

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

5/13/2024 - 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, Bill Healy and Mayor Mike Thoms.

Absent: Alderperson Poulos.

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

Robert Murphy discussed the street vacation request between 46th Street and the City's border with Moline. He expressed concern regarding pedestrians cutting through the neighboring yards and the elimination of parking. He presented a petition with 16 signatures opposing the special ordinance.

Travis Morrison also spoke about the street vacation. He said the problem area is behind Village Inn. He just wants enough area to secure his home to avoid vandalism, theft, and nuisances. He complained that the dead end sign is hidden from view by the trees in Mr. Murphy's yard, and Mr. Murphy refuses to cut them back.

6. Minutes

- a. Minutes from the April 22, 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 Parker moved to approve the minutes as printed; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

7. Closed Session Minutes

- a. Minutes from the January 8, 2024 Closed Session.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Maynard moved to approve the Closed Session minutes as printed; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

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

- a. Proclamation declaring May as ALS Awareness Month.

Aldersperson Parker read the proclamation. Mayor Thoms read the declaration.

- b. Proclamation declaring May as Mental Health Awareness Month.

Aldersperson Hurt read the proclamation. Mayor Thoms read the declaration. Dr. Annette Clevenger, Executive Director of Narratives QC, and Library Director Angela Campbell were present to accept the proclamation. A photo was taken. Dr. Clevenger provided information on Narratives QC's services for young adults. Ms. Campbell presented the Library's mental health awareness promotional items and discussed its upcoming

mental health-related programs.

- c. Proclamation declaring May as Historic Preservation Month.

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

- d. Proclamation declaring May 18, 2024 as River Cleanup Day.

Clerk Gange read the proclamation. Mayor Thoms read the declaration. Members of the Clean River Advisory Council were present to accept the proclamation. A photo was taken. Andy Tysma thanked the City Council and shared information about the organization.

- e. Proclamation declaring May 19 through May 25, 2024 as National Public Works Week.

Clerk Gange read the proclamation. Mayor Thoms read the declaration. Public Works Director Mike Bartels accepted the proclamation. A photo was taken.

9. Update Rock Island

Let's Ride Together

The fourth annual Community Bicycle Ride is this Thursday, May 16 at 5:30 p.m. starting at the MLK Community Center, 630 9th Street. Come and enjoy a fun 2.6 mile bicycle ride with children and adults from the Rock Island community. The group will ride from MLK Park to Frances Willard Elementary School and back. Please bring your bike and bike helmet.

Party in the Park

Calling all youth! The Rock Island Police Department and the Police Community Relations Commission invite you to "Kick It With a Cop" by participating in a friendly game of kickball between kids and Rock Island police officers on Wednesday, May 22. The game is just one of the many free activities being offered as we celebrate the grand reopening of Douglas Park after years of renovations and improvements. Stay for Party in the Park and enjoy games, free hotdogs, refreshments, KONA Ice and more.

No need to register, just show up May 22 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Douglas Park, 18th Avenue and 9th Street and join in the fun.

Rock Island Unplugged

Come meet your elected leaders and department heads Wednesday, May 29 at the Stern Center and take part in a casual town-hall-style discussion that we call Rock Island Unplugged. The event begins at 6 p.m. and free, hot appetizers, beverages and a cash bar will be offered.

Come hear the latest updates about Rock Island events, projects, plans and issues, and get answers to your questions. If you are not able to attend in person, email questions in advance to Community Engagement Manager Sarah Hayden at hayden.sarah@rigov.org.

