

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

4/22/2024 - 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, Kevin Maynard, Jenni Swanson, Dylan Parker, Mark Poulos, Bill Healy and Mayor 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

Mayor Thoms asked if anyone in the public wished to speak. No residents were signed up.

6. Minutes

- a. Minutes from the April 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:

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

VOTE:

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

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

- a. Oath of Office for Jessica Sager, City Treasurer/Finance Director.

Mayor Thoms announced the retirement of Police Chief Richard Landi and thanked him for his service to Rock Island. Chief Landi remarked on his 30-year career with the Rock Island Police Department. Mayor Thoms and City Manager Todd Thompson presented Chief Landi with a recognition of service plaque. A photo was taken.

City Clerk Samantha Gange administered the Oath of Office to Jessica Sager, Finance Director.

- b. Proclamation declaring April 26, 2024 as Arbor Day in the City of Rock Island.

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

- c. Proclamation declaring April 28 through May 4, 2024 as National Small Business Week in the City of Rock Island.

Clerk Gange read the proclamation. Mayor Thoms read his declaration. Employees from Theo's Java Cafe were present to accept the proclamation and said a few words about small business week. A photo was taken.

- d. Proclamation declaring May as Internal Audit Awareness Month in the City of Rock Island.

Clerk Gange read the proclamation. Mayor Thoms read his declaration. Members of the Institute of Internal Auditors Heartland-Iowa Chapter accepted the proclamation. A photo was taken.

8. Update Rock Island

Spring Community Garage Sale & Vendor Fair

Come search for a great bargain or hidden treasure at the annual Spring Community Garage Sale and Vendor Fair on Saturday, May 4 at Upper Longview Park from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Browse through more than 6,000 square feet of shopping for toys, home decor, furniture, trinkets, homemade items and more from over 50 garage sale and craft vendors. For more information, call 309-732-7275.

Speaking of Rain ...

The City of Rock Island and River Action have partnered together to offer FREE rain barrels. Come pick up your rain barrel this Saturday, April 27 at Longview Park from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Barrels can be picked up at the storage garage near the greenhouse.

Do you have prescription drugs that need to be disposed of?

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is this Saturday, April 27th at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Center, 630 9th Street from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event aims to provide a safe and responsible way of disposing of prescription drugs while educating the public about the potential for abuse of medications. An

additional Rock Island site is the Rock Island County Justice Center. Sites cannot accept liquids, inhalers, needles or sharps. The drive-thru service is free and anonymous. For more information, contact Carlos H. Jiménez at 309-732-2995.

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 15 through March 21, 2024, in the amount of \$476,973.42; for the week of March 22 through March 28, 2024 in the amount of \$1,261,797.98; and payroll for the weeks of March 18 through March 31, 2024 in the amount of \$1,891,534.95.
- b. International City/County Management Association (ICMA) claims for the week of March 9 through March 22, 2024, in the amount of \$33,124.61.
- c. Report from the Police Department regarding invoice payment to RACOMM Corporation in the amount of \$441,829.95 for Police & Fire portable radios.
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of utility supplies from Ferguson Waterworks of Dekalb, Illinois in the amount of \$214,473.09 and QC Winwater Co. of Eldridge, Iowa in the amount of \$21,192.57.

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

10. Contracts / Agreements

- a. Report from the Police Department regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Rock Island and the City of Moline in cost sharing and joint use of AWARE AFIX software system.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement and authorize the Police Chief to execute the agreement.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to approve the intergovernmental agreement and authorize the Police Chief to execute the agreement; Aldersperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

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

- b. Report from the Police Department regarding implementation of Group Violence Intervention (GVI) seeking to enter a (1) year agreement in the amount of \$60,000 with the Research Foundation of the City University of New York on behalf of the National Network for Safe Communities (NNSC) at John Jay College.

Motion: Motion whether or not to approve the agreement and authorize the Chief of Police to execute the documents, subject to minor attorney modifications.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to approve the agreement and authorize the Chief of Police to execute the documents, subject to minor attorney modifications; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

- c. Report from Administration regarding a conditional letter of assistance for Hauberg Estate (Friends of Hauberg Civic Center Foundation) in the amount of \$25,000 of ARPA funds (unrestricted) for the completion of the Hauberg Carriage & Auto House second floor.

