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

7/13/2026 - 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, Mark Poulos, Bill Healy and Mayor Ashley Harris.

Absent: Alderpersons Jenni Swanson and Dylan Parker.

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:

Alderperson Healy moved to approve the agenda; Alderperson Evans seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Barnes, Poulos, Healy, Evans. Nay: None. Absent: Swanson and Parker.

6. Public Comment

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

No one in the public wished to speak.

7. Update Rock Island

Starlight Revue
The LAST Starlight Revue concert for the summer is tomorrow night, Tuesday, July 14th in Lincoln Park. Enjoy live music from The Night People starting at 6:30 p.m. Concessions open at 5 p.m. with delicious food from the Hy-Vee Grill.

Become a Rock Island Firefighter
The City is accepting applications for firefighters/paramedics with the Rock Island Fire Department now through September 11th. Make a difference in your community as you serve, save and protect! Applications and hiring requirements can be found on our website: rigov.org.

The Martin Luther King Center's Family Advocacy Center is here to serve you
MLK staff offer a free Life Skills Group that meets biweekly on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Separate groups will be held in different rooms to provide a comfortable and supportive environment. For questions, contact the Family Advocacy Center at 309-732-2985.

The Family Advocacy Center is partnering up with The Center for Youth and Family Solutions to bring families together for an evening of fun, connection and community on July 29th from 5 to 7 p.m. at the MLK Center, 630 9th St. There will be a variety of community resource booths.

8. Passage of Ordinances & Resolutions

a. An ordinance granting a Special Use Permit for the property at 702 20th Street. (Second Reading)

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Barnes, Poulos, Healy, Evans. Nay: None. Absent: Swanson and Parker.

9. Ordinances (First Readings)

a. Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Augustana College to install street name signs featuring both the City and Augustana College logos within the Augustana College neighborhood. (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 and consider the ordinance; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Barnes, Poulos, Healy, Evans. Nay: None. Absent: Swanson and Parker.

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. Claims for the week of June 5 through June 11 in the amount of $773,412.66; Claims for the week of June 12 through June 18 in the amount of $497,515.03; Claims for the week of June 19 through June 25 in the amount of $726,861.06; and Payroll for the weeks of May 25, 2026 through June 7, 2026 in the amount of $1,966,484.43; Payroll for the weeks of June 8, 2026 through June 21, 2026 in the amount of $1,994,531.15.

b. Purchase Card Claims for the Period of April 27, 2026 through May 26, 2026 in the amount of $96,724.87

c. Report from the Clerk's Office regarding requests from DeJanay Clay to use sound amplification and close 10th Street between 18th &19th Avenues on Friday, July 17th, 2026 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. for a birthday/block party.

d. Report from the Clerk's Office regarding requests from Greater Antioch Baptist Church to use sound amplification and to close 10th Avenue between 14th & 14 1/2 Streets on Saturday, July 25 and Sunday, July 26, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for their annual Community Fun Day & outdoor service worship event.

e. Report from the Clerk's Office regarding a request from the Rock Island Downtown Alliance to use sound amplification on July 3, 2026 from 5 p.m. to 10 pm.; and a request to waive the sound amplification fee.

f. Report from the Clerk's Office regarding a request from the MLK Center to use sound amplification on Saturday, September 5, 2026, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; a request to close 9th Street between 12th and 13th Avenues on Saturday, September 5, 2026, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. for their Soul of the City event; a request to hold a parade on Saturday, September 5, 2026; and a request to waive all fees.

g. Report from the Clerk's Office regarding a request from Rock Island High School to hold their annual Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 25, 2026 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

h. Minutes from the June 22, 2026 City Council Meeting.

i. Minutes from the May 18, 2026 Closed Session.

Motion: Motion to approve Consent Agenda items a through i.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Barnes, Poulos, Healy, Evans. Nay: None. Absent: Swanson and Parker.

