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

8/26/2024 - 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, Jenni Swanson, Dylan Parker, Mark Poulos, Bill Healy and Mayor Mike Thoms.

Absent: Alderperson Kevin Maynard.

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.

Rock Island resident Daniel Stratman shared his appreciation for Alderperson Maynard's and Public Works Director Mike Bartels's help in the removal of a hazardous, dead tree in his neighborhood.

6. Minutes

a. Minutes from the August 12, 2024 Study Session and City Council Meeting.

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

MOTION:

Alderperson Swanson moved to approve the minutes as printed; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

7. Closed Session Minutes

a. Minutes from the August 12, 2024 Closed Session.

Motion:	Motion to approve the Closed Session minutes.
VV	Voice vote is needed.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

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

a. Presentation of the 2024 Citizen of the Year Awards.

Community Engagement Manager Sarah Hayden welcomed everyone and shared background information on the annual Citizen of the Year Awards. Ms. Hayden announced the winners of each category: Kai Swanson for Individual, Bronx Roessler for Youth, Rita Jett for Education, Mark Drake for Professional, Brian Smith for City Employee, Carolyn Krueger and Isaiah Williams for Artist/Creator, NEST Café for Organization, Church or Non-Profit, Skeleton Key Art and Antiques for Business and Jim Loveless for Veteran. Awards were presented, and photos were taken.

Mayor Thoms announced that Art Milton had been selected to serve as the grand marshal for the 40th annual Rock Island Labor Day Parade. Mr. Milton was present to accept a plaque. A photo was taken.

9. Update Rock Island

Enjoy Free Music in the Park
Thursday Night Groove continues this week at Schwiebert Riverfront Park on Thursday, August 29 with live music by Fair Warning. Rock Island Park concessions and Bent River Brewery open at 6 p.m. and the concert begins at 7 p.m. Bring a lawn chair and get ready to have some fun.

The 29th Annual Rock Island Grand Prix kicks off this weekend
Come watch exciting street kart races during the Xtream Rock Island Grand Prix, taking place in the downtown Rock Island District. Opening ceremonies are set for Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. The world's largest karting street race will feature 19 races on Saturday, August 31 and Sunday, September 1. Admission is free to this

family-oriented event.
Saturday night families can enjoy the free Rock The Blues concert in Schwiebert Riverfront Park. “Come for the Races, Stay for The Party.”

Are you ready for an old-fashioned Labor Day Parade?
The 40th annual Labor Day Parade takes place Monday, September 2. This year’s theme is “Parade of Celebrations” and will feature the University of Illinois Marching Illini Band!
The parade starts promptly at 9:30 a.m. and travels west along 18th Avenue, turns south at 24th Street, then west on 25th Avenue to Rock Island High School. The 400-member Marching Illini Band will continue onto the Rock Island football field where they will put on a show not to be missed!

Labor Day Holiday Refuse, Recycling, and Yard Waste Collection Schedule
Garbage collection will be one day late, except for Friday. Recycling and yard waste collection will be one day late all week long.

10. Passage of Ordinances and Resolutions

All items under the Passage of Ordinances and Resolutions will be enacted by a single motion and subsequent roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless an Alderperson requests it, in which case, the item will be moved and considered after approval.

a. A special ordinance to install a handicapped parking space in front of 1226 12th Street. (Second Reading)

b. A special ordinance to install a handicapped parking space in front of 901 14th Street. (Second Reading)

c. A special ordinance to install two “10 Minute Parking for Food Pick Up Curbside Carry Out Only” spaces, effective Monday through Sunday from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., on the west side of 19th Street in front of the QC Coffee & Pancake House, 1831 3rd Avenue. (Second Reading)

d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a Letter of Understanding from the Illinois Department of Transportation to change 7th Avenue (IL92) striping between 38th and 46th Streets.

e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a Motor Fuel Tax Resolution for the 28th Street Court and 32nd Avenue Court south of 31st Avenue Reconstruction Project.

Motion: Motion to pass the resolutions and ordinances and authorize the Mayor to execute the documents.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to pass the resolutions and ordinances and authorize the Mayor to execute the documents; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

11. Ordinances (First Readings)

All items under the Ordinances (First Readings) will be enacted by a single motion and subsequent roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless an Alderperson requests it, in which case, the item will be moved and considered after approval.

a. Report from the Community Development Department regarding the sale of City-owned property at 1109 11th Avenue to Letha Birch for $1.00. (First Reading)

b. Report from the Community Development Department regarding the purchase of real estate at 1134 9th Avenue from Letha Birch for $1.00 plus closing costs. (First Reading)

Motion:	Motion to approve the swap of the parcels and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents, consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinances.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Robinson moved to approve the swap of the parcels and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents, consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinances; Alderperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