Motion: Motion whether or not to approve the conditional letter of assistance and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents, subject to minor attorney modifications.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to approve the conditional letter of assistance and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents, subject to minor attorney modifications; Aldersperson Maynard seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Maynard, Swanson. Nay:

None. Absent: None.

11. Resolutions

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a resolution declaring support for submittal of a federal CDS grant for the Mill Street Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester Maintenance Program.

Motion: Motion whether or not to adopt the resolution.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

12. Ordinances

- a. Special Ordinance regarding a request from Virgil Mayberry, 559 22nd Avenue, to install speed bumps on 22nd Avenue between 5th to 9th Street. (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 7-0-0 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Maynard, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: None.

- b. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department regarding a rezoning request from Mike Kyaw Kyaw at 1019 27th Avenue. (First Reading).

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

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to approve the rezoning request and consider the ordinance; Aldersperson Robinson

seconded.

VOTE:

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

- c. Report from the Mayor's Office regarding a Special Ordinance allowing Mirror Enterprises, Inc. dba as Pizza and Subs of 3700 Blackhawk Road to temporarily suspend their annual coin-operated machine fee of \$65 (per machine) until indoor dining resumes. (First Reading)

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

It was noted that these are not video gaming machines but coin-operated games, such as a pool table.

VOTE:

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

13. Budget/Finance Items

- a. A request from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the Parks and Recreation Fund (555) in the amount of \$200,000.00.
- b. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the Parks and Recreation Fund (555) in the amount of \$72,000.00
- c. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the Parks and Recreation Fund (555) in the amount of \$2,400.00.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Robinson moved to approve budget adjustments a through c as recommended; Aldersperson Maynard seconded.

VOTE:

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

- d. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget carryover from CY 2023 to the Public Library Fund (251) in the amount of \$1,717.58.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Swanson moved to approve the budget carryover item as recommended; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

- e. Report from Administration and the Mental Health Committee regarding the approval of \$50,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) unrestricted funds to the Rock Island Public Library for mental health awareness items, supplies for teen de-stressing zones, various mental health programs and events and other related activities.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to approve the recommendation; Aldersperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

14. Traffic Engineering Requests

- a. Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Gary Mortell, 2402 16th Avenue, to install a handicapped parking space in front of his home (First Reading).

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

- b. Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from David VenHuizen, Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home, to place the parking lot for Knox Chapel at 2106 7th Avenue under City ordinance control (First Reading).

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

15. Appointments to Boards/Commissions/Committees

- a. Report from the Mayor's Office regarding appointments to the Arts and Beautification Commission, Human Rights Commission, Library Board of Trustees, Police Community Relations Commission and Preservation Commission and reappointments to the Library Board of Trustees, Police Pension Board of Trustees and Stormwater Board of Appeals.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Maynard moved to approve the reappointment and appointments as recommended; Aldersperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

16. 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.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

17. Other Business/New Business

Aldersperson Robinson recognized Rock Island native Courtney Lindsey for his world-leading performance in the men's 200m. He will be competing to place on the United States Olympic Track and Field Team. He asked the Community Engagement Manager to post the information on the City's social media platforms.

Mayor Thoms announced that the University of Illinois Illini Band would be performing in the 40th annual Labor Day Parade.

Mayor Thoms said Community Home Partners received funding to build homes for veterans. The homes will be located behind McDonald's around 31st Avenue and 11th Street on land donated by the City. This is a \$7.4 million project that will start this fall.

Aldersperson Poulos announced that the Rock Island Police Benevolent Association's annual taco dinner and silent auction fundraiser is Saturday, April 27, 2024. Funds raised go towards unpaid medical leave for officers.

Mayor Thoms remarked on the positive things happening in Rock Island: the YWCA held their gala celebrating their new downtown facility, which is scheduled to open sometime in May; the groundbreaking for the revitalization of the downtown; the 400 artists who submitted proposals for the murals in Arts Alley; progress on the new Federal Courthouse; among other exciting projects.

18. Adjourn

- a. Motion to Adjourn to May 13, 2024.

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

The City Council exited the Closed Session and resumed the regular City Council meeting at 7:43 p.m.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

The meeting concluded at 7:44 p.m.