

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

2/26/2024 - 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, Mark Poulos, Bill Healy and Mayor Mike Thoms. Alderperson Dylan Parker attended the meeting via remote connection in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/7. Clerk Gange explained that Council members would need to take a voice vote to allow Alderperson Parker to attend remotely.

Absent: None.

Staff: City Manager Todd Thompson, Attorney Leslie Day, City Clerk Samantha Gange and other City staff were present.

MOTION:

Alderperson Poulos moved to allow Alderperson Parker to attend the meeting remotely; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

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

Michael Goodrum said his home shares an alleyway with Longview Apartments in Rock Island. He expressed frustration with not being able to leave his home on numerous occasions because of snow blocking his driveway from the plow that takes care of the apartment complex. He indicated he hasn't had much success with the apartment complex or the City in resolving the issue. He provided photos to Council members of the recent snow that blocked him in. He asked the City if they could work with him on resolving the issue. He also described the garbage that has been a nuisance in the alleyway.

6. Minutes

- a. Minutes from the February 12, 2024 Study Session and City Council meeting.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to approve the minutes as printed; Aldersperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

7. Update Rock Island

Get ready to hop into some fun!

The Parks and Recreation Department is holding its annual Spring Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23 at 9 a.m. in

Lincoln Park. Children will race to gather eggs filled with candy and prizes. Bring your own basket for this exciting adventure. The park is divided into three sections, each with an equal number of eggs and participants. Registration is required for children ages 3 to 10.

To register or to learn about other Easter activities like the underwater egg hunt or bunny visits, go to rigov.org/EPARK or call 309-732-7275.

Come enjoy free music at the Rock Island Public Library

Tuneful Tuesdays continue March 5 at the Downtown Library Branch at 401 19th Street. Enjoy this fun and free community concert as you're transported to the Scottish Highlands while listening to Black Hawk Pipes and Drums. Light refreshments will be served.

Do you need help filing taxes?

The Martin Luther King Center is offering FREE tax preparation service for families with household incomes of \$64,000 or less. Each year United Way Quad Cities helps hundreds of local families prepare their income taxes, free of charge, with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

The MLK center will be a walk in only in-person tax filing site with volunteers available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 5 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information or questions about the Volunteer Tax Assistance program, call their office at (563) 355-4310.

Mayor Thoms announced that the Rock Island Police and Fire Departments are participating in the Polar Plunge to raise money for Special Olympics on Sunday, March 3, 2024 at Bally's Casino in Rock Island.

Mayor Thoms indicated agenda items 13 a and b have been removed from the agenda.

8. 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 January 19 through January 25, 2024 in the amount of \$1,238,479.89; for the week of January 26th through February 1, 2024, in the amount of \$383,519.33; and payroll for the weeks of January 22 through February 4, 2024 in the amount of \$1,789,927.04.
- b. International City/County Management Association (ICMA) claims for the week of January 13 through January 26, 2024, in the amount of \$33,359.10.
- c. Report from the IT Department regarding the annual software maintenance renewal agreement with Harris Govern from April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025 in the amount of \$37,854.00 (10% increase from the previous year).
- d. Report from the IT Department regarding the annual software maintenance renewal agreement with Harris GEMS from April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025 in the amount of \$91,114.83 (6% increase from the previous year).

- e. Report from the IT Department regarding payment in the amount of \$39,980.56 to IT Savvy, Chicago, IL for Hewlett Packard Enterprise server equipment.
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding authorization to purchase parts for the screening belt conveyor at the Mill Street Wastewater Treatment Plant from Serpentix Conveyor Corp., Westminster, Colorado, in the amount of \$13,046.30.
- g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment to Utility Service Co., Inc., Dallas, Texas, in the amount of \$25,000.00 for services provided for the 9010 Ridgewood Road water tower for 2024.
- h. Report from the Fire Department regarding payment to the Illinois Public Risk Fund for the purchase of the Lexipol software in the amount of \$12,852.55.
- i. Report from the Fire Department regarding payment to the Illinois Public Risk Fund for the purchase of the Lexipol software in the amount of \$15,648.40.
- j. Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of one 2024 Ford F150 XL 4X4 pickup from Sexton Ford Inc., Moline, Illinois, in the amount of \$43,449.00.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to approve Consent Agenda items a through j; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

9. Contracts / Agreements

- a. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department regarding a funding agreement with the Community Caring Conference.

