

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

5/18/2026 - Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Ashley Harris asked City Clerk Amanda Torres to call the roll.

Present: Alderpersons Glen Evans, Randy Hurt, Linda Barnes, Jenni Swanson, Dylan Parker, Mark Poulos, Bill Healy, and Mayor Ashley Harris.

Absent: None.

Staff: City Manager Todd Thompson, Attorney Leslie Day, City Clerk Amanda Torres, and other City Staff.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

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

4. Moment of Silence

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

5. Vote to Approve Agenda

- a. Motion: Motion whether or not to approve the agenda.
- RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to approve the agenda; Aldersperson Evans seconded.

VOTE:

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

6. Presentations

- a. Mental Health Awareness Month Recap & Current Promotion Presentation

Library Director Angela Campbell gave a recap on Mental Health Awareness Month and current promotions.

Ms. Campbell thanked the City Council for their assistance with the Library's efforts to promote mental health awareness. She noted that the Library distributed a flyer and QR code with information on their programs. Ms. Campbell thanked staff for leading programs that improve mental health awareness.

7. Special Awards and Recognitions, Oath of Office Ceremony, and Proclamations

- a. Proclamation declaring May 2026 as Mental Health Awareness Month.

Mayor Harris read the proclamation and his declaration. Present to accept the proclamation were Joe Lilly and Stephanie Burrough from the Robert Young Center. Ms. Burrough was also present as a representative for Amy's Gift. Mr. Lilly said a few words. A photo was taken.

- b. Proclamation declaring May 29 through June 5, 2026 as Building Our Communities Week.

Mayor Harris read the proclamation and his declaration. Present to accept the proclamation were Katie Schroeder from John Deere as well as a representative from Habitat for Humanity. Ms. Schroeder said a few words. A photo was taken.

- c. Proclamation declaring June 2, 2026 as National Mississippi River Day.

Mayor Harris read the proclamation and his declaration. Present to accept the proclamation were members of the Clean River Advisory Council. One member said a few words. A photo was taken.

Aldersperson Poulos exited the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Aldersperson Poulos re-entered the meeting at 6:02 PM.

- d. Proclamation declaring June 5, 2026 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

Mayor Harris read the proclamation and his declaration. Present to accept the proclamation was Natasha Hoenig from Moms Demand Action Quad Cities. She said a few words. A photo was taken.

8. Public Comment

Mayor Harris asked if anyone in the public wished to speak.

Gwen Shrake spoke about handicapped parking spaces needing to be repainted in the City of Rock Island.

9. Update Rock Island

Centennial Bridge Open House

Share your thoughts on the US 67 Centennial Bridge project at an Open House Public Meeting on Wednesday, May 20. Drop by anytime between 3 and 6 pm, at the Holiday Inn Rock Island, downtown. The Iowa and Illinois Departments of Transportations are continuing to identify solutions to improve safety, connectivity, mobility and long-term reliability across the Mississippi River. Drop by to compare potential options, see how they affect the community and ask questions

May is Mental Health Month

The Rock Island Public Library is stocked with mental health resources for the May Mental Health campaign. Pick up a yard sign and self-care tote, free, while supplies last at the downtown or Watts-Midtown branches.

Adventure Summer Camp

Sign your kids up for Adventure Summer Camp through Rock Island Parks and Recreation June 1 st through August 7th for a season full of fun, friends and exploration! Kids will have fun taking weekly field trips and swimming at White Water Junction. Add-on swim lessons and First Tee golf lessons are available. Go to rigov.org for more information.

Backwater Gamblers

The Backwater Gamblers kick off their show season on Sunday, May 24 th at Ben Williamson Park on the Rock River, located at 5000 44 th Street in Rock Island. Shows are Sundays and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and are FREE for the public.

10. Passage of Ordinances & Resolutions

- a. An ordinance to install a handicapped parking space at 3225 9th Avenue. (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 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Healy, Evans, Hurt, Barnes, Swanson, Parker, Poulos. Nay: None. Absent: None.

