

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

5/20/2024 - 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 Mike Thoms.

Absent: None.

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 to speak.

Mayor Thoms announced item 17a would be moved to item 7b.

6. Minutes

- a. Minutes from the May 13, 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 Healy moved to approve the minutes as printed; Aldersperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

7. Closed Session Minutes

- a. MInutes from the April 22, 2024 Closed Session.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the Closed Session minutes.
VV	Voice vote is needed.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

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

- a. Presentation of the Annual Historic Preservation Awards.

Linda Anderson of the Rock Island Preservation Society recognized Robyn and Mark McVey for the construction of an appropriate garage at the Leonard Drack House. They were present to accept the award. A photo was taken. Mr. McVey said a few words and praised Rock Island's preservation efforts.

Ms. Anderson recognized Pastor Doug Rowland and congregational members for the exterior restoration and repair of the Rock Island Bible Church. Church Elder DJ Bradley was present to accept the award. A photo was taken.

- b. Proclamation declaring May as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

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

- c. Proclamation declaring June as Pride Month.

Clerk Gange read the proclamation. Mayor Thoms read the declaration. Representatives from Clock, Inc: LGBT+ Community Center were present to accept the proclamation. A photo was taken. Operations Director Adam Peters thanked the City and said a few words.

9. Update Rock Island

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 this 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.

Get Ready to Swim!

Whitewater Junction opens for the season this Saturday, May 25 at 10 a.m. Go down the waterslides, play in the water features or swim in the zero-depth to 9-foot-deep pool. Admission is \$10 for ages 12 and older, and \$7 for ages 3 to 11.

Rock Island Unplugged

Come meet your elected leaders and department heads next week on Wednesday, May 29 and take part in a casual town-hall-style discussion that we call Rock Island Unplugged at the Stern Center, 1713 3rd Ave, Rock Island. 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.

Rock Island has an Olympian!

Congratulations to Rock Island High School class of 2018 graduate Courtney Lindsey, who is headed to the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris, which begin July 26. Team USA recently secured their spot during the World Athletics Relays Bahamas 2024. Courtney will officially qualify during the Olympic trials next month in Eugene, Oregon. He holds the fastest time in the men's 200 meter event this year.

Quad Cities Heart Walk

The City of Rock Island employees raised over \$500 during the Coin Wars held over the last two weeks. All funds raised go toward the Quad Cities Heart Walk held at Schwiebert Park on Saturday, June 8 at 9 a.m. If you would like to join in the American Heart Association Heart Walk Rock Island, please email Samantha Gange at gange.samantha@rigov.org to sign up.

10. Special Presentations

- a. Presentation of the CY 2024 1st Quarter Financial Management Report.

Finance Director Jessica Sager presented the 1st Quarter Financial Management Report for 2024 and provided a review of revenues, expenditures, and net positions for all funds. The first quarter benchmark for revenues and expenditures was 25 percent. General Funds reported revenue at 16 percent and expenditures at 24 percent. Some of the tax revenue from January and February was accrued back to 2023. The largest source of revenue for the Library and TIF Funds is property tax revenue, and the first distribution is expected at the end of May. The Finance Department just received the invoices for the debt, so payments will be transferred from

the Gaming Fund to the Debt Service Fund in the middle of June and in December. The Parks & Recreation Fund revenue will increase in the second quarter as \$2.2M of the budgeted revenue is property tax revenue. Closing journal entries for the Sunset Marina will be made once the City's annual audit is completed. Once those entries are done, the first quarter will be reconciled and more accurately reflect revenue and expenditures for 2024.

About 50 percent of the General Fund revenue is received from state and local taxes. Ms. Sager explained that accruing the January and February tax revenue back to the year prior is the department's typical process as the state receives the revenue and disseminates the payments two to three months behind. Income tax revenue was at 25 percent and replacement tax revenue was at 20.7 percent of the budgeted amount. After reviewing distributions received in May, the replacement tax revenue is on track to meet the budgeted amount of \$6.2M. Sales taxes are on track to exceed the budgeted \$3.1M. All other types of tax revenue were below the benchmark, but the trend is consistent with 2023's first quarter data. The City received \$650,000 in interest from investments in the first quarter.

11. 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 April 12 through April 18, 2024 in the amount of \$593,183.75; for the week of April 19 through April 25, 2024 in the amount of \$291,230.44.
- b. International City/County Management Association (ICMA) claims for the week of April 6 through April 19, 2024, in the amount of \$34,013.47.
- c. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding a payment in the amount of \$40,955.81 to Tyler Technologies of Plano, TX for the ERP System quarterly Software as a Service (SaaS) fee.
- d. Report from the Police Department regarding a purchase in the amount of \$20,341 from Triple E Sales of Orion, IL for a Polaris Ranger Crew SP 570 UTV.
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a service quote in the amount of \$25,550 from APG-Neuros of Blainville, Quebec, Canada for aeration blower service at the Mill Street and Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plants.
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$206,687.00 to Greenspace Associates of Davenport, Iowa for the Sod Replacement Program.

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 Maynard seconded.

VOTE:

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

12. Purchases

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$212,205.87 to Walter D. Laud of East Moline, Illinois for the 22nd Street and 35th Avenue Water Main Replacement Project.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$15,475.90 to Valley Construction of Rock Island, Illinois for an emergency fire hydrant replacement at 3721 46th Street.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$288,601.10 to Centennial Contractors of Moline, Illinois for the Sidewalk and Pavement Patching Program.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to allow claim items a through c; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

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

VOTE:

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

13. Contracts / Agreements

- a. Report from the City Attorney regarding a voluntary collection agreement with AIRBNB, INC.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to award the contract and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents

with minor attorney modifications; Alderperson Maynard seconded.