Motion: Motion whether or not to approve the agreement as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents.
 RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to approve the agreement as recommended and authorize the City Manager to

execute the documents; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

- b. Report from Administration regarding a funding agreement with Rock Island Investors, LLC.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the agreement as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Swanson moved to approve the agreement as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

10. Ordinances with Reports from Departments

- a. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department regarding a special ordinance amending a Special Use Permit for Liam Hammond at 2215 5th Avenue. (First Reading)

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

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance with the correction of the address from 5th Avenue to 25th Avenue; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

- b. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department regarding an Ordinance establishing the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Program. (First Reading)

Motion:	Motion whether or not to adopt the C-PACE Program and consider the
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ordinance.

RC

Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to adopt the C-PACE Program and consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Resident Doug House explained that the program serves as an economic development tool and will be a great benefit to the City of Rock Island as well as the surrounding communities. He noted that Rock Island County, the City of Moline, the City of East Moline, and Milan have already adopted the program. He explained details of the program's benefits, including loans to businesses at lower interest rates.

VOTE:

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

11. Resolutions with Reports from Departments

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a Resolution declaring support for submittal of a CDS Grant application for the Mississippi River Levee Pump Stations Project.

Motion: Motion whether or not to approve the resolution as recommended.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to approve the resolution as recommended; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a Resolution declaring support for submittal of a CDS Grant application for the Sunset Marina Dredging Project.

Motion: Motion whether or not to approve the resolution as recommended.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to adopt the resolution as recommended; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

12. Budget/Finance Items

- a. Report from the Finance Department regarding two budget carryovers from CY 2023 to CY 2024 in the amounts of \$25,314.32 and \$53,858.83 in the ARPA Fund (248) and the General Fund (101).
- b. Report from the Finance Department requesting a budget carryover from CY 2023 for the Martin Luther King Center in the amount of \$111,033.60 in the MLK Activity Fund (901).
- c. Report from the Finance Department requesting a budget carryover from CY 2023 to the Community/Economic Development Fund (207) in the amount of \$19,816.44.
- d. Report from the Finance Department requesting a budget carryover from CY 2023 to the TIF #1 Downtown Fund (201) in the amount of \$1,252,852.52.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve budget carryover items a through d as recommended.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Robinson moved to approve budget carryover items a through d as recommended; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

13. Department Reports

- a. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department regarding updates to the City's Community Garden Program Policy.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the program policy.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

This item was removed from the agenda.

- b. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department regarding changes to the locations of the Community Garden Sites for the 2024 season.

Motion: Motion whether or not to approve the changes to the locations of the Community Garden Sites.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

This item was removed from the agenda.

- c. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department regarding a final plat for the Thermo King Subvision.

Motion: Motion whether or not to approve the final plat subject to minor technical corrections.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to approve the final plat subject to minor technical corrections; Aldersperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

14. Appointments to Boards/Commissions/Committees

- a. Report from the Mayor's Office regarding the appointment of Kevin Maynard as Third Ward Aldersperson through April, 2025.

Motion: Motion whether or not to approve the appointment as recommended.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

15. Other Business/New Business

Aldersperson Healy wished the Alleman High School girls basketball team good luck in the super sectional game and if they win, they will go on to state in the final four.

Mayor Thoms announced that Assistant City Manager Tom Flaherty and himself would be joining the Quad Cities Chamber next week in Washington D.C. to advocate for the regions' federal legislative agenda as well as continue to have discussions with federal leaders regarding specific needs in the City of Rock Island.

16. Adjourn

- a. Motion whether or not to adjourn to March 11, 2024.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to adjourn.
VV	Voice vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to adjourn the meeting; Aldersperson Hurt seconded.

VOTE:

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

The meeting concluded at 7:06 p.m.