

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

3/11/2024 - 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 Jenni Swanson, Moses Robinson, Kevin Maynard, Randy Hurt and Mayor Mike Thoms. Alderperson Mark Poulos attended via remote connection in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/7.

Absent: Parker, Healy

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

- a. Approval of remote attendance in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/7.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to allow remote attendance.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to allow remote attendance; Alderperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 4-0-2 roll call vote. Aye: Swanson, Robinson, Maynard, Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: Parker, Healy.

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

Nicole Sodawasser from the YWCA in Rock Island discussed the at-risk youth program they offer called "ThePlace2B". The program currently provides services such as mentoring, transitional housing, goal-setting, activities, life skills among other services to approximately 84 youth.

6. Minutes

- a. Minutes from the February 26, 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 Robinson moved to approve the minutes as printed; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0-2 voice vote. Aye: Swanson, Poulos, Robinson, Maynard, Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: Parker, Healy.

7. Closed Session Minutes

- a. Minutes from the December 18, 2023 Closed Session.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the Closed Session minutes.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Robinson moved to approve the Closed Session minutes; Aldersperson Hurt seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0-2 voice vote. Aye: Swanson, Poulos, Robinson, Maynard, Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: Parker, Healy.

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

- a. Oath of Office of Third Ward Aldersperson Kevin Maynard.

Clerk Gange administered the Oath of Office to Third Ward Aldersperson Kevin Maynard.

- b. Announcement from the Rock Island Police Department on the naming on the new K-9.

Chief Landi said a social media naming contest was held for the new police K-9. He said that over 1,313 names were submitted and, after removing the duplicates, there was a total of 720 name suggestions. Police Department personnel voted on the top 3 from a list of 10 and Officer Bowman and his family were able to select the winning name. Police Chief Richard Landi, Officer Alex Bowman, the Mayor and Council members revealed that the winning name for the new K-9 naming contest was Blue.

9. Update Rock Island

Show your Irish spirit this Saturday

The 38th annual St. Patrick's Society Grand Parade is Saturday, March 16. The parade begins at 11:30 a.m. downtown Rock Island on the corner of 4th Avenue and 23rd Street. The nation's only bi-state parade will feature marching bands, family clans, and more as it winds through Rock Island and crosses the Centennial Bridge into Davenport.

Please take the Rock Island Public Library's community survey

The Rock Island Public Library is creating a new strategic plan for 2025 to 2028, and wants to know your thoughts about library services, needs and community priorities. The community survey is open to everyone until April 1, including non-users of the library. Take the survey online at rockislandlibrary.org or pick up a paper copy at one of the three library locations.

Free tax preparation continues at the Martin Luther King Center

Families with household incomes of \$64,000 or less are eligible for FREE tax preparation at the MLK Center. 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.

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 February 2 through February 8, 2024, in the amount of \$1,266,764.10; for the week of February 9 through February 15, 2024, in the amount of \$2,513,830.72; and payroll for the weeks of February 5 through February 18, 2024 in the amount of \$1,811,792.13.
- b. International City/County Management Association (ICMA) claims for the week of January 27 through February 9, 2024, in the amount of \$33,485.66.
- c. Purchase Card Claims for the period of December 27, 2023 through January 26, 2024 in the

amount of \$56,075.57

- d. ACH Payments for the month of January 2024 in the amount of \$2,350,807.27
- e. Report from the IT Department regarding payment to Geneseo Communications of Geneseo, IL, in the amount of \$13,000 for Ethernet services at 11th Street and 31st Avenue and 44th Street & Blackhawk Road.
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment to John Robert Westpfahl of Milan, IL in the amount of \$3,300 for the annual land set aside.

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0-2 roll call vote. Aye: Swanson, Poulos, Robinson, Maynard, Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: Parker, Healy.

11. Contracts / Agreements

- a. Report from the Public Works Department requesting approval to award a contract in the amount of \$417,916.00 to Walter D. Laud of East Moline, Illinois for the 2024 Sidewalk and Pavement Patching Program.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Swanson moved to award the contract as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents; Aldersperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0-2 roll call vote. Aye: Swanson, Poulos, Robinson, Maynard, Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: Parker, Healy.

- b. Report from the Public Works Department requesting approval to award a contract in the amount of \$108,000 to IMEG of Rock Island, IL, for the Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant Lift Station

Replacement Project.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to award the contract as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents; Aldersperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0-2 roll call vote. Aye: Swanson, Poulos, Robinson, Maynard, Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: Parker, Healy.

