

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

8/10/2026 - 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

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

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

- a. Oath of Office Ceremony for Police Chaplain Charles Butler.

Police Chief Timothy McCloud announced the appointment of Charles Butler as Police Chaplain, and explained

the history and importance of the position. City Clerk Amanda Torres administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Butler. A photo was taken.

- b. Proclamation declaring August 16, 2026 as Backyard BBQ Day.

Clerk Torres read the proclamation and Mayor Harris made his declaration.

- c. Proclamation declaring August 22, 2026 as Bill Bell Jazz & Heritage Festival Day.

Mayor Harris read the proclamation and his declaration. Shellie Moore Guy and other organizers of the Festival were present to receive the proclamation. Ms. Moore Guy said a few words. A photo was taken.

- d. Proclamation declaring August 23, 2026 as Othea Stevenson Day.

Mayor Harris read the proclamation and his declaration.

7. Public Comment

Sharon Davis spoke about public safety.

Jack Cullen, executive director of the Rock Island Downtown Alliance, spoke about item 10a. and the Alternating Currents events on the agenda.

Gary Bradley, the founder/owner of Broken Stone, proposed a plaque at Douglas Park commemorating the Rock Island Independents.

8. Update Rock Island

Coffee With a Cop

Join the Rock Island Police Department for Coffee with a Cop at The King's Cafe tomorrow morning at the Martin Luther King Center, 630 9th Street from 9 to 10 a.m. Coffee with a Cop helps to break down barriers by bringing police officers and the community together over coffee so we can make better connections and learn from one another.

Thursday Night Groove

Thursday Night Groove kicks off the Alternating Currents Arts Festival THIS THURSDAY, August 13th at Schwiebert Riverfront Park with TWO live shows! Enjoy a full night of live music, starting with Chicago's LowDown Brass Band from 7 to 9 p.m. followed by Adam Greuel & The Space Burritos from 9 to 11 p.m.

We have everything you need to make a night of it:

- Food from NEST Café Quad Cities and La Flama
- Beer from Bent River Brewing Company
- Stan's Ice Cream

Come early, stay late and kick off the Thursday Night Groove Series with us!

Red, White & Boom!

Grab your lawn chairs and coolers and head to Schwiebert Riverfront Park for Red, White & Boom this Saturday night. Starting at 6 p.m., enjoy food concessions, Bent River Beer Garden and dance to the music of DJ Jeff James. Then sit back and enjoy fireworks at 9:30 p.m.

9. Passage of Ordinances & Resolutions

- a. An ordinance to install a handicapped parking space at 1910 16th Street. (Second Reading)

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Evans moved to pass the ordinance; Aldersperson Barnes seconded.

VOTE:

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

- b. An ordinance rezoning the property with PIN 1616305004 from B-4 (highway business) district to C-2 (nature conservation) district. (Second Reading)

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

- c. An ordinance rezoning the properties with PINs 1620200004 & 1620400002. (Second Reading)

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to pass the ordinance; Aldersperson Barnes seconded.

VOTE:

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

- d. An ordinance amending Chapter 9 of the Rock Island Code of Ordinances by creating a new Article VII entitled "Unauthorized Motorized Vehicles and Reckless Operation." (Second Reading)

Motion: Motion to pass the ordinance.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

City Attorney Leslie Day discussed how the ordinance supplemented the state statute.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Barnes moved to amend the ordinance and change the effective date for the e-bike licensing and registration requirements to January 1st of 2027; Aldersperson Parker seconded.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

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

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:

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

- e. Report from the Community Development Department regarding an inducement resolution for planning and redevelopment expenditures for the proposed South Port District TIF.

Motion: Motion to pass the resolution.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to pass the resolution; Aldersperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

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

10. Ordinances (First Readings)

- a. Report from the Economic Development Department regarding TIF funded Business Assistance Programs. (First Reading)

Motion:	Motion to approve the proposed business assistance programs and consider the ordinance.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to approve the proposed business assistance program and consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Council members discussed having more time to review the ordinance.

MOTION:

Alderspreson Evans moved to postpone until the next City Council meeting; Aldersperson Barnes seconded.

VOTE ON POSTPONEMENT:

Motion FAILED on a 2-5 roll call vote. Aye: Barnes, Evans. Nay: Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy, Hurt. Absent: None.

DISCUSSION:

Rock Island Downtown Alliance (RIDA) Executive Director Jack Cullen explained RIDA's role in the process. Council discussed the approval process.

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:

Motion PASSED on a 5-2 roll call vote. Aye: Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy, Hurt. Nay: Barnes, Evans. Absent: None.

11. 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 July 10 through July 16 in the amount of \$1,246,759.22; claims for the week of July 17 through July 23 in the amount of \$369,478.87; claims for the week of July 24 through July 30 in the amount of \$814,122.97; and Payroll for the weeks of July 6, 2026 through July 19, 2026 in the amount of \$2,033,822.58
- b. Purchase Card Claims for the Period of May 27, 2026 through June 26, 2026 in the amount of \$84,215.97
- c. Report from the Finance Department regarding the annual renewal of the Fleet Department's fuel and vehicle software maintenance contract with Assetworks LLC in the amount of \$17,821.19.
- d. Report from the Clerk's Office regarding a request from the Cornbelt Running Club for their 38th Annual Nancy Kapheim Memorial Classic 5K and 10K Run on Sunday, October 4, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- e. Report from the Clerk's Office regarding requests from Shellie Moore Guy to use sound amplification and close 9th Street between 6th and 7th Avenues on Saturday, August 22, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. for the Polyrhythms Bill Bell Jazz and Heritage Festival; and a request to waive the sound amplification fee.
- f. Report from the Clerk's Office regarding a request from the Rock Island Labor Day Parade Advisory Board to hold the 42nd annual Rock Island Labor Day Parade on Monday, September 7, 2026, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- g. Report from the Clerk's Office regarding requests from the Quad City Botanical Center to close the intersection of 25th Street and 3rd Avenue on Sunday, August 16, 2026 from 3 p.m to 10 p.m.; and a request for the use of sound amplification at the Quad City Botanical Center, 2525 4th Avenue, on Sunday, August 16, 2026 from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. for a live music event.
- h. Report from the Clerk's Office regarding a request from The Cultural Trust to close the alley immediately south of 100 19th Street on Thursday, August 13, 2026 from 4:50 p.m. to 5:05 p.m. for a ribbon cutting and to kickoff Alternating Currents.
- i. Minutes from the July 27, 2026 City Council meeting.
- j. Minutes from the July 27, 2026 Closed Session.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved approve consent agenda items a through j; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