11. Claims/Purchases

a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment to Xylem Dewatering Solutions, Chicago, Illinois, for flood pump rentals in the amount of $14,433.27.

b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment to Brandt Construction, Milan, Illinois, for an emergency sewer man repair at 812 47th Avenue in the amount of $15,850.58.

c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment to Modern Piping, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for emergency repairs at Whitewater Junction Swimming Pool in the amount of $14,104.53.

d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment to Monroe Truck Equipment, Inc., Chicago, IL, for snow removal equipment to be utilized for services at the Rock Island Arsenal in the amount of $22,208.00.

e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment to Sexton Ford, Moline, IL, for two F-250s and two F-350 pickup trucks for operations at the Rock Island Arsenal in the amount of $227,540.

f. Report from the Fire Department regarding a payment to RILCO Safety Supply of Bettendorf, IA, for Gas Detection Monitors and Accessory Equipment in the amount of $33,165.00.

Motion: Motion to allow claims a through f.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Healy moved to allow claims a through f; Alderperson Evans seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Barnes, Poulos, Healy, Evans. Nay: None. Absent: Swanson and Parker.

g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #5 to Langman Construction, Rock Island, Illinois, for the Seal Coat and Asphalt Street Patching Program in the amount of $403,913.60.

h. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment to J.C. Dillon, Peoria, Illinois, for emergency repairs at Whitewater Junction swimming pool in the amount of $49,579.13.

i. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment to J.C. Dillon, Peoria, Illinois for Water Service Repair Program and Sewer Lateral Repair Program repairs in the amount of $122,621.16.

Motion: Motion to allow claims g through i.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Healy moved to allow claims g through i; Alderperson Evans seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Barnes, Poulos, Healy, Evans. Nay: None. Absent: Swanson and Parker.

j. Report from the Public Works Department requesting authorization to purchase repair parts for the Mill Street Wastewater Treatment Plant from FPE-SunSource, Kalamazoo, Michigan, in the amount of $41,007.

k. Report from the Public Works Department requesting authorization to purchase repair parts for the Mill Street Wastewater Treatment Plant from Kraft Power Corporation, Gaylord, Michigan, in the amount of $63,727.

Motion: Motion to approve purchases j and k.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Healy moved to approve purchases k and j; Alderperson Evans seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Barnes, Poulos, Healy, Evans. Nay: None. Absent: Swanson and Parker.

12. Contracts/Agreements

a. Report from the Community Development Department regarding agreements with PGAV Planners, LLC for the creation of the South Port TIF and the extension of the Parkway/I-280 TIF in the amounts of $33,000 and $5,000.

Motion:	Motion to approve the agreements subject to minor attorney modifications and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreements.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to postpone the item until the July 27, 2026 City Council meeting; Alderperson Evans seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Barnes, Poulos, Healy, Evans. Nay: None. Absent: Swanson and Parker.

b. Report from the Finance Department regarding an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Illinois Office of the Comptroller and the City of Rock Island for participation in the Local Debt Recovery Program.

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

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to approve the agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the document, subject to minor attorney modifications; Alderperson Barnes seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Barnes, Poulos, Healy, Evans. Nay: None. Absent: Swanson and Parker.

c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 20th Avenue 38th to 45th Street sidewalk improvements north of Denkmann School as part of the Safe Routes to School Grant Program recommending the bid be awarded to Centennial Contractors, Moline, Illinois, in the amount of $609,124.50.

Motion: Motion to concur with the Illinois Department of Transportation's acceptance of the bid.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Healy moved to concur with the Illinois Department of Transportation's acceptance of the bid; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Barnes, Poulos, Healy, Evans. Nay: None. Absent: Swanson and Parker.

d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a Letter of Understanding (LOU) with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for the jurisdictional transfer of IDOT Right-of-Way 40th Street West.

Motion: Motion to approve the LOU and authorize the Mayor to execute the document, subject to minor attorney modifications.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Poulos moved to approve the LOU and authorize the Mayor to execute the document, subject to minor attorney modifications; Alderperson Hurt seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Barnes, Poulos, Healy, Evans. Nay: None. Absent: Swanson and Parker.

e. Report from the Police Department regarding a bid from Sampson Fence, Ltd., Blue Grass, IA, for the replacement of the west gate in the amount of $31,425.