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 March 29 through April 4, 2024, in the amount of \$843,730.93; for the week of April 5 through April 11, 2024 in the amount of \$600,403.48; and payroll for the weeks of April 1 through April 14, 2024 in the amount of \$1,793,937.77 and April 15 through April 28 in the amount of \$1,833,460.76.
- b. International City/County Management Association (ICMA) claims for the week of March 23 through April 5, 2024, in the amount of \$33,744.84.
- c. ACH Payments for the month of March 2024 in the amount of \$983,944.19.
- d. Purchase Card Claims for the period of February 27, 2024 through March 26, 2024 in the amount of \$73,000.19.
- e. Report from the Public Works Department to authorize a purchase in the amount of \$16,380.52 to Zimmer and Francescon of Moline, IL, for stainless steel water main repair clamps.
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$42,768 to Premier Transportation Services LLC of Davenport, Iowa, for paper yard waste bags for the Leaf Collection Program.
- g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$25,057.10 to Brandt Manufacturing of Stockbridge, MI, for the purchase of rehabilitation parts for the primary Clarifiers #1 at the Mill Street Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- h. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$96,500 to Augustana College of Rock Island, Illinois, for the Lead Service Line Replacement Project.
- i. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of \$37,591.28 to Civic Plus LLC of Dallas, TX to renew the SeeClickFix annual maintenance contract from July 25, 2024 through July 24, 2025.

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

MOTION:

Alderperson Healy moved to approve Consent Agenda items a through i; Alderperson Maynard seconded.

VOTE:

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

11. Purchases

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$62,771.95 to McClintock Trucking and Excavating of Silvis, Illinois, for the Water Service Repair Program and Sewer Lateral Repair Program repairs.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$25,716.97 to Five Cities Construction of Coal Valley, Illinois, for the Augustana Sewer Relocation Project.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$19,616.72 to Valley Construction of Rock Island, Illinois, for rebuilding the flight system equipment on the primary clarifier #3 at the Mill Street Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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

MOTION:

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

12. Ordinances

- a. Special Ordinance regarding a rezoning request from Mike Kyaw Kyaw at 1019 27th Avenue. (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: Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Maynard, Swanson, Parker. Nay: None. Absent: Poulos.

- b. Report from the Public Works Department to approve the proposed amendments to the Sewer Use Ordinance (First Reading).

Motion: Motion whether or not to approve the proposed amendments and consider the ordinance.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to approve the proposed amendments and consider the ordinance; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

- c. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department regarding a street vacation request from Travis Morisson at 1861 46th Street (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 Maynard seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Aldersperson Healy requested that Public Works assess the visibility of the dead end sign. Aldersperson Swanson expressed her concerns about Mr. Murphy not having access to his garage but also acknowledged that Mr. Morrison needs to secure his property. Aldersperson Swanson asked CED to revisit this issue.

VOTE:

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

- d. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department regarding a Special Ordinance Establishing Updated Policies and Procedures for the Sale of Residentially-Zoned, City-Owned

Vacant Lots (First Reading).

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to approve the updated policies and procedures and consider the ordinance; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Aldersperson Parker expressed his hesitation to approve the update prior to the strategic housing plan. He said this update may lead to allowing anyone to purchase land and not maintain it to the City's expectations. CED Director Miles Brainard commented that any sites perceived to have serious development potential can be retained by the City, and they are looking at small-scale development, not individual houses on scattered sites. Mr. Brainard said a strategic housing development plan would be expected to focus resources on sites that allow clustered development. The update mainly affects lots that are too narrow or generally unattractive. Aldersperson Parker remarked that the strategic housing plan should include identifying ways to put houses back on previously occupied lots.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 4-2-1 roll call vote. Aye: Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Swanson. Nay: Maynard, Parker. Absent: Poulos.

- e. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department regarding a Special Ordinance Establishing an Updated New Housing Construction Property Tax Rebate Program (First Reading).

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the updated New Housing Property Tax Rebate Program and consider the ordinance.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Brainard explained that the original enabling ordinance for this decades-old program was unable to be located, so it was rewritten with the same fundamentals but now allows substantially renovated or rehabilitated housing to be eligible for the program.

VOTE:

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

- f. Report from the City Clerk's Office regarding a Special Ordinance to suspend Article IV, Sec. 9-113 (Parades, Run, Etc., Permit) to allow for the Pride Parade on Saturday, June 1, 2024 hosted by QC Pride, Inc. (First Reading)

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

13. Contracts / Agreements

- a. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department regarding a Growing Rock Island Together (GRIT) Agreement with Lavish Salon & Spa in the amount of \$50,000.

