

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
County Office Building
County Chambers, 3rd Floor
1504 Third Avenue, Rock Island, IL

4/8/2024 - 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: Alderperson Kevin Maynard.

Staff: Parks & Recreation Director John Gripp, 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

Mayor Thoms asked if anyone in the public wished to speak. Nobody was signed up to speak.

6. Minutes

- a. Minutes from the March 25, 2024 Study Session and City Council meeting.

Motion: Motion whether or not to approve the minutes as printed.

VV Voice vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderpersion Hurt moved to approve the minutes as printed; Alderpersion Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: Maynard.

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

- a. Proclamation declaring April as Earth Month in the City of Rock Island.

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

- b. Proclamation declaring April 7-13, 2024 National Library Week in the City of Rock Island.

Clerk Gange read the proclamation. Mayor Thoms read his declaration. Library Director Angela Campbell accepted the proclamation. A photo was taken with Mayor Thoms.

- c. Proclamation declaring April 15-19, 2024 National Work Zone Awareness Week in the City of Rock Island.

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

8. Update Rock Island

Celebrate National Library Week at the Rock Island Public Library

National Library Week is this week -- April 7th to the 13th. Stop by any of the three Rock Island library branches: downtown, Watts-Midtown or the Southwest branch to take advantage of special programs like birdwatching, attend a lecture on Civil War history by a Rock Island Arsenal historian, learn crafts or watch a free movie like the Color Purple, and so much more.

No matter where you find yourself in life, the Rock Island Library offers resources and support to learn through books and events. For more information about these, and other library services and events, visit the library's website at www.rockislandlibrary.org or call 309-732-READ.

Are you ready for spring cleaning or shopping?

The annual Parks and Recreation Spring Community Garage Sale and Vendor fair will be held Saturday, April 27th at Longview Park from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visitors will have more than 70 booths to shop from with everything from baked goods and handmade items to second-hand goods. Anyone interested in being a vendor is asked to register by calling 309-732-7275.

Are you looking for a great career that also serves and protects the community?

The Rock Island Police Department is seeking to hire the next generation of police officers to serve our great community. If you are looking for the type of career where you can make a difference for those around you, apply today at rigov.org.

9. 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 March 1 through March 7, 2024 in the amount of \$580,097.75; for the week of March 8 through March 14, 2024 in the amount of \$538,384.93; and payroll for the weeks of March 4 through March 17, 2024 in the amount of \$1,806,101.10
- b. International City/County Management Association (ICMA) claims for the weeks of February 24 through March 8, 2024, in the amount of \$33,849.68
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment to Brandt Construction of Milan, Illinois in the amount of \$17,711.14 for an emergency water main repair at 3812 30th Street.
- d. Report from the Public Works Department to authorize Terex Corporation of Waukesha, Wisconsin in the amount of \$19,291.78 for bucket truck repairs.
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the membrane roof replacement of the Public Works Building, recommending the bid be awarded to Sterling Commercial Roofing of Sterling, Illinois in the amount of \$53,100.
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding declaring the items on the attached list as surplus and permission to dispose of the surplus vehicles and equipment.
- g. Report from the Fire Department regarding the purchase of the Quantifit 2 Testing System from OHD, LLLP of Hoover, Alabama in the amount of \$15,190.

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

MOTION:

Alderperson Healy moved to approve Consent Agenda items a through g; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: Maynard.

10. Purchases

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment to Valley Construction of Rock

Island, Illinois in the amount of \$31,300 for emergency repair of the Municipal Services Garage.

- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment to McClintock Trucking and Excavating of Silvis, Illinois in the amount of \$45,328.93 for Water Service and Sewer Lateral Repairs.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Swanson moved to allow claims items a and b; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

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

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: Maynard.

11. Contracts / Agreements

- a. Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the 2024 Andalusia Road Farm Lease.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to approve the lease agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents; Aldersperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: Maynard.

- b. Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the 2024 Big Island Farm Lease.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to approve the lease agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents; Aldersperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: Maynard.

- c. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department regarding Lease Agreements for the DeSoto Arts Building at 2324 3rd Avenue.

Motion: Motion whether or not to approve the two lease agreement amendments extending the lease term to December 31, 2024 and direct the City Manager to execute said amendments.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to approve the two lease agreements extending the lease term to December 31, 2024, and direct the City Manager to execute said amendments; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: Maynard.

- d. Report from the Public Works Department requesting approval to award a lease agreement in the amount of \$850 per month for the Centennial Bridge office to the Rock Island Downtown Alliance.

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

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Robinson moved to approve the draft lease agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents; Aldersperson Hurt seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Swanson. Nay: None.

Absent: Maynard.

12. Ordinances

- a. An Ordinance regarding the establishment of a Street Improvement Utility and Street Improvement Fund (Second Reading).

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Hurt, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: Maynard.

- b. An Ordinance regarding the sale of City-owned property located at 1322 4th Avenue to NEST Café. (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 Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: Maynard.

- c. An Ordinance regarding amendments to the Sign Ordinance. (Second Reading)

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: Maynard.

- d. Special Ordinance regarding a request from Paul Hedgecock, 2038 36th Street, to install a handicapped parking space in front of his home (Second Reading).

