

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

7/8/2024 - 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, Kevin Maynard, Dylan Parker, Mark Poulos, Bill Healy and Mayor Thoms.

Absent: Alderperson Jenni Swanson

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.

Ernie Weed from the Rock Island Moose Lodge shared information about an upcoming event they will be holding in August.

6. Minutes

- a. Minutes from the June 24, 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 Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

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

- a. Proclamation declaring July as National Park and Recreation Month.

Clerk Gange read the proclamation. Mayor Thoms read the declaration. Parks & Recreation Director John Gripp was present to accept the proclamation. A photo was taken. Mr. Gripp thanked City Council, the Parks Board and Parks & Recreation staff.

8. Update Rock Island

Come enjoy free music every Tuesday through the end of July

The Starlight Revue Concert Series continues in Lincoln Park for free music every Tuesday night. Hy-Vee Grill starts selling food at 5 p.m. with music and dancing from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Lincoln Park is located at 11th Avenue and 38th Street. This Tuesday, July 9th, bring a lawn chair and enjoy music from Gray Wolf. Next week's performers on July 16th will be The Tailfins.

Help save human AND animal lives at the Pints and Paws Blood Drive

The American Red Cross is holding a blood drive this Friday, July 12, at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For every blood donation, the Red Cross will give \$10 to four local animal shelters. Donors also receive a Red Cross umbrella and bandana for their pet to wear.

Go on a Police Read-Along

The Rock Island Police Department is partnering with the Rock Island Public Library in a new childhood reading initiative called Police Read-Along. Members of the police department will be featured as guest readers at select dates and branches, beginning Tuesday, July 16 at Longview Park, located at 1300 17th Street.

Additional Police Read-Along events will be offered during Rock Island Public Library story times on July 26, July 31, August 13 and August 23. For more information on locations and times, go to rockislandlibrary.org.

9. Ordinances

- a. Report from the Community Development Department regarding the sale of City-owned property at 1514 21st Avenue to Mark Meadows for \$490.00 plus closing costs. (First Reading)

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to approve the sale and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents; and consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance; Aldersperson Maynard seconded.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: None. Nay: None. Absent: Swanson.

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 Aldersperson 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. ACH Payments for the month of May 2024, in the amount of \$3,181,282.72.
- b. Purchase Card Claims for the Period of April 27, 2024 through May 26, 2024, in the amount of \$82,007.92.
- c. Claims for the week of May 24th through May 30, 2024, in the amount of \$657,931.19; for the week of May 31st through June 06, 2024, in the amount of \$1,033,562.00; and payroll for the weeks of June 10 through June 26, 2024, in the amount of \$1,904,996.11
- d. International City/County Management Association (ICMA) claims for the weeks of May 18th through May 31, 2024, in the amount of \$31,649.53.
- e. Report from the Public Works Department to authorize a purchase in the amount of \$21,190.00 to Electric Pump, Des Moines, Iowa, for a flow meter replacement at the Black Hawk Lift Station.
- f. Report from the Public Works Department to authorize a purchase in the amount of \$19,225.00 from B and B Lawn Equipment, Geneseo, Illinois, for a leaf vacuum.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to approve Consent Agenda items a through f; Aldersperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

11. Purchases

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$38,753.03 to McClintock Trucking and Excavating, Silvis, Illinois, for the Sewer Later Repair Program repairs.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to allow the claim.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to allow the claim; 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, Poulos. Nay: None. Absent: Swanson.

- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding approval of a bid from McClintock Truck and Excavating, Silvis, Illinois, for hillside repairs and seeding south of 13th Avenue on 22nd Street for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

Motion:	Motion whether or not to accept the bid.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to accept the bid; Aldersperson Robinson 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, Poulos. Nay: None. Absent: Swanson.

12. Contracts / Agreements

- a. Report from the Economic Development Department regarding a Growing Rock Island Together (GRIT) agreement with Paddock Group, LLC.

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

VOTE:

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

- b. Report from the Economic Development Department regarding a Growing Rock Island Together (GRIT) agreement with Adolfo's Hair Salon.

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

VOTE:

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

- c. Report from the Finance Department regarding an annual agreement with Fifth Assets, Inc. d/b/a DebtBook for the lease and subscription in the amount of \$13,850.00.

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

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to approve the agreement, subject to minor attorney modifications, and authorize

the City Manager to execute the documents; Alderperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

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

- d. Report from the City Manager and the City Hall Improvement Project Committee regarding a contract with CTI, of Davenport, IA, in the amount of \$247,986.11 (ARPA restricted funds) for Audio/Visual equipment and services and to ITsavvy LLC., of Chicago, IL, in the amount of \$18,733.32 (ARPA restricted funds) for computer equipment and monitors for Council Chambers.

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

MOTION:

Alderperson Maynard moved to approve the contracts and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents; Alderperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding one-year extensions of the City Facilities Mowing Contract and City Parcel Mowing Contract with Finer Finish Grounds Care, Newark, Illinois, in the amounts of \$51,650 and \$47,518.

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

MOTION:

Alderperson Robinson moved to approve the contract extensions and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents; Alderperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

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

13. Resolutions

- a. Report from the City Clerk's Office regarding a Resolution approving the partial release of Closed Session minutes and the destruction of audio recordings for the same Closed Session meetings.

Motion: Motion whether or not to approve the partial release of Closed Session minutes and adopt the Resolution.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to approve the partial release of Closed Session minutes and adopt the resolution; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

- b. Report from the City Attorney regarding a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Authorization for Entry for Construction, and any other documents necessary, to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the maintenance dredging at the Small Boat Harbor at Sunset Marina.

Motion: Motion whether or not to approve the authorization for entry, authorize the Mayor to execute the documents, and adopt the Resolution.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to approve the authorization for entry, authorize the Mayor to execute the documents, and adopt the resolution; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

14. Traffic Engineering Requests

- a. Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request to install a handicapped parking space at 1913 9 1/2 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: Healy, Robinson, Hurt, Maynard, Parker, Poulos. Nay: None. Absent: Swanson.

15. Budget/Finance Items

- a. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the Park and Recreation Fund (555) in the amount of \$5,000.00.
- b. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the Public Library Fund (251) in the amount of \$467.01.

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

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to approve budget adjustments a through b; Aldersperson Maynard seconded.

VOTE:

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

16. Department Reports

- a. Report from the MLK Center regarding approval of \$100,000 in ARPA funds (restricted) for the completion of the S.T.E.A.M. Lab.

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 Hurt seconded.

VOTE:

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

17. Other Business/New Business

Aldersperson Robinson brought up the discussion from the June 24th Council meeting regarding the Soul of the City Event. He did not understand why there wasn't support for funding, while Gumbo Ya-Ya and Ya Maka My Weekend received funding. Aldersperson Robinson requested that the City Manager and Finance Department explore funding options for the Soul of the City event and present it to Council for vote on the next Council agenda. The request was submitted with the budget and history of the event. He pointed out that the location of the festival is not a reason to deny the request. He asked for anyone to provide data to back up their decision to deny the request.

Mayor Thoms announced that Rock Island Firefighters I.A.F.F. Local 26 is selling t-shirts for the Tony Taylor Memorial Firefighter Benevolent Fund until July 10th.

Aldersperson Hurt announced that tickets were still available for the Cubs and Cardinals bus trip on July 14th.

Aldersperson Poulos mentioned that several Backwater Gamblers shows were canceled due to unfavorable river conditions but will resume when it is safe.

18. Rock Island Port Authority

- 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 Port District meeting; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

- 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 said they are likely to receive the results of their grant request to pay for the port master plan by the end of July.

- 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 Parker seconded.

VOTE:

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

19. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn to July 22, 2024.

Motion:

Motion whether or not to adjourn.

VV

Voice vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Robinson moved to adjourn; Aldersperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

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

The meeting concluded at 7:08 p.m.