

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

6/10/2024 - 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 Kevin Maynard, Jenni Swanson, Dylan Parker, Mark Poulos, Bill Healy and Mayor Thoms.

Absent: Alderpersons Moses Robinson and Randy Hurt.

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.

6. Minutes

- a. Minutes from the May 20, 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 Swanson moved to approve the minutes as printed; Aldersperson Maynard seconded.

VOTE:

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

7. Closed Session Minutes

- a. Minutes from the May 20, 2024 Closed Session.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Swanson moved to approve the Closed Session minutes; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

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

- a. Proclamation declaring June 29, 2024 as Rock Island County NAACP Day.

Clerk Gange read the proclamation. Mayor Thoms read the declaration. Representatives from the Rock Island County NAACP were present to accept the proclamation. A photo was taken. A representative thanked the City and said a few words.

9. Update Rock Island

Come enjoy free music, dancing and great food!

The 68th Annual Starlight Revue Concert Series is back in the swing every Tuesday at Lincoln Park, located at 11th Avenue and 38th Street. Hy-Vee Grill starts selling food at 5 p.m. with music and dancing from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This Tuesday, June 11th, bring a lawn chair and enjoy music from the Incredible 45's. Next week's performers will be The Donavon Band.

Would you or someone you know make a great firefighter?

The Rock Island Fire Department is accepting applications. If you have a passion for serving others and a willingness to be part of a team, this is your chance. Call 309-732-2800 to be connected with the recruiting team or apply at rigov.org.

Are you ready for a spine-tingling adventure?

Paranormal Night at Longview Park takes place June 29 from 7 to 10 p.m. Experience the thrill of the unknown as the park's most mysterious spots are explored with expert ghost hunters from Whispering Souls Paranormal. Will you encounter a spirit from beyond? There's only one way to find out! The investigation begins at 8 p.m. There will also be paranormal equipment demonstrations and a beer garden with snacks.

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 April 26 through May 2, 2024 in the amount of \$732,752.53; for the week of May 3 through May 9, 2024 in the amount of \$625,520.97; and payroll for the weeks of April 29 through May 12, 2024 in the amount of \$1,906,821.73 and May 13 through May 26, 2024 in the amount of \$1,823,364.90.
- b. International City/County Management Association (ICMA) claims for the week of April 20 through May 3, 2024, in the amount of \$35,028.23.
- c. ACH Payments for the month of April 2024 in the amount of \$766,472.35
- d. Purchase Card Claims for the period of March 27, 2024 through April 26, 2024 in the amount of \$84,892.42.
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$30,890.72 to Edgewater Resources, LLC of Madison, Wisconsin for the Sunset Marina engineering and design services.
- f. Report from the Public Works Department to authorize a purchase in the amount of \$11,041.60 to HACH CO of Loveland, Colorado for a spectrophotometer for the Water Treatment Plant.
- g. Report from the Police Department regarding payment in the amount of \$18,615.97 to RACOM Corporation of Marshalltown, IA for portable radio accessories.

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

Robinson, Hurt.

11. Purchases

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$72,994.17 to McClintock Trucking and Excavating of Silvis, Illinois for the Water Service Repair Program (WSRP) and the Sewer Lateral Repair Program (SLRP) repairs.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #9 and final in the amount of \$40,898.64 to Langman Construction of Rock Island, Illinois for the downtown parking garage and parking lot.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a payment in the amount of \$353,796.84 to Valley Construction of Rock Island, Illinois for the Rebuild Downtown Rock Island Improvements Project.

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 Maynard seconded.

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

VOTE:

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

- d. Report from the Public Works Department requesting approval to award a bid to Corrective Asphalt Materials, LLC of South Roxana, Illinois for the application of an asphalt-based rejuvenator in the amount of \$65,000.

Motion: Motion whether or not to award the bid as recommended.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to award the bid as recommended; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

- e. Report from the Parks & Recreation Department requesting approval to award a bid to Tri-City Electric for the Mel McKay Park Pickleball Lighting project in the amount of \$42,782 (ARPA funds).

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to award the bid as recommended; Aldersperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

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

12. Ordinances

- a. Special ordinance regarding amending Chapter 15, Article IV. Hotel-Motel Tax, Sec. 15-51 of the Rock Island Code of Ordinances (Second Reading).

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

- b. An Ordinance regarding amendments to the Junkyard Ordinance, Chapter 8, Article VIII. (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 5-0-2 roll call vote. Aye: Healy, Maynard, Swanson, Parker, Poulos. Nay: None. Absent: Robinson, Hurt.

- c. An Ordinance regarding amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance for outdoor storage, automobile repair uses, and industrial zoning districts. (Second Reading)

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

- d. Report from the Community Development Department regarding the sale of City-owned property at 1603 8th Street to Travis Atterberg for \$10.00 plus closing costs. (First Reading)

Motion:	Motion whether or not to approve the sale; authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement; and consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

13. Contracts / Agreements

- a. Report from the Finance Department regarding a statement of work agreement with NorthStar Utilities Solutions to create a new service for billing, create new accounts for land only parcels that have been identified and add the new service for billing to all identified accounts.

