

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

1/8/2024 - Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mayor Thoms called the meeting to order at 6:46 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, Judith Gilbert, Jenni Swanson, Dylan Parker, Mark Poulos, Bill Healy and Mayor Mike Thoms.

Absent:

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

No one from the public was signed up to speak.

6. Minutes

- a. Minutes from the December 18, 2023 Study Session and City Council meeting.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Gilbert moved to approve the minutes as printed; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

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

- a. Proclamation declaring January as National Mentoring Month in the City of Rock Island.

City Clerk Gange read the proclamation. Mayor Thoms read his declaration. A member of the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Mississippi Valley was present to accept the proclamation. A picture was taken with Mayor Thoms.

- b. Presentation of the 2023 Holiday Lighting Awards.

Mayor Thoms announced this item would be moved to the next City Council meeting agenda.

8. Update Rock Island

Snow Emergency

The City of Rock Island has declared a snow emergency. Once snow depth has reached two inches, parking is not allowed on any marked snow routes until the snow has stopped and been cleared. Vehicles parked on marked snow routes can receive a \$35 parking ticket and may be also towed. To facilitate efficient snow removal, residents are urged not to park on residential streets until the snow removal process is completed.

Celebrate Martin Luther King Day with the community

The 41st Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Service and Awards will be held January 15th at 10:30 a.m. at the MLK Community Center, 630 9th Street, Rock Island. With a theme of "Walk Together, March Forward," the event will also be streamed on Facebook and YouTube.

State of the City Address

The 2024 State of the City address will be given by myself, Mayor Thoms, on Monday, January 22nd at Bally's Hotel and Casino. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. and the event begins at 10 a.m. A continental breakfast will be served with coffee and tea. The event is open to the public.

9. Ordinances

- a. A Special Ordinance regarding a Special Use Permit request from Jacob Meisenbach at 1229 2nd Avenue. (Second Reading)

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Robinson moved to pass the ordinance; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Robinson, Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy. 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 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 December 8 through December 14, 2023, in the amount of \$618,321.49; for the week of December 15 through December 21, 2023 in the amount of \$2,909,366.19; and payroll for the weeks of November 27 through December 10, 2023 in the amount of \$1,689,620.04.
- b. International City/County Management Association (ICMA) claims for the week of December 2 through December 15, 2023, in the amount of \$27,172.90.
- c. ACH Payments for the month of November 2023 in the amount of \$7,127,861.57.
- d. Purchase Card Claims for the period of October 27 through November 27, 2023 in the amount of \$79,322.51.
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$11,879.72 to Rain for Rent, Joliet, Illinois, for the Southwest Treatment Plant by-pass pump rental using ARPA funds.
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$54,337.31 to Electric Pump, Des Moines, Iowa, for the Southwest Treatment Plant valve replacement using

ARPA funds.

- g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$10,108.57 to Electric Pump, Des Moines, Iowa, for the Southwest Treatment Plant valve replacement.
- h. Report from the Fire Department regarding payment in the amount of \$24,292.25 to Sandry Fire Supply, Dewitt, Iowa, for the purchase of safety apparel.
- i. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$97,785.12 to Brandt Construction, Milan, Illinois, for emergency sewer repairs.
- j. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$11,356.01 to Hempel Pipe and Supply, Inc., Davenport, Iowa, for the replacement pvc piping for the sodium hypochlorite feed system.
- k. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$53,158.00 to Johnson Controls, Moline, Illinois, for measurement and verification services.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Robinson moved to approve Consent Agenda items a through k; Aldersperson Hurt seconded.

VOTE:

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

11. Purchases

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$236,735.08 to Walter D. Laud, Inc., East Moline, Illinois, for the 28th Street 20th to 21st Avenue Storm Sewer Project.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$122,114.77 to Five Cities Construction, Coal Valley, Illinois, for the Augustana Sewer Relocation Project using ARPA funds.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$89,134.06 to McClintock Trucking & Excavating, Silvis, Illinois, for Sewer Lateral Repair Program (SLRP) repairs.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Robinson moved to allow claim items a through c; Aldersperson Poulos 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: Robinson, Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson, Poulos, Healy. Nay: None. Absent: None.

- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$650,425.00 to Alexis Fire Equipment, Alexis, Illinois, for the emergency purchase of a new 2024 Alexis Fire Pumper Truck.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to approve the emergency purchase as recommended; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

12. Contracts / Agreements

- a. Report from the Public Works Department requesting approval to extend the 2023 Water Service and Sewer Lateral Repair Program maintenance contract with McClintock Trucking and Excavating, Silvis, Illinois through 2024 in the amount of \$500,000.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the contract extension through 2024 and allow the City Manager to execute the contract documents.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to approve the contract extension through 2024 and allow the City Manager to execute the contract documents; 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: Robinson, Hurt, Gilbert, Swanson, Poulos, Healy. Nay: None. Absent: None.

- b. Report from the Public Works Department requesting approval of a five-year agreement for the Rock Island Arsenal Access Agreement for swing span open signs.

Motion: Motion whether or not to approve the five-year agreement and allow the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to approve five-year agreement and allow the City Manager to execute the contract documents; Aldersperson Gilbert seconded.

VOTE:

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

13. Ordinances with Reports from Departments

- a. Report from the Fire Department regarding amendments to the Code of Ordinances, Sections 10-40.2 and 10-40.3 related to recreational fires and open burning. (First Reading)

Motion: Motion whether or not to consider the amendments to the ordinance.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

- b. Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a request from the City of Rock Island to vacate a segment of a north-south alleyway on the 500 block between 10th Street and 11th Street. (First Reading)

Motion: Motion whether or not to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance.
RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

- c. Report from the Mayor's Office and City Clerk regarding amendments to the City of Rock Island Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 10: Police Community Relations Commission. (First Reading)

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Robinson moved to consider the amendments to the ordinance; Aldersperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

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

14. Department Reports

- a. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department regarding a sign variance request from Rob Miller at 2223 11th Street.

Motion: Motion whether or not to deny the request.
RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Gilbert moved to approve the request with no stipulations; Aldersperson Hurt seconded.

VOTE:

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

- b. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding a four-year contract agreement with AFSME B from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Swanson moved to approve the proposed labor agreement as recommended; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

15. Traffic Engineering Requests

- a. Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee to install stop signs on 12th Avenue at its intersection with the 21st and 22nd Street intersections. (First Reading)

Motion:	Motion whether or not to deny the request.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance, and approve the request; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

- b. Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to establish the area of 26th Avenue to 100 feet west of 12th Street (back entrance to the Post Office) the honorary name of "Elizabeth J. Brown Way". (First Reading)

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the request as recommended and consider
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the ordinance.

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Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Gilbert moved to approve the request as recommended and consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance; Aldersperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

16. Appointments to Boards/Commissions/Committees

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

Motion:

Motion whether or not to approve the appointment as recommended.

RC

Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Gilbert moved to approve the appointment as recommended; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

17. Other Business/New Business

Mayor Thoms announced it was Alderwoman Gilbert's last City Council meeting as she submitted a letter of resignation effective January 12, 2024. He presented a plaque to Alderwoman Gilbert and thanked her for her service to the City of Rock Island and the Third Ward residents.

Alderwoman Gilbert thanked the Third Ward residents for their support and encouragement and said it has been a privilege to serve the City of Rock Island.

Mayor Thoms said he was accepting resumes and letters of interest through February 2, 2024 for Third Ward Aldersperson.

18. 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.

MOTION:

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

The City Council entered Closed Session at 7:07 p.m.

VOTE:

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

19. Adjourn

- a. Motion: Motion whether or not to adjourn until January 22, 2024.
VV Voice vote is needed.

Upon entering back into the regular meeting, roll call was taken and Mayor Thoms and all members of the City Council were present.

MOTION:

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

VOTE:

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