VOTE:

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

- b. Report from Administration and the ARPA Tourism Committee regarding an agreement with Friends of Longview Park, Inc. for the improvement and revitalization of the Longview Park conservatory and lagoon in the amount of \$60,000 (ARPA unrestricted funds).

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:

Alderperson Robinson moved to approve the agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents, subject to minor attorney modifications; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

14. Ordinances

- a. Special Ordinance regarding the proposed amendments to the Sewer Use Ordinance (Second Reading).

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

MOTION:

Alderperson Robinson moved to pass the ordinance; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

- b. Special Ordinance regarding establishing updated policies and procedures for the sale of residentially-zoned, city-owned vacant lots (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 Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

- c. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department regarding amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance for outdoor storage, automobile repair uses, and industrial zoning districts. (First Reading)

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

- d. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department regarding amendments to the Preservation Commission Ordinance. (First Reading)

Motion: Motion whether or not to approve the amendments 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: Poulos, Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Maynard, Swanson, Parker. Nay: None. Absent: None.

- e. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department and Legal Department regarding amendments to the Junkyard Ordinance, Chapter 8, Article VIII. (First Reading)

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

- f. Report from the City Attorney regarding an ordinance amending Chapter 15, Article IV. Hotel-Motel Tax, Sec. 15-51 of the Rock Island Code of Ordinances.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to consider the ordinance; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

15. Budget/Finance Items

- a. A request from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the Capital Improvement-Streets Fund (302) in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for revenue and \$16,258.00 for expenditures.

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

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

VOTE:

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

16. Department Reports

- a. Report from the Library Department regarding the reallocation of a portion of CIP funds to the Downtown Library's exterior stone preventative maintenance project, not to exceed \$67,000.

Motion: Motion whether or not to reallocate \$67,000 of CIP funds towards the Downtown Library's exterior stone preventative maintenance project.
RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Swanson moved to reallocate \$67,000 of CIP funds towards the Downtown Library's exterior stone preventative maintenance project; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

- b. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department regarding the 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan.

Motion: Motion whether or not to approve the 2024 CDBG Annual Action Plan as recommended.
RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to approve the 2024 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan as recommended; Aldersperson Parker seconded.

Aldersperson Robinson recused himself from the vote due to his position on the Martin Luther King Center Board.
Aldersperson Swanson recused herself from the vote due to her husband's volunteer commitments.

VOTE:

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

17. Appointments to Boards/Commissions/Committees

- a. Report from the City Manager regarding the appointment of Tim McCloud as Police Chief.

**Upon City Council approval, the City Clerk will administer the Oath of Office.*

Motion:	Motion to approve the appointment as recommended.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

This motion was moved to item 7b.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to approve the appointment as recommended; Aldersperson Hurt seconded.

VOTE:

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

City Clerk Samantha Gange administered the Oath of Office to Tim McCloud, Police Chief. A photo was taken.

Chief McCloud said a few words and thanked City Council, Mayor Thoms, and City Manager Thompson.

- b. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem through May 2025.

Motion:	Motion to nominate a City Council member as Mayor Pro Tem.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to appoint Aldersperson Randy Hurt as Mayor Pro Tem; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Aldersperson Poulos mentioned Aldersperson Hurt had been appointed Mayor Pro Tem in the past. However, it was during the Covid-19 pandemic, so he did not have the opportunity to take on the responsibilities of that position.

VOTE:

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

18. Events/Misc Requests

- a. Report from the City Clerk's office regarding an activity application for the Rock Island Grand Prix to be held on Saturday, August 31 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, September 1 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

Mayor Thoms invited Xstream Grand Prix organizer Roger Ruthhart to speak. Mr. Ruthhart explained the new route was the only option, considering the construction downtown. He said he plans to work closely with Public Works. Clerk Gange added that Police Lieutenant James Morris, Public Works Director Mike Bartels, and Executive Director of the Rock Island Downtown Alliance Jack Cullen were consulted, and they confirmed the new route was agreeable and doable.

VOTE:

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

- b. Report from the City Clerk's office regarding a request from Teairra Wells, Rock Island, IL, to close off part of 14 1/2 Street between 9th and 10th Avenue on Saturday, June 1, 2024 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for a graduation block party.

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

19. Other Business/New Business

Aldersperson Poulos mentioned the Backwater Gamblers ski shows start Sunday, May 26 and will occur on Sundays and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. There will be no charge for entry. He added the first few shows will be thrill shows, and they will have a themed show thereafter. The Backwater Gamblers have submitted a bid for the international competition.

Aldersperson Robinson attended an event to welcome Rock Island-Milan School District's new superintendent, Dr. Sharon Williams. He added that Dr. Williams expressed interest in hearing from City Council regarding issues and concerns within the school district.

Aldersperson Parker announced he will hold a meeting for Rock Island's Fifth Ward residents on Wednesday, June 5 at 5:30 p.m. at the Hauberg Estate. He plans to discuss housing, specifically blighted, abandoned, vacant, and nuisance properties. Mary Chappell of the Quad Cities Land Bank Authority will be in attendance.

20. Closed Session

- a. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body (or legal counsel for the public body).

Motion:	Motion whether or not to go into Closed Session for the exception cited.
VV	Voice vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to go into Closed Session for the exception cited; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

The City Council entered Closed Session at 7:39 p.m.

21. Adjourn

- a. Motion to Adjourn to June 10, 2024.

Motion: Motion whether or not to adjourn.

VV Voice vote is needed.

Upon entering back into the regular meeting, roll call was taken and Mayor Thoms and all members of the City Council were present.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to adjourn; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

The meeting concluded at 8:49 p.m.