- c. Report from the Public Works Department requesting approval to execute the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security LPDN Grant Agreement.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Maynard moved to approve the grant agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0-2 roll call vote. Aye: Swanson, Poulos, Robinson, Maynard, Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: Parker, Healy.

- d. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department Regarding a High Impact Project GRIT Agreement with Total Cluster Fudge in the amount of \$100,000.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Swanson moved to approve the agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Alisa Shakespeare, owner of Total Cluster Fudge, provided Council members with an overview of the company and the products they make.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0-2 roll call vote. Aye: Swanson, Poulos, Robinson, Maynard, Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: Parker, Healy.

12. Resolutions with Reports from Departments

- a. Report from the Public Works Department requesting approval of an amended Motor Fuel Tax Resolution appropriating \$946,210.70 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for Street Maintenance in 2023.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Swanson moved to adopt the amended resolution; Aldersperson Maynard seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0-2 roll call vote. Aye: Swanson, Poulos, Robinson, Maynard, Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: Parker, Healy.

- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding approval of the IDOT Local Agency Agreement and Resolution to patch and resurface IL 92 (78th Avenue West/Rock Island Road) from 115th Street West in Andalusia to IL 92 (Centennial Expressway) in the City of Rock Island.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the agreement, adopt the resolution and authorize the Mayor to execute the documents.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to approve the agreement, adopt the resolution and authorize the Mayor to execute the documents; Aldersperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0-2 roll call vote. Aye: Swanson, Poulos, Robinson, Maynard, Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: Parker, Healy.

- c. Report from the Mayor's Office regarding a Resolution declaring opposition to the elimination of the one-percent (1%) sales tax on grocery items.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to adopt the resolution; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0-2 roll call vote. Aye: Swanson, Poulos, Robinson, Maynard, Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: Parker, Healy.

13. Budget/Finance Items

- a. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the Parks and Recreation Fund (555) in the amount of \$901,800.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Robinson moved to approve approve the budget adjustment as recommended; Aldersperson Maynard seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0-2 roll call vote. Aye: Swanson, Poulos, Robinson, Maynard, Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: Parker, Healy.

- b. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget carryover from CY 2023 in the TIF #6 The Locks Fund (208) in the amount of \$16,907 for CY 2024.
- c. Request from the Finance Department regarding a budget carryover from CY 2023 to the COMMDEVBLOCK GRANT CFDA FUND (242) in the amount of \$406,821.46 for CY 2024.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve budget carryover items b and c as recommended.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Maynard moved to approve the budget carryover items b and c as recommended; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0-2 roll call vote. Aye: Swanson, Poulos, Robinson, Maynard, Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: Parker, Healy.

14. Traffic Engineering Requests

- a. Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to install a handicapped parking space in front of 2031 46th Street (First Reading).

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Swanson moved to approve the request and consider the ordinance; Aldersperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0-2 roll call vote. Aye: Swanson, Poulos, Robinson, Maynard, Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: Parker, Healy.

15. 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:

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

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0-2 voice vote. Aye: Swanson, Poulos, Robinson, Maynard, Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: Parker, Healy.

b. Other Business/New Business

There was no new business to discuss. Mayor Thoms indicated the Regional Port District meetings would take place during the regular City Council meeting on the second Monday of every month.

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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 Poulos moved to exit the Rock Island Regional Port Authority and reconvene the regular City Council meeting; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0-2 voice vote. Aye: Swanson, Poulos, Robinson, Maynard, Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: Parker, Healy.

16. Other Business/New Business

Mayor Thoms said that he was in Washington, D.C. last week along with Economic Development Director Tom Flaherty, members of the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce and other local government and business leaders advocating for the Quad Cities legislative agenda. He announced the City of Rock Island was awarded \$1.5 million in congressional discretionary funds from Representative Eric Sorensen for a road construction project in Southwest Rock Island. Additionally, the City of Rock Island was awarded \$1 million from Senator Durbin's office for dredging at Sunset Marina.

Aldersperson Robinson remarked on the excellent job the Public Works Department has done on tree removal in his Ward.

17. Adjourn

- a. Motion whether or not to adjourn to March 25, 2024.

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| Motion: | Motion whether or not to adjourn. |
| RC | Roll Call vote is needed. |

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 4-0-2 voice vote. Aye: Swanson, Poulos, Robinson, Maynard and Hurt. Nay: None. Absent: Parker, Healy.

The meeting concluded at 7:14 p.m.