Motion: Motion to accept the bid as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement, subject to minor attorney modifications.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Poulos moved to approve the agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the document, subject to minor attorney modifications; Alderperson Evans seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Barnes, Poulos, Healy, Evans. Nay: None. Absent: Swanson and Parker.

13. Budget/Finance Items

a. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the Street Improvement Fund (303) in the amount of $200,000.

Motion:	Motion to approve the budget adjustment.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Evans moved to approve the budget adjustment; Alderperson Healy seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Interim Public Works Director Luke VanLandegen stated that part of the transfer is to resurface 12th Street in front of the school, and the crosswalks would be repainted after the road is resurfaced.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Barnes, Poulos, Healy, Evans. Nay: None. Absent: Swanson and Parker.

b. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the TIF 4 Parkway-I280 Ballys Casino Fund (402) in the amount of $98,550.08.

Motion:	Motion to approve the budget adjustment.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to postpone the item until the July 27, 2026 City Council meeting; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Barnes, Poulos, Healy, Evans. Nay: None. Absent: Swanson and Parker.

c. Report from the Finance Department regarding budget adjustments to the TIF 3 North 11th Street Fund (401) and the TIF 11 Downtown Fund (409) in the amount of $229,100; along with the North Port District Fund (410) in the amount of $458,200.

Motion: Motion to approve the budget adjustment.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to postpone the item until the July 27, 2026 City Council meeting; Alderperson Healy seconded.

DISCUSSION

Alderperson Hurt stated that he moved to postpone due to his desire for more information on the adjustment.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Barnes, Poulos, Healy, Evans. Nay: None. Absent: Swanson and Parker.

14. Appointments to Boards/Commissions/Committees

a. Report from the Mayor's Office regarding an appointment and reappointments to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Motion: Motion to approve the appointment and reappointments as recommended.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Healy moved to approve the appointment and reappointments as recommended; Alderperson Evans seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Barnes, Poulos, Healy, Evans. Nay: None. Absent: Swanson and Parker.

b. Report from the Mayor's Office regarding an appointment to the Fire and Police Commissioners Board.

Motion: Motion to approve the appointment as recommended.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to postpone the item until the August 24, 2026 City Council meeting; Alderperson Healy seconded.

DISCUSSION

Council discussed the conflicts between the number of years commissioners had been appointed and the terms defined in the City's Code of Ordinances as well as the state statute. Attorney Leslie Day discussed Council's options and gave her recommendation to amend the ordinance from a four-year term to a three-year term.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 3-2 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Poulos, Healy. Nay: Barnes, Evans. Absent: Swanson and Parker.

c. Report from the Mayor's Office regarding appointments to the Human Rights Commission.

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

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to approve the appointments and reappointments as recommended; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0 roll call vote. Aye: Hurt, Barnes, Poulos, Healy, Evans. Nay: None. Absent: Swanson and Parker.

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:

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

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0 voice vote. Aye: Hurt, Barnes, Poulos, Healy, Evans. Nay: None. Absent: Swanson and Parker.

b. Other Business/New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

c.

Motion:	Motion to exit the Rock Island Regional Port Authority and reconvene the regular City Council meeting.

VV Voice vote is needed.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0 voice vote. Aye: Hurt, Barnes, Poulos, Healy, Evans. Nay: None. Absent: Swanson and Parker.

16. Other Business/New Business

Alderperson Evans spoke about the event that was held at Century Woods.

17. Closed Session

a. **5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding must be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.**

Motion: Motion to enter Closed Session for the exception cited.

VV Voice vote is needed.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0 voice vote. Aye: Hurt, Barnes, Poulos, Healy, Evans. Nay: None. Absent: Swanson and Parker.

The City Council entered closed session at 6:19 p.m.

18. Adjourn

a. Motion to adjourn to July 27, 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, except for Alderpersons Swanson and Parker.

MOTION:

Alderperson Healy moved to adjourn; Alderperson Evans seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0 voice vote. Aye: Hurt, Barnes, Poulos, Healy, Evans. Nay: None. Absent: Swanson and Parker.

The meeting concluded at 6:57 p.m.

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