

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

7/22/2024 - 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, Mark Poulos, Bill Healy and Mayor Mike Thoms.

Absent: Alderperson Dylan Parker.

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.

Tanishia Yancey, homeowner of the Anderson House, said she met with the Preservation Commission regarding the dry rot in her home. The Commission approved the replacement of the porch floor but denied the replacement of the balustrade. She said the historically appropriate material for the balustrade was outside of her budget, and she was unable to secure financial assistance. She expressed her concerns about the house's safety.

First Vice President of the Rock Island County NAACP Yolanda Grandberry-Pugh recommended that the Council approve \$45,000 for the Soul of the City event. She said it would be a great investment that would benefit the West End and the City as a whole. Linda Barnes also expressed her support of Soul of the City and praised the event.

6. Minutes

- a. Minutes from the July 8, 2024 Study Session and City Council meeting.

Motion:	Motion to approve the minutes as printed.
VV	Voice vote is needed.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

7. Closed Session Minutes

- a. Minutes from the June 24, 2024 Closed Session meeting.

Motion:	Motion to approve the closed session minutes.
VV	Voice vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to approve the closed session minutes; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

8. Update Rock Island

Come enjoy free music every Tuesday through the end of July

The final two Starlight Revue Concerts continue in Lincoln Park the next two Tuesday nights. 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 23rd, bring a lawn chair and enjoy music from the Josh Duffee Orchestra. Next week's performers on July 30th will be Totes McGotes.

Get your kids ready for school

The annual Get Ready to Rock the School Year Bash is this Sunday, July 28 at Schwiebert Riverfront Park from 3 to 5 p.m. Come meet Rock Island-Milan School District teachers and leaders and more than 20 vendors, including the Rock Island Public Library. You can also enjoy free food, receive free backpacks and school

supplies and sign up for Amazon gift cards.

Go on a Police Read-Along

The Rock Island Police Department has partnered with the Rock Island Public Library in a new childhood reading initiative called Police Read-Along. Members of the police department are featured as guest readers at select dates and branches. The next Read-Along story times are this Friday, 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 1316 5 1/2th Avenue to Christine White for \$1.00 plus closing costs. (First Reading)

Motion:	Motion 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 Robinson moved to approve the sale and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents; and consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance; Aldersperson Hurt seconded.

VOTE:

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

- b. Special Ordinance to install a handicapped parking space at 1913 9 1/2 Street. (Second Reading)

Motion:	Motion to pass the ordinance.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

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 June 6 through June 13, 2024, in the amount of \$2,620,149.39; for the week of June 14 through June 20, 2024, in the amount of \$1,057,964.67; and payroll for the weeks of June 24 through July 7, 2024, in the amount of \$1,862,021.56.
- b. International City/County Management Association (ICMA) claims for the weeks of June 1 through June 14, 2024, in the amount of \$31,845.02.
- c. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of \$10,947.44 to IT Savvy of Chicago, IL for the Veeam backup software annual maintenance.
- d. Report from the City Clerk's office regarding requests from Greater Antioch Baptist Church to use sound amplification and to close off 10th Avenue between 14th & 14 1/2 Streets on Sunday, August 4, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for an outdoor church service.
- e. Report from the City Clerk's office regarding a request from the MLK Center to use sound amplification and to close 9th Street between 6th and 7th Avenues on Friday, August 16, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 17, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for their Soul of the City event; a request to hold a parade on Saturday, August 17, 2024; and a request to waive all fees.
- f. Report from the City Clerk's office regarding an activity application from the Cornbelt Running Club for their 36th Annual Nancy Kapheim Memorial Classic 5K and 10K Run on Sunday, September 29, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- g. General Liability Claims.

Motion:	Motion to approve Consent Agenda items a through g.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Robinson moved to approve Consent Agenda items a through g; Alderperson Maynard seconded.

VOTE:

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

11. Contracts / Agreements

- a. Report from the Economic Development Department regarding renewing a lease agreement with TBK Bank.

Motion: Motion to approve the lease agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract document.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Swanson moved to approve the lease agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract document; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

- b. Report from the Community Development Department regarding a contract with PGAV Planners, LLC for the Rock Island Strategic Housing Plan in the amount of \$55,000 (ARPA funds unrestricted) and a budget adjustment from the Finance Department regarding increasing the General Fund (101) expense budget by \$55,000 for CY 2024.

Motion: Motion to award the contract as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents; and approve the budget adjustment.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to award the contract as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents; and approve the budget adjustment; Aldersperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

- c. Report from the Public Works Department requesting approval to award a contract to CDM Smith of Chicago, Illinois, in the amount of \$1,485,030 for engineering services for the Water Treatment Pump Station and Storage Replacement Project.

Motion: Motion to approve the proposal and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

CDM Smith Consulting Engineer Amrou Atassi said the new storage tanks should last at least 50 years, but the electrical components will need maintenance. He noted that the design is straightforward and follows the latest standards set forth by the American Water Works Association and the Hydraulic Institute.