Motion: Motion whether or not to pass the ordinance.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: Maynard.

- e. Special Ordinance regarding a request from Carrie Crampton, 2954 12th Street, to remove the handicapped parking space in front of her home (Second Reading).

Motion: Motion whether or not 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 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: Maynard.

- f. Special Ordinance regarding a request from Dennis Jacks, 1505 21st Avenue, to install a handicapped parking space across the street from his home (Second Reading).

Motion: Motion whether or not to pass the ordinance.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Swanson. Nay: None.
Absent: Maynard.

- g. Special Ordinance regarding a request from Jim Reynolds to ban parking on the west side of Knoll Court south of Valley Drive (Second Reading).

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Swanson. Nay: None.
Absent: Maynard.

13. Resolutions with Reports from Departments

- a. Report from the Parks & Recreation Department and City Clerk's office regarding a Highway Resolution for the closure of 1st Avenue between 17th Street and 20th Street on July 3, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., along with a rain date of July 4, 2024 for the annual Red, White & Boom fireworks display and concert at Schwiebert Riverfront Park.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Robinson moved to adopt the resolution; Aldersperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Swanson. Nay: None.
Absent: Maynard.

14. Budget/Finance Items

- a. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the IL DCFS Fund (905) in the amount of \$21,577.

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: Maynard.

15. Traffic Engineering Requests

- a. Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Sue and Jay Pienta, 2116 24th Street, to install speed humps on 24th Street between 21st and 22nd Avenue (First Reading).

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to deny the request; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Fire Chief Graff noted that this is an ambulance route and the high school is also on this route and adding a speed hump would be disruptive. Public Works Director Mike Bartels indicated that this would exceed the traffic count numbers threshold set by City ordinance.

Aldersperson Parker suggested adding a speed limit radar sign that flashes red when a vehicle exceeds the speed limit. Chief Landi indicated the Police Department's main focus with these signs is to place them in school zones. However, the department has budgeted for purchasing additional mobile speed limit signs and will be able to place the signs in problem areas. The cost for two devices is approximately \$5,000.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: Maynard.

- b. Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Virgil Mayberry, 559 22nd Avenue, to install speed bumps on 22nd Avenue between 5th to 9th Street (First Reading).

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to approve the request and consider the ordinance; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Swanson. Nay: None.
Absent: Maynard.

16. Appointments to Boards/Commissions/Committees

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

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to approve the reappointment as recommended; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Swanson. Nay: None.
Absent: Maynard.

17. Events/Misc Requests

- a. Report from the City Clerk's office regarding a request from Augustana College Office of Student Life and Leadership to use sound amplification on Saturday, May 11, 2024 from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at Lindberg Stadium, 520 38th Street as part of the annual Slough Fest.

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Swanson. Nay: None.
Absent: Maynard.

- b. Report from the City Clerk's office regarding requests from Othea Stevenson, Shiloh, IL to use sound amplification and close off the streets between 11th Street and 12th Street at 11th Avenue on Saturday, May 5, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for a children's event on gun violence.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Robinson moved to approve the requests as recommended; Aldersperson Hurt seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Swanson. Nay: None.
Absent: Maynard.

18. 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 Poulos moved to close the regular City Council meeting and convene the Rock Island Regional Port District; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-1 voice vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Swanson. Nay: None.
Absent: Maynard.

b. Other Business/New Business

Community & Economic Development Director Miles Brainard said the City, in collaboration with the Bi-State Regional Commission, are applying for a grant. The grant will be used to develop a plan on how the Port Authority should function, goals and initiatives, potential infrastructure expansion and investment, among other things. The grant amount is approximately \$500,000 with a 20 percent match from the City. It was noted that dredging is exempt from these grant opportunities. Mayor Thoms discussed the importance of public and private partnerships and relationships. Assistant City Manager and Economic Development Director Tom Flaherty remarked that he has been visiting businesses in the industrial park and Sunset and is aware of who has expansion plans and who is in need of some assistance, so when the plan comes into fruition, they will be utilizing these relationships. It was noted the grant being applied for is through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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 Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-1 voice vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: Maynard.

19. Other Business/New Business

Aldersperson Robinson said the Easter Egg hunt that was held over the weekend drew a large crowd of kids and was a success.

Aldersperson Poulos asked if it was possible to look into a warning sign for the fire station on 30th Street. Fire Chief Bob Graff indicated there are warning signs, but with the heavy traffic, they are looking to find other solutions to the problem.

Aldersperson Parker said he would like to discuss the phone call that he received from Mayor Thoms and Mr. Brainard. Mr. Brainard indicated he intended to send a memo to Council members in the morning with the details. He indicated they have not notified impacted parties and would like to wait to hold a public discussion until everyone is notified. Mayor Thoms noted there are two more meetings for the opportunity to discuss the issue before it comes to a vote in May.

20. 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 into Closed Session for the exception cited.
VV	Voice vote is needed.

Mayor Thoms announced that Council would not be entering Closed Session.

21. Adjourn

- a. Motion to Adjourn to April 22, 2024.

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-1 voice vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Swanson. Nay: None.
Absent: Maynard.

The meeting concluded at 7:26 p.m.