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

1/22/2024 - 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, 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.

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

Fred Dasso, resident and member of the Rock Island Park Board, addressed Council. He discussed the various parks and amenities in the City of Rock Island as well as upcoming parks projects. Mr. Dasso urged Council members to increase the tax support for parks.

John MCvoy, resident and member of the Rock Island Park Board, described various park amenities and programs that are provided for the community. He asked Council members as the budget process moves forward for fiscal year 2025 to consider allocating funds upfront in an effort to be more proactive in providing the adequate funding needed to maintain the parks.

6. Minutes

a. Minutes from the January 8, 2024 Study Session and City Council Meeting.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the minutes as printed.
VV	Voice vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Swanson moved to approve the minutes as printed; Alderperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

7. Closed Session Minutes

a. Minutes from the November 27, 2023 Closed Session.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the Close Session minutes.
VV	Voice vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Swanson moved to approve the Closed Session minutes; Alderperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

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

a. Proclamation honoring Jordan Catholic School on its 50th Anniversary.

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

9. Update Rock Island

The City's Beautification Commission has selected the winners of the 38th Annual Holiday Lighting Contest. The contest is intended to recognize Rock Island residents and businesses who craft seasonal displays that people enjoy throughout the holidays.

Residential category winners:
1st Place: 3401 26th Avenue
2nd Place: 3501 30th Street
3rd Place: 2337 24th 1/2 Street

Commercial category winners:
1st Place: Longview Park Conservatory (Friends of Long View Park), 1300 17th St.
2nd Place: Hauberg Estate (Friends of Hauberg Civic Center), 1300 24th St.
3rd Place: Lundgren Family Chiropractic, 2965 13th Ave.

Bring your little one to the Sweetheart Dance
Rock Island Parks and Recreation is holding the annual Sweetheart Dance on Friday, February 9th from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at RIFAC – the Rock Island Fitness and Activity Center. Come dance the night away with your kids to fun music, take photos in the photo booth, enjoy some snacks and do crafts. Register at www.rigov.org/ePark or call 309-732-7275.

10. Ordinances

a. Amendments to the Code of Ordinances, Sections 10-40.2 and 10-40.3 related to recreational fires and open burning. (Second Reading)

Motion:	Motion whether or not to pass the amendments to the ordinance.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Poulos moved to pass the amendments to the ordinance; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

b. Amendments to the City of Rock Island Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 10: Police Community Relations Commission. (Second Reading)

Motion:	Motion whether or not to pass the amendments to the ordinance.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Robinson moved to pass the amendments to the ordinance; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Robinson, Hurt, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy. Nay: None. 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 December 22 through December 28, 2023 in the amount of $59,424.45 for the week of December 29, 2023 through January 04, 2024 in the amount of $696,426.96; and payroll for the weeks of December 11 through December 24, 2023 in the amount of $1,690,601.74.

b. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of $21,450.00 to ESRI Inc. for the annual contract renewal for GIS Mapping Software for the term January 15, 2024 through January 14, 2025.

c. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of $11,324.88 to GovermentJobs for the renewal of the maintenance contract for NEOGOV for the term April 8, 2024 through April 7, 2025.

d. International City/County Management Association (ICMA) claims for December 17 through December 29, 2023, in the amount of $26,915.11.

e. Report from the Parks and Recreation Department regarding a bid for a John Deere Gator with Beverage Cart for Highland Springs recommending the bid be awarded to Van Wall of Rock Island, IL in the amount of $17,350.00.

f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2024 treatment chemicals for water in the amount of 814,821.00 and for wastewater in the amount of 171,731.00.

g. Report from the Public Works Department to purchase rehabilitation parts for the primary clarifiers from Allied-Locke Industries, Dixon, Illinois, in the amount of $34,502.60.

h. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of $111,976.30 to Ostrom Painting and Sandblasting, Rock Island, Illinois, for the Pavement Marking Program.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve Consent Agenda items a through h.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Healy moved to approve Consent Agenda items a through h; Alderperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

12. Purchases

a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of $143,479.40 to Centennial Contractors of Moline, Illinois, for the Sidewalk and Pavement Patching Program.

b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of $38,556.39 to McClintock Trucking and Excavating, Silvis, Illinois, for the Water Service Repair Program and Sewer Later Repair Program repairs.

c. Report from the Public Works Department to approve the bid in the amount of $23,564.25 from Crawford Company, Rock Island, Illinois, for replacing the HVAC in the Water Plant Pulsator building.

d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of $11,346.29 to Valley Construction, Rock Island, Illinois, for the permanent restoration at 30th Street and 7th Avenue.

Motion:	Motion or not whether to allow claims items a through d.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Robinson moved to allow claim items a through d; Alderperson Healy seconded.

Alderperson Parker recused himself from the vote due to the nature of his employment.

VOTE:

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

13. Contracts / Agreements

a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding an amendment to the Water Tower Lease agreement with New Cingular Wireless.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the amendment to the agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to approve the amendment and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

b. Report from Administration regarding a proposal for a one-year agreement with Mercury for public strategy services for an amount not to exceed $105,000.00.

Motion: Motion whether or not to authorize staff to negotiate a contract for services with Mercury, subject to minor attorney modifications, for an amount not to exceed $105,000.00.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Poulos moved to authorize staff to negotiate a contract for services with Mercury, subject to minor attorney modifications, for an amount not to exceed $105,000; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

14. Ordinances with Reports from Departments

a. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department regarding the sale of City-owned property located adjacent to 4305 81st Avenue West to Steel Processing Center for $29,300.00 (First Reading).