- b. Report from the City Clerk's Office regarding a request from the Quad Cities Running Club to hold their annual TBK Quad Cities Marathon and a resolution for the closure of the Master Sergeant Stanley Talbot Memorial Bridge,15th Street (U.S. Highway 67), and 1st Avenue (IL 92) on Sunday, September 27, 2026, from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Motion: Motion to approve the request and adopt the resolution.
RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Evans moved to approve the request and adopt the resolution; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

11. Ordinances (First Readings)

- a. Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to install speed humps on 25th Avenue between 27th and 30th Street. (First Reading)

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Swanson moved to consider the ordinance, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance; Aldersperson Hurt seconded.

DISCUSSION

Aldersperson Swanson emphasized her support for the ordinance, considering the speeding that has occurred on 25th Avenue.

VOTE:

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

12. 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 May 1 through May 7 in the amount of \$1,393,669.37
- b. ACH Report for the month of April 2026 in the amount of \$1,057,938.67
- c. Report from the City Clerk's Office regarding requests from Quad City Arts to use sound amplification and to close Arts Alley on Friday, May 29, 2026 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for their Chalk Art Fest Kick Off Party; and a request for the outdoor consumption of alcohol in Arts Alley.
- d. Minutes from the April 27, 2026 Closed Session.
- e. Minutes from the May 11, 2026 City Council meeting.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to approve Consent Agenda items a through e; Aldersperson Hurt seconded.

VOTE:

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

13. Claims/Purchases

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #4 to Langman Construction, Rock Island, Illinois, for the Seal Coat and Asphalt Street Patching Program in the amount of \$137,563.87.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment to J.C. Dillon, Inc., Peoria, Illinois, for Water Service Repair Program and Sewer Lateral Repair Program repairs in the amount of \$112,483.29.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment to J.C. Dillon, Peoria, Illinois, for an emergency lead service replacement at 2506 33rd Avenue in the amount of \$12,135.48.

Motion: Motion to allow claims a through c.
RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to allow claims a through c; Aldersperson Evans 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: Healy, Evans, Hurt, Barnes, Swanson, Poulos. Nay: None. Absent: None.

- d. Report from the Finance Department regarding payment in the amount of \$41,444.39 to CivicPlus LLC of Dallas, TX for the renewal of the SeeClickFix annual maintenance contract from July 25, 2026 through July 24, 2027.

- e. Report from the Fire Department regarding a payment to the Illinois Fire Service, Champaign, IL for the Basic Operations Firefighter/NFPA 1010 Fire Academy for \$62,500.00.
- f. Report from the Fire Department regarding a payment to Dinges Fire Company, Amboy, Illinois for structural firefighter clothing in the amount of \$45,036.00.

Motion: Motion to allow claims d through f.
 RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to allow claims d through f; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

14. Appointments to Boards/Commissions/Committees

- a. Report from the Mayor's office regarding the appointment of Mayor Pro Tem.

Motion: Motion to elect Aldersperson _____ as Mayor Pro Tem through May 2027.
 RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Swanson moved to elect Aldersperson Parker as Mayor Pro Tem through May 2027; Aldersperson Hurt seconded.

Aldersperson Parker recused himself due to the nature of the vote.

VOTE:

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

15. Other Business/New Business

Aldersperson Swanson encouraged her fellow Alderspersons to speak with the managers of businesses whose handicapped parking spots need to be repainted. She asked if the City Manager would draft a letter to send out to local businesses with faded handicapped spots.

Aldersperson Healy stated that it can be expensive to get handicapped spots repainted, as most services will

only paint the entire lot rather than a couple of spots.

Mayor Harris invited Brad Cole, the CEO of the Illinois Municipal League, to speak before the City Council. Mr. Cole introduced himself and explained that the City of Rock Island is a member of the Illinois Municipal League, allowing him to conduct a meeting in Closed Session under Illinois law. Mr. Cole stated his intention to report back whether any action was taken during Closed Session after Council exits Closed Session.

16. Closed Session

- a. **5 ILCS 120/2(c)(16) Self evaluation, practices and procedures or professional ethics, when meeting with a representative of a statewide association of which the public body is a member.**

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to enter into Closed Session for the exceptions cited; Aldersperson Evans seconded.

VOTE:

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

Council entered Closed Session at 6:20 p.m.

17. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn to June 8, 2026.

Motion: Motion to adjourn.
VV Voice vote is needed.

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

Mr. Cole stated that no action took place during Closed Session.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to adjourn; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

The meeting concluded at 8:55 p.m.

[MIN_SIGNATURES]