

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
County Office Building, County Chambers, 3rd Floor,
1504 Third Avenue, Rock Island, IL

10/14/2024 - 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, Kevin Maynard, Jenni Swanson, Dylan Parker, Mark Poulos, Bill Healy and Mayor 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

Daniel Stratman commented on the song he produced about the history of John Looney. He provided the Mayor with a copy of his CD. He commented that the City should highlight John Looney's history in Rock Island and remarked on the John Looney tours.

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

- a. A Proclamation declaring October 24, 2024 World Polio Day.

Clerk Gange read the proclamation and Mayor Thoms read his declaration.

7. Update Rock Island

Rock Island Unplugged

Join myself – Mayor Mike Thoms – and city council members for a casual public forum we call Rock Island Unplugged. The event takes place next Wednesday, Oct. 23rd from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Stern Center, 1713 Third Ave., in Rock Island.

Enjoy free hot appetizers and beverages while you take part in a question-and-answer session with elected officials and some department directors outside the City Hall setting.

Fright Night in the Park

Get your costumes ready for a free Halloween event just for kids. Fright Night in the Park, presented by

Goodwill of the Heartland, will be held Thursday, Oct. 24th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Schwiebert Riverfront Park in Rock Island.

This annual Halloween celebration is a community favorite, bringing visitors and families to experience all things spooky, thrilling and enchantingly eerie. Guests can explore vendor booths, enjoy eerie entertainment and get into the Halloween spirit.

First Ward Trunk-or-Treating

Families are invited to take part in Trunk and Trick-or-Treating, hosted by First Ward Alderman Moses Robinson on Thursday, Oct. 31st from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. along 9th Street in front of the MLK Center. This free and fun event offers a safe alternative for kids going door-to-door. Candy, hot dogs, chips and music will be provided.

The event is sponsored by Second Baptist Church, Community Caring Conference and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

On Saturday, October 26th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the CAUSE, a Rock Island County coalition and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, will partner with local law enforcement to host National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.

This is an opportunity for the public to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous, expired, unused and unwanted medications. Bring your pills and patches for disposal to the Rock Island County Justice Center, 1317 Third Avenue, in Rock Island.

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 an Ordinance Establishing a Date for a Public Hearing on a New Downtown Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Redevelopment Plan and Project (First Reading).
- b. Report from Community & Economic Development Department regarding an application from Shahid Muhammad & Jeral Webster to purchase City-owned property at 1120 4th Avenue for \$647 plus closing costs (First Reading).
- c. Report from the Economic Development Department regarding a Fourth Amendment to the Development Agreement with LRC Developers Inc. (First Reading).

Motion:	Motion to consider, suspend the rules, and pass ordinances a through c.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Robinson moved to consider, suspend the rules and pass ordinances a through c; Alderperson

Parker seconded.

VOTE:

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

- d. Report from Economic Development regarding a franchise agreement between MidAmerican Energy and the City of Rock Island to provide natural gas service (First Reading).
- e. Report from Economic Development regarding a franchise agreement between MidAmerican Energy and the City of Rock Island to provide electric service to Rock Island (First Reading).

Motion:	Motion to consider ordinances d and e.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Robinson moved to consider ordinances d and e; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

9. Passage of Ordinances and Resolutions

- a. An Ordinance regarding changes to the Rock Island Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article I, Sections 2-5 and 2-6, "Legal Department, and Chapter 11, Article II, "Community and Economic Development" Ordinances (Second Reading).

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to pass the ordinances with noted scrivener's error; Aldersperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

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

- b. An Ordinance regarding changes to the Rock Island Code of Ordinances, Article III, Division 2, Sections 2-67 and 2-70, "City Manager Appointment and Removal," Ordinances (Second Reading).

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

- c. Report from the Mayor's Office and Administration regarding a resolution for a moratorium on all new Retail Tobacco and Vape Dealer (Tobacco Class B) licenses in the corporate limits of the City of Rock Island, expiring December 31, 2024.