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

VOTE:

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

- b. Report from the Community Development Department regarding a contract for Radon Solutions, LLC for radon testing and mitigation.

Motion:	Motion whether to approve the contract and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents.
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RC	Roll Call vote is needed.
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MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to approve the contract and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents; Aldersperson Maynard seconded.

VOTE:

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

- c. Report from the Community Development Department regarding bids for the emergency demolition of 1723 7th Street, recommending the bid be awarded to Valley Construction of Rock Island, IL in the amount of \$23,350.

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

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

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

DISCUSSION:

Aldersperson Healy asked if the property would become city-owned and expressed concerns about recouping the demolition costs. City Attorney Leslie Day said a demolition lien can be attached to the property, and the City can foreclose on the lien. Planning and Zoning Manager Tanner Osing said there was a house fire, and the property has been vacant since 2015.

VOTE:

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

- d. Report from the Community Development Department regarding a contract with AltusWorks, Inc. for the Old Chicago Neighborhood Resources Survey in the amount of \$19,015.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to award the contract as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

- e. Report from the Public Works Department requesting approval of a water, sewer and stormwater fee and rate study contract with Stanley Consultants in the amount not to exceed \$14,500.

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

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

Public Works Director Mike Bartels said the City started the five-year rate increase plan in 2020, and it will continue through 2025. As part of the budget process, they are looking at fees beyond 2025. Mr. Bartels recommended that an independent party perform a fee and rate study. He noted that Stanley Consultants provided a thorough analysis for the City in 2020 and has been contracted by several other municipalities in

the area.

VOTE:

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

- f. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding a three-year contract agreement with the Rock Island Firefighters I.A.F.F. Local 26 from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027.

Motion: Motion whether or not to approve the proposed labor agreement as recommended.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to approve the proposed labor agreement as recommended; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

14. Budget/Finance Items

- a. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the MLK Activity Fund (901) in the amount of \$39,500.00.
- b. A report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the Water Operations/Maintenance Fund (501) in the amount of \$498,122.00 and a budget carryover to the MFT Rebuild Illinois Grant Fund (231) in the amount of \$630,000.00.

Motion: Motion whether or not to approve budget adjustments a through b.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Swanson moved to approve budget adjustments a through b; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

- c. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget carryover from CY 2023 to the

Community/Economic Development Fund (207) in the amount of \$1,622.00 for CY 2024.

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

15. Department Reports

- a. Report from the Police Department regarding the approval of \$30,000 in ARPA funds (restricted - Public Safety) for additional traffic enforcement and bicycle patrol.

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

- b. Report from the Police Department regarding the approval of \$26,358 in ARPA funds (restricted - Public Safety) for the purchase of six (6) solar-powered speed radar signs for school zones.

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

- c. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding the addition of Juneteenth as an official holiday in the City of Rock Island commencing with Calendar Year 2024.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Swanson moved to approve the additional holiday as recommended; Aldersperson Maynard seconded.

VOTE:

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

16. Traffic Engineering Requests

- a. Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Gilbert Richardson to ban parking on the east side of 33rd Street between 15th and 16th Avenue (First Reading).

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

17. Appointments to Boards/Commissions/Committees

- a. Report from the Mayor's Office regarding an appointment to the Preservation Commission.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Maynard moved to approve the appointment as recommended; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

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 meeting; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

b. Other Business/New Business

The Regional Port District meetings take place during the first regular City Council meeting each month.

Assistant City Manager and Economic Development Director Tom Flaherty confirmed that the City, in collaboration with the Bi-State Regional Commission, applied for a grant that is funded 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 Healy moved to exit the Rock Island Regional Port Authority and reconvene the regular City Council meeting; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

19. Other Business/New Business

Aldersperson Parker thanked all who attended his ward meeting last Wednesday. They discussed how the City is addressing the abandoned houses issue. Mr. Parker said that he believes the City has a strong housing plan but thinks that it could use more funding to be more effective. Mayor Thoms commented that he was in attendance and thought that the meeting was very informative.

Aldersperson Swanson commended Tom Sparkman and the Friends of Longview Park, Inc. for immediately starting the revitalization and improvement project at Longview Park after American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding was allocated to them.

Aldersperson Maynard announced that, starting Tuesday, June 11, two muralists will be working simultaneously in Arts Alley, and he encouraged the public to stop by to see their work in progress.

Mayor Thoms announced that the Quad City Botanical Center now has a Plant Discovery Bus, and there will be a ribbon cutting on Thursday, June 13 at 2 p.m.

20. Adjourn

- a. Motion to Adjourn to June 24, 2024.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to adjourn; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

The meeting concluded at 7:14 p.m.