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

12. 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 July 5 through July 11, 2024, in the amount of $2,210,331.61; for the week of July 12 through July 18, 2024, in the amount of $618,270.28; and payroll for the weeks of July 22 through August 4, 2024, in the amount of $1,889,072.06.

b. International City/County Management Association (ICMA) claims for the weeks of June 29 through July 12, 2024, in the amount of $41,022.05.

c. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of $42,380.31 to Tyler Technologies, Plano, TX, for the ERP system quarterly Software as a Service

(SaaS) fee.

d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a purchase in the amount of $23,352.40 from Grimco, Inc., Bolingbrook, Illinois, for a sign printer.

e. Report from the Fire Department regarding payment in the amount of $38,873.48 to MacQueen Equipment, St. Paul, MN, for protective gear (bunker gear).

f. Report from the Community Development Department regarding a request from John Murphy to expand a nonconforming self-storage use at 2640 Blackhawk Road.

g. Report from the City Clerk's office regarding requests from Evelyn Day to use sound amplification and to close 43rd Street between 20th & 21st Avenues on Saturday, September 14, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for a block party.

h. Report from the City Clerk's office regarding a request from Augustana College to use sound amplification on Saturday, August 31, 2024, from 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for an outdoor concert.

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

MOTION:

Alderperson Swanson moved to approve Consent Agenda items a through h; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

13. Claims/Purchases

a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of $60,700.80 to McClintock Trucking and Excavating, Silvis, Illinois, for the Water Service and Sewer Lateral Repair Contract.

Motion:	Motion to approve the claim.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Healy moved to table the item until the City Council meeting on September 9, 2024; Alderperson Hurt seconded.

VOTE:

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

14. Contracts/Agreements

a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a lease extension with USCOC (US Cellular) for cellular antennas on the 24th Street and 31st Avenue water tower.

Motion:	Motion to approve the lease extension as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Swanson moved to approve the lease extension as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a bid award and contract in the amount of $492,460.18 to Walter D. Laud, Inc., Moline, Illinois, 22nd Street and 35th Avenue Reconstruction Project.

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

MOTION:

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

c. Report from the Community Development Department regarding a contract extension with Gold Wave, Inc. for Illinois EPA Site Remediation Program services at the Solomon Site for an amount not to exceed $68,930.

Motion: Motion to approve the contract extension as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

d. Report from the Community Development Department regarding bids for the demolition of the Fancy Clock Building located at 1223 5th Avenue and the disposal of salvaged materials in a manner beneficial to the City.

Motion: Motion to approve the request as recommended.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Robinson moved to approve the request as recommended; Alderperson Hurt 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: Robinson, Hurt, Swanson, Poulos, Healy. Nay: None. Absent: Maynard.

e. Report from the Parks & Recreation Department regarding a bid award and contract to Estes Construction, Davenport, IA in the amount of $846,850 for the construction of the new clubhouse at Saukie Golf Course.

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

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Healy moved to approve the contract and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

f. Report from the Parks & Recreation Department regarding a bid award and contract to Coopman Trucking & Excavating, Moline, IL, for the demolition of the Saukie Golf Course clubhouse in the amount of $13,700.

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

MOTION:

Alderperson Healy moved to approve the contract and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

Alderperson 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: Robinson, Hurt, Swanson, Poulos, Healy. Nay: None. Absent: Maynard.

g. Report from Administration regarding a Letter of Intent to enter into a Development Agreement with A HANA ILLOWA LLC for the Casino West Site.

Motion:	Motion to approve the Letter of Intent and authorize the Mayor to execute the document.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to approve the Letter of Intent and authorize the Mayor to execute the document; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Jeff Hughbanks, co-owner of A HANA, confirmed that the two businesses moving to Rock Island are Nature's Treatment of Illinois and Stern Beverage. Economic Development Director Tom Flaherty said the site was not a wetland nor a floodplain. Community Development Director Miles Brainard said runoff was unlikely to significantly impact the river level. Alderperson Parker requested the exploration of a local project agreement and financial contribution towards a wetland management plan during negotiations. Mayor Thoms said the project would positively affect the City as it will bring in sales tax, property tax, new construction and jobs, but he also mentioned that the letter of intent is not legally binding. Alderperson Healy added that the property was donated to the City, and the City had not invested in it.

VOTE:

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

h. Report from Administration regarding a Letter of Intent to enter into a Development Agreement with A HANA ILLOWA, LLC for the Campbells Sports Complex.

Motion:	Motion to approve the Letter of Intent and authorize the Mayor to execute the document.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to approve the Letter of Intent and authorize the Mayor to execute the document; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

15. Budget/Finance Items

a. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the CIRLF Loan Fund (584) in the amount of $259,410.

Motion:	Motion to approve the budget adjustment.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Healy moved to approve the budget adjustment; Alderperson Robinson seconded.

VOTE:

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

16. Appointments to Boards/Commissions/Committees

a. Report from the Mayor's office regarding reappointