenue, to remove the "No Parking" zone in front of his home. (First Reading)

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

- c. Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Bobby Jones, 1807 86th Avenue West, to ban parking on the north side of 86th Avenue West, from his driveway westward to Ridgewood Road. (First Reading)

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

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to approve the request and consider the ordinance; Alderperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

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

9. Passage of Ordinances and Resolutions

All items under the Passage of Ordinances and Resolutions will be enacted by a single motion and subsequent roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless an Alderperson requests it, in which case, the item will be moved and considered after approval.

- a. An ordinance implementing a Municipal Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax and Municipal Grocery Service Occupational Tax for the City of Rock Island. (Second Reading)

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-1-0 roll call vote. Aye: Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson, Poulos, Healy. Nay: Parker. Absent: None.

- b. An ordinance repealing Chapter 8, Article XIIA "Horse-Drawn Carriages and Vehicles" in its entirety. (Second Reading)

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

- c. An ordinance adding a new section 2-161 ("Collection Fees and Costs") to Article V, Division 1 ("Finance Generally") of the Municipal Code for the City of Rock Island, Illinois. (Second Reading)

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Tweet moved to pass the ordinance; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-1-0 roll call vote. Aye: Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson, Poulos, Healy. Nay: Parker.
Absent: None.

- d. An ordinance amending Chapter 3 "Alcoholic Liquor" Sec. 3-7 (d)(3) Administrative Hearing of the Rock Island Code of Ordinances. (Second Reading)

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to pass the ordinance; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

- e. An ordinance amending Chapter 3, "Alcoholic Liquor" Sec. 3-3 (b) and (c) establishing the Mayor Pro Tem as Deputy Local Liquor Control Commissioner of the Rock Island Code of Ordinances. (Second Reading)

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to pass the ordinance; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-1-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Tweet, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy. Nay: Robinson.
Absent: None.

- f. An ordinance establishing a public hearing date on the proposed amendments to the existing

Parkway/I-280 Casino Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Redevelopment Plan and Project Area.
(Second Reading)

Motion: Motion to pass the ordinance amending the public hearing date to June 18, 2025.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to pass the ordinance amending the public hearing date to June 18, 2025;
Aldersperson Tweet seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Robinson, Hurt, Tweet, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy. 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 April 4 through April 10 in the amount of \$879,675.14; for the week of April 11 through April 17 in the amount of \$2,626,726.47; and payroll for the weeks of March 31, 2025 through April 13, 2025 in the amount of \$1,913,912.11.
- b. International City/County Management Association (ICMA) claims for the weeks of April 5 through April 18 in the amount of \$38,475.44.
- c. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding an extension to the Occupational Healthcare Services Agreement.
- d. Report from the Mayor's Office regarding appointments and reappointments to the Arts and Beautification Commission, Fire Pension Board of Trustees, Illinois QC Civic Center Authority, Police Pension Board of Trustees, and Preservation Commission.
- e. Report from the Parks and Recreation Department regarding bids for Janitorial Services at RIFAC, recommending the bid be awarded to FBG in the amount of \$7,450 per month.
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of a dump body replacement for the 2001 Freightliner tandem dump truck from Bonnell Industries, Inc., Dixon, Illinois, in the amount of \$16,316.87.
- g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of one (1) outfit for the 2025 Ford F350 Superduty pickup in the amount of \$54,334.

- h. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$26,809.44 to Brandt Construction, Moline, Illinois, for an emergency sewer main repair at 19th Street and 1st Avenue.
- i. Minutes from the April 14, 2025 Study Session and City Council meeting.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to approve Consent Agenda items a through i; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

11. Contracts/Agreements

- a. Report from Administration regarding a Right of Entry Agreement with A HANNA ILLOWA LLC

Motion:	Motion to approve the amended agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the document.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to approve the amended agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the document; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Aldersperson Healy announced the developer has a contract with Terracon, an environmental consultant, and will take additional environmental-related steps in the project with Terracon's assistance.

City Manager Todd Thompson confirmed that the amendment removed the reference to fencing.

VOTE:

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

- b. Report from the City Attorney regarding a 1,4-dioxane Litigation Retainer Agreement.

Motion:	Motion to adopt the Contract and authorize the City Manager to execute the
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Contract, subject to minor City Attorney modifications.

RC

Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to adopt the contract and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract, subject to minor City Attorney modifications; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

12. Other Business/New Business

Aldersperson Swanson spoke about the Casino West project and her discussions with residents regarding the project.

Aldersperson Tweet spoke about the Casino West site and economic development.

Mayor Thoms spoke about attending Community Home Partners' groundbreaking for their veteran homes and community center project. He also announced the Rock Island Arsenal recently opened its 9-hole golf course.

13. Adjourn

a. Motion: Motion to Adjourn to May 12, 2025.

VV Voice vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to adjourn; Aldersperson Hurt seconded.

VOTE:

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

The Council Meeting concluded at 8:11 p.m.

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