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2024 Joint and Crack Sealing

Program recommending the bid be awarded to Denler, Inc. of Joliet, IL in the amount of \$125,778.20.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Swanson moved to award the contract and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents; Aldersperson Maynard 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: Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Maynard, Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: Poulos.

- c. Report from Administration and the Mental Health Committee regarding an agreement with Narratives QC, Inc., for youth mental health services in the amount of \$85,000 (ARPA unrestricted).

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the agreement and authorize the City Manager 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 City Manager to execute the documents, subject to minor attorney modifications; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

- d. Report from Administration and the City Hall Improvement Committee regarding an agreement with Lincoln Offices, Peoria, IL for the purchase of furniture and installation in the amount of \$179,485.05.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the agreement/contract 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/contract as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents; Aldersperson Parker seconded.

Aldersperson Swanson recused herself from the vote due to the nature of her employment.

VOTE:

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

14. Resolutions

- a. Resolution from the City Clerk's Office regarding a Highway Resolution for the closure of the Master Sergeant Stanley Memorial Bridge and the closure of 15th Street (U.S. Highway 67) from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for the Unity Pride Parade hosted by QC Pride, Inc.

Motion: Motion whether or not to adopt the resolution.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

15. Budget/Finance Items

- a. A request from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the Library Fund (251) in the amount of \$50,000.
- b. A request from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the Parks and Recreation Fund (555) in the amount of \$7,500.
- c. A request from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the Parks and Recreation Fund (555) in the amount of \$4,000.
- d. A request from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the JAG Grant Fund (241) in the amount of \$4,580.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to approve budget adjustments a through d; Aldersperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

- e. A request from the Finance Department regarding a budget carryover from CY 2023 in the Capital Improvement Fund (301) in the amount of \$343,497.41.

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 carry over item as recommended; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

- f. Report from the City Manager regarding the Sunset Marina Improvement Project using ARPA Funds, FEMA Grant Funds, and an Interfund Loan in an amount not to exceed \$1.4M.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to approve the proposed funding recommendation; Aldersperson Maynard seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Aldersperson Parker asked if potable water was included in the scope. Mr. Bartels said potable water was

already included in the 400 dock construction, and they are looking at it for the remaining docks. He will let City Council know the additional cost.

VOTE:

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

16. Traffic Engineering Requests

- a. Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to remove the handicapped parking space at 2050 33rd Street (First Reading).

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

17. Appointments to Boards/Commissions/Committees

- a. Report from the Mayor's Office regarding appointments and reappointments to the Human Rights Commission and Martin Luther King Jr. Center Board.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Robinson moved to approve the appointments and reappointments as recommended; Aldersperson Hurt seconded.

VOTE:

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

18. Events/Misc Requests

- a. Report from the City Clerk's office regarding a request from QC Pride, Inc. to hold their Unity Pride Parade on Saturday, June 1, 2024.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Robinson moved to approve the event as recommended; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

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

VOTE:

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

- 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 first regular City Council meeting of each month.

- 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 Healy moved to exit the Rock Island Regional Port District meeting and reconvene the regular City Council meeting; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

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. Other Business/New Business

Aldersperson Hurt announced that May is National Small Business month and encouraged everyone to support their local small businesses.

Aldersperson Healy mentioned the Rock Island Unplugged meeting will take place at the Stern Center. Mayor Thoms commented that City staff will be at the table. Council members are invited to attend but cannot participate as the meeting will not be a regular Council meeting.

Mayor Thoms reminded everyone that the next City Council meeting will be May 20, 2024, due to Memorial Day.

Aldersperson Robinson announced that Rock Island native Courtney Lindsey qualified to participate in the Paris 2024 Olympics 4x100m relay. He confirmed with Community Engagement Manager Sarah Hayden that information will be shared on the City's social media platforms.

22. Adjourn

- a. Motion to Adjourn to May 20, 2024.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to adjourn; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

The meeting concluded at 7:37 p.m.