Motion: Motion whether or not to approve the sale as recommended; authorize the City Manager to execute the sale agreement, subject to minor attorney modifications; and consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to approve the sale as recommended; authorize the City Manager to execute the sale agreement, subject to minor attorney modifications; and consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance; Alderperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

b. Report from the City Attorney regarding repeal of Chapter 3 Alcoholic Liquor of the City of Rock Island Code of Ordinances and adopting a new Chapter 3 Alcoholic Liquor Ordinance. (First Reading)

Motion:	Motion whether or not to consider the ordinance.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Healy moved to consider the ordinance; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

15. Resolutions with Reports from Departments.

a.

Report from the Public Works Department regarding adoption of the Motor Fuel Tax Resolution authorizing $413,760.00 for street maintenance in 2024.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to adopt the resolution as recommended.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Robinson moved to adopt the resolution as recommended; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

16. Budget/Finance Items

a. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department requesting the Parkway/I-280 TIF Fund Surplus (Fund 204) 2023 in the amount of $2,166,664.00 be declared as surplus and returned to the Rock Island County Treasurer for distribution.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the request as recommended.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to approve the request as recommended; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

b. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department requesting Downtown TIF Fund (TIF 201) in the amount of $285,481.25 be declared as surplus and returned to the Rock Island County Treasurer for distribution.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the request as recommended.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to approve the request as recommended; Alderperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

c. Report from the Finance Department requesting a budget carryover from CY 2023 in the amount of $21,315.35.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the request as recommended.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Healy moved to approve the request as recommended; Alderperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

d. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment in the amount of $38,598.00 in the MLK Activity Fund (901).

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the budget adjustment as recommended.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Robinson moved to approve the budget adjustment as recommended; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

e. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment in the amount of $105,000.00 in the General Fund (101).

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the budget adjustment as recommended.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Poulos moved to approve the budget adjustment as recommended; Alderperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

f. Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the CY 2023 budget for the Health Insurance Fund in the amount of $428,347.85 related to health insurance claims.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the budget adjustment as recommended.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Robinson moved to approve the budget adjustment as recommended; Alderperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

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

17. Department Reports

a. Report from Administration regarding approval of the City Hall Improvement project using $1.775 million in ARPA unrestricted funds, $225,000.00 in ARPA restricted funds and $250,000.00 in surplus funds for a total project amount of $2,250,000.00.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the City Hall Improvement project using ARPA funds and surplus funds as recommended.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to approve the City Hall Improvement project using ARPA funds and surplus funds as recommended; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

18. Traffic Engineering Requests

a. Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee to remove the residential parking zone on the east and west side of 10th Street north of 25th Avenue to the dead end (First Reading).

Motion:	Motion whether or not 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 Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

b. Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee to remove a handicapped parking space at 1236 24th Avenue (First Reading).

Motion:	Motion whether or not 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 Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

19. Appointments to Boards/Commissions/Committees

a. Report from the Mayor's Office regarding an appointment to the Arts & Beautification Commission.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the appointment as recommended.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Robinson moved to approve the appointment as recommended; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

20. The Rock Island Regional Port District

The Mayor will close the regular meeting in order to convene The Rock Island Regional Port District meeting. After the conclusion of the Rock Island Regional Port District meeting, the Mayor will close the meeting and reconvene the regular City Council meeting.

a. Motion: Motion whether or not to close the regular City Council meeting and convene The Rock Island Regional Port District meeting.

VV Voice vote is needed.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

b. Report from the City Attorney regarding adoption of the Rock Island Regional Port District Bylaws.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the Bylaws and adopt the Resolution.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

Mayor Thoms asked Clerk Gange to call the roll. All members of the City Council and Mayor Thoms were present.

Attorney Day explained that this was the first meeting of the Rock Island Regional Port District Board and noted the act became effective January 1, 2024. She indicated tonight's meeting consisted of a brief introduction about the port district and the passing of the bylaws. The Rock Island Regional Port District is required to meet monthly with each meeting taking place at the end of the first scheduled City Council meeting.

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to approve the Bylaws and adopt the resolution; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

Mayor Thoms closed the Rock Island Regional Port District board meeting and reconvened the regular City Council meeting.

Alderperson Swanson moved to adjourn the Rock Island Regional Port District board meeting; seconded by Alderperson Healy.

Upon entering back into the regular City Counicl meeting, Clerk Gange called the roll. All members of the City Council and Mayor Thoms were present.

21. Other Business/New Business

Council members expressed appreciation to the Public Works Department for the excellent job they did on getting the roads plowed.

Alderpersons Robinson and Swanson suggested the City pass an ordinance that during a snow emergency all residents be required to park on one side of the street as plows have had difficulty plowing and navigating narrow streets when cars are parked on both sides.

Mayor Thoms said Assistant to the City Manager and Economic Development Director Tom Flaherty would be leading the direction on the Rock Island Regional Port Authority. He explained next steps for the Authority include applying for a grant to develop a master plan for Sunset Business Park.

22. Closed Session

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

Motion: Motion whether or not to enter Closed Session for the exception cited.

VV Voice vote is needed.

Mayor Thoms announced the City Council would not be entering Closed Session.

23. Adjourn

a. Motion: Motion whether or not to adjourn until February 12, 2024.

VV Voice vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Poulos moved to adjourn the meeting; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

The meeting concluded at 7:28 p.m.