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

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

Aldersperson Parker expressed concern about vape shops having the ability to open in certain corridors as well as the number that is concentrated in certain areas. He commented he would like further discussions on redevelopment of areas, such as the hilltop and the 18th Avenue corridor.

Aldersperson Robinson asked about the number of vape shops in the City and said he wanted an inventory of every store that sells vape products. Clerk Gange explained how the current tobacco licenses are classified, and there were about 26 tobacco licenses in the City that sold vape products and four (4) of those are vape shops specifically.

Council members discussed the previous recommendation from staff not to ban flavored tobacco and asked if the issue could be revisited. Aldersperson Parked said he would like to see flavors banned.

Aldersperson Healy said he has had several complaints from residents about the bright lights surrounding vape shops and asked staff to revisit the code. Director Brainard said the City did adopt specific regulations on lights. He noted staff also had concerns about property maintenance at some of these businesses.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Maynard, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt. 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 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 September 23, 2024 Study Session and City Council Meeting.
- b. Claims for the week of August 16 through August 22, 2024, in the amount of \$1,320,949.17; for the week of August 23 through August 29, 2024, in the amount of \$632,478.19; and payroll for the weeks of September 2 through September 15, 2024, in the amount of \$1,821,628.45; and for the weeks of September 16 through September 29, in the amount \$1,823,415.57.
- c. International City/County Management Association (ICMA) claims for the weeks of August 10 through August 23, 2024, in the amount of \$30,437.95.
- d. ACH Payments for the month of August 2024 in the amount of \$4,466,945.54.
- e. Purchase Card Claims for the period of July 27, 2024 through August 26, 2024 in the amount of \$99,237.16.
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$54,752 to Johnson Controls Inc (JCI), Moline, Illinois for measurement and verification services.
- g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding an emergency purchase in the amount of \$16,654.55 from Ferguson Waterworks, Dekalb, Illinois, for a 16" raw water valve and accessories at 23rd Street and 2nd Avenue.
- h. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a purchase in the amount of \$135,145 from Electric Pump, Des Moines, Iowa, for a pump for the Southwest Treatment Plant Lift Station Replacement Project (ARPA funds).

Motion:	Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items a through h.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to approve Consent Agenda items a through h; Alderperson Maynard seconded.

VOTE:

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

11. Claims/Purchases

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$9,204.22 to McClintock Trucking and Excavating for a Water Service Repair Program repair.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$18,500 to Valley Construction for the Sunset Marina sediment basin.

Motion: Motion to approve claims items a and b.
RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to allow claim items a and b; Aldersperson Robinson 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: Maynard, Swanson, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: None.

12. Contracts/Agreements

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding authorization to negotiate a contract with HDR, Bettendorf, Iowa, for engineering services for the 18th Avenue Flood Control Levee Pumping Station Upgrades.

Motion: Motion to authorize City staff to negotiate a contract with HDR.
RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to authorize City staff to negotiate a contract with HDR; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding authorization to negotiate a contract with IMEG, Rock Island, Illinois for engineering services on the 31st Avenue 11th Street to 17th Street Reconstruction Project and Road Diet.

Motion: Motion to authorize City staff to negotiate a contract with IMEG.
RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to authorize City staff to negotiate a contract with IMEG; Aldersperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding authorization to negotiate a contract with Hutchinson Engineering, Moline, Illinois, for engineering services on the 35th Street West and RI Parkway Intersection Roundabout.

Motion:	Motion to authorize City staff to negotiate a contract with Hutchinson Engineering.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to authorize City staff to negotiate a contract with Hutchinson Engineering; Aldersperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a proposal in the amount of \$35,500 from IMEG, Rock Island, Illinois, for engineering services on the Bally West Development Project.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to approve the proposal and authorize the City Manager to execute the document; Aldersperson Robinson seconded.

City Manager Thompson clarified that the \$35,000 would come from this year's contingency funds.

VOTE:

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

- e. Report from the Finance Department requesting authorization to sign an agreement in the amount of \$19,800 with ClearGov from Maynard, Massachusetts, for their BCM Digital Budget Book product using ARPA funds (unrestricted).