VOTE:

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

- d. Report from the Finance Department regarding a contract extension for Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) with Menard Consulting, Inc.

Motion: Motion to approve the proposal and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to approve the proposal and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents; Aldersperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

12. Resolutions

- a. Report from the Parks & Recreation Department and City Clerk's office regarding a Highway Resolution for the closure of 1st Avenue between 17th and 20th Streets on Saturday, September 7, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., with a rain date of Sunday, September 8, 2024, for the annual Red, White & Boom fireworks display and concert at Schwiebert Riverfront Park.

Motion: Motion to adopt the resolution.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Robinson moved to adopt the resolution; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

Absent: Parker.

13. Purchases

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$31,213.50 (ARPA funds) to Modstreet of Durango, Colorado, for the Rebuild Downtown Rock Island patios.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department to authorize a purchase in the amount of \$126,429.00 from Monroe Truck Equipment of Monroe, Wisconsin to outfit three 2024 Ford F350 Super Duty Pickups.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department to authorize a purchase in the amount of \$29,627.50 to Indelco Plastics Corporation of Decatur, Illinois for Water Treatment Plant scrubber repairs.

Motion:	Motion to allow claims a through c.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Robinson moved to allow claims a through c; Aldersperson Maynard seconded.

VOTE:

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

14. Department Reports

- a. Report from the Community Development Department regarding an appeal of the Preservation Commission's decision to deny a Certificate of Appropriateness at the Anderson House, 917 19th Street.

Motion:	Motion to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness as recommended.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Robinson moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Community Development Director Miles Brainard explained that, as a point of order, the motion should either approve the appeal or deny the appeal.

Aldersperson Robinson recalled his original motion; Aldersperson Poulos amended his second.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Robinson moved to approve the appeal for the Certificate of Appropriateness; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

- b. Report from the Parks and Recreation Department regarding approval of \$90,000 in ARPA funds (restricted) for the Highland Springs Clubhouse to address ADA compliance issues with the pavilion and address unplayable sand trap conditions.

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

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to approve the request as recommended; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

- c. Report from the Fire Department regarding approval of \$215,562.48 in ARPA funds (restricted) to Stryker of Portage, MI for the purchase of ambulance cots.

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

- d. Report from the City Manager regarding approval of \$45,000 for event sponsorship for Soul of the City.

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

MOTION:

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

DISCUSSION:

Aldersperson Hurt went over the amounts the City spent on various past events and mentioned MLK Fun Day was funded by the MLK Center without City funding for years. Aldersperson Robinson said the Soul of the City event is free and should not be compared to events that charge admission. Aldersperson Healy gave examples of free events that required little to no funding from the City. Aldersperson Robinson said the event had grown significantly, and entertainment costs have increased. He said the request was a one-time ask as the event organizers were working to secure future sponsors.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to amend the request from \$45,000 to \$12,500; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Aldersperson Swanson asked if the hosting organizations were contributing funds to the event and if there were any sponsors. Aldersperson Robinson said he did not know the details, and those questions would need to be redirected to the committee organizing the event.

The vote was called to question by Aldersperson Maynard.

VOTE:

Motion PASSED on a 5-1-1 roll call vote. Aye: Healy, Hurt, Maynard, Swanson, Poulos. Nay: Robinson. Absent: Parker.

15. Events/Misc Requests

- a. Report from the City Clerk's office regarding a request from Steve's Old Time Tap to use sound amplification and to close 3rd Avenue between 17th & 18th Streets and close 17th Street between 2nd & 3rd Avenues for their annual CCKMA Car & Bike Show on Sunday, August 18, 2024, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and a request for the outdoor consumption of alcohol in the fenced-in area in the adjacent parking lot.
- b. Report from the City Clerk's office regarding a sound amplification request from the Rock Island Moose Lodge for an outdoor event on Friday, August 23, 2024, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.; and a request for the outdoor consumption of alcohol in the fenced-in area in the adjacent parking lot.

Motion: Motion to approve the event and requests a through b as recommended; subject to complying with all liquor license regulations and subject to being

shut down early if complaints are received.

RC

Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Hurt moved to approve the events and requests a through b as recommended; subject to complying with all liquor license regulations and subject to being shut down early if complaints are received; Aldersperson Robinson seconded.

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

VOTE:

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

- c. Report from the City Clerk's office regarding a request from Heart of Hope Ministries, Rock Island, IL, to close 18th Avenue between 9th and 10th Streets on Friday, August 9, 2024, from 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. for a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Motion: Motion to approve the request.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

16. Other Business/New Business

Aldersperson Swanson announced that the Rock Island Police Department, in conjunction with the MLK Center, is holding a school supply drive and is accepting supplies through July 30th.

17. Closed Session

- a. **5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding must be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.**

Motion: Motion to enter into Closed Session for the exception cited.

VV

Voice vote is needed.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

The City Council entered Closed Session at 7:34 p.m.

18. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn to August 12, 2024.

Motion:

Motion to adjourn.

VV

Voice vote is needed.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to adjourn; Aldersperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

The meeting concluded at 7:41 p.m.