12. Claims/Purchases

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment to Langman Construction, Rock Island, Illinois, for the 28th Street Court and 32nd Avenue Court Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$28,018.98.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Swanson moved to allow the claim; Aldersperson Hurt seconded.

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

VOTE:

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

- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment 3 and final to Greenspace Associates, Bettendorf, Iowa, for the 2025 Sod Replacement Program in the amount of \$241,415.

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

- c. Report from the Public Works Department requesting authorization to purchase an automated

testing system for the Water Treatment Plant lab from IDEXX, Westbrook, Maine, in the amount of \$17,172.69.

Motion: Motion to approve the purchase.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to allow the claim; Aldersperson Barnes seconded.

VOTE:

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

13. Contracts/Agreements

- a. Report from the Clerk's Office and Legal Department regarding a hold harmless agreement with the Quad City Rollers to use the City-owned parking lot between 16th & 17th Streets on Friday, August 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. for a roller derby exhibition game during Alternating Currents.

Motion: Motion to approve the request and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement, subject to minor attorney modifications.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Evans moved to approve the request and authorize the City Manager to execute the document, subject to minor attorney modifications; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

- b. Report from the Clerk's Office and Legal Department regarding a hold harmless agreement with Second Baptist Church to use City-owned property at 500 11th Street on Saturday, August 22, 2026 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for their anniversary celebration.

Motion: Motion to approve the request and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement, subject to minor attorney modifications.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Evans moved to approve the request and authorize the City Manager to execute the document, subject to minor attorney modifications; Aldersperson Barnes seconded.

VOTE:

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

- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a proposal from IMEG for the 40th Street Phase 1 & 2 Construction Staking and Material Testing in an amount not to exceed \$62,600.

Motion: Motion to accept the proposal and authorize the City Manager to execute the document, subject to minor attorney modifications.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Evans moved to accept the proposal and authorize the City Manager to execute the document, subject to minor attorney modifications; Aldersperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

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

- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a supplement to the engineering services agreement with Hutchison Engineering, Moline, Illinois for the 30th Street 9th to 18th Avenue Resurfacing Project in the amount of \$5,861.

Motion: Motion to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement, subject to minor attorney modifications.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement, subject to minor attorney modifications; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

- e. Report from the Parks and Recreation Department regarding bids for the installation of an ADA concrete pathway with a curb for the Sunset Park east boat ramp, recommending the bid be awarded to Quad City Fix-It, Inc., Moline, IL, in the amount of \$13,000.

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

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to award the bid as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement, subject to minor attorney modifications; Aldersperson Evans seconded.

VOTE:

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

14. Budget/Finance Items

- a. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the Economic Development Fund (430) in the amount of \$2,837.
- b. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the Park and Recreation Fund (540) in the amount of \$69,600.
- c. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the Library Fund (480) in the amount of \$146,500.

Motion: Motion to approve budget adjustments a through c.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to approve budget adjustments a through c; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

- d. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the TIF 4 Parkway-I280 Ballys Casino Fund (402) in the amount of \$62,600.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to approve the budget adjustment as recommended; Aldersperson Evans seconded.

VOTE:

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

15. Appointments to Boards/Commissions/Committees

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

Motion: Motion to amend the City Council's July 13, 2026 action postponing consideration of the Mayor's appointment to the Police and Fire Commission until August 24, 2026, by changing the date for consideration to August 10, 2026; and consider and approve the Mayor's appointment to the Police and Fire Commissioners Board.
RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Evans moved to amend the City Council's July 13, 2026 action postponing consideration of the Mayor's appointment to the Police and Fire Commission until August 24, 2026, by changing the date for consideration to August 10, 2026; and consider and approve the Mayor's appointment to the Police and Fire Commissioner's Board; Aldersperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

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

16. 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 Swanson moved to close the regular City Council meeting and convene the Rock Island Regional Port District meeting; Aldersperson Evans seconded.

VOTE:

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

b. Other Business/New Business

Economic Development Director Tom Flaherty announced the city was awarded a \$120,000 site readiness grant to further study the Sunset South site.

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| 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 Parker moved to exit the Rock Island Regional Port District meeting and reconvene the regular City Council meeting; Aldersperson Evans seconded.

VOTE:

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

17. Other Business/New Business

Aldersperson Swanson and Aldersperson Evans commended Jack Cullen and the Rock Island Downtown Alliance for their efforts, including the 2nd Saturdays program and Alternating Currents event.

Mayor Harris and Aldersperson Evans congratulated Demetrius Johnson for winning the Bryant True Heroes Award.

18. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn to August 24, 2026.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Evans moved to adjourn; Aldersperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

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

The meeting concluded at 6:48 p.m.

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