Motion:	Motion to approve the agreement as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to approve the agreement as recommended and authorize the City manager to execute the documents; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

- f. Report from Administration regarding extending the negotiation deadline for the Letters of Intent with A HANA ILLOWA LLC for the Bally's West and Campbell Sport's Complex sites.

Motion:	Motion to approve the extensions for Letters of Intent and authorize the Mayor to execute the documents.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to approve the extensions for the Letters of Intent and authorize the Mayor to execute the documents; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

- g. Report from the Fire Department regarding bid awards and purchase agreements for the new P25 Alerting System (including needed improvements to the ceiling for proper installation and electrical work) in the amount of \$215,647.16 (ARPA restricted funds) to Builder Sales and Services Company, Moline, IL, Tri-City Electric, Davenport, IA and RACOM of Eastern Iowa.

Motion:	Motion to approve the bid awards and purchase agreements and authorize the Fire Chief and City Manager to execute the documents.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to approve the bid awards and purchase agreements and authorize the Fire Chief and City Manager to execute the documents; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

- h. Report from the Police Department regarding a Memorandum of Understanding with Rock Island County and the City of Moline for the 2024 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG).

Motion: Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as recommended and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as recommended and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

13. Reports from Departments

- a. Report from Administration regarding disposal of the abandoned boats at Sunset Marina.

Motion: Motion to approve the removal and disposal of the abandoned boats at Sunset Marina.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to approve the removal and disposal of abandoned boats at Sunset Marina; Aldersperson Robinson seconded.

Attorney Day clarified the process involved in removing the boats, including a public notice in the newspaper. Director Bartels clarified there were 15 boats to be disposed.

VOTE:

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

- b. Report from the Parks & Recreation Department regarding allocating leftover ARPA funding for Saukie Golf Course Clubhouse Project in the amount of \$78,144.27 (ARPA restricted funds).

Motion: Motion to approve the reallocation of ARPA funds.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to approve the reallocation of ARPA funds; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

14. Budget/Finance Items

- a. Report from the Finance Department regarding the Firefighters and Police Pension Funds Actuarial Valuations as of January 1, 2024.

Motion:	Motion to approve funding both pension funds at the statutory minimum required contribution.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to approve funding both pension funds at the statutory minimum required contribution; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Aldersperson Parker asked how much the difference would be to fund both at 100 percent. Finance Director Sager responded it would cost the City an additional \$400,000.

VOTE:

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

- b. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the Park and Recreation Fund (555) in the amount of \$13,400.
- c. A report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the RI Labor Day Parade Fund (276) in the amount of \$6,496.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Robinson moved to approve budget adjustments b and c; Aldersperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

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

- b. Other Business/New Business

Community Development Director Brainard reported the documentation needed to access the grant funds has been submitted, and it could take up to 12 weeks for them to review the paperwork and disburse the funds. However, in the meantime, the City will be issuing a request for proposals or RFP to solicit planning consultants to assist with the port plan. The length of the project is still to be determined.

Mayor Thoms reported that he and Aldersperson Parker attended the annual meeting of the Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois Port District at Western Illinois University-Quad Cities. The goal of the meeting was to get a lot of different entities together to discuss port grants and other related items.

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

VOTE:

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

16. Other Business/New Business

Aldersperson Swanson said she wanted to recognize the Hauberg Estate for putting on a wonderful Oktoberfest that was well attended last weekend. She also recognized the Parks and Recreation department for their hard work on putting on great events as well as Parks and Recreation Event Manager Dan Gleason for an excellent job with the summer concert series.

17. Closed Session

- a. **5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives.**

Motion: Motion to enter Closed Session for the exceptions cited.
RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to enter Closed Session for the exception cited; Aldersperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

The Rock Island City Council entered closed session at 7:23 p.m.

18. Adjourn

a. Motion: Motion to Adjourn to October 28, 2024
VV Voice vote is needed.

Upon reentering the regular City Council meeting, Clerk Gange called the role and all alderpersons and Mayor Thoms were present.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

The meeting concluded at 7:31 p.m.

[MIN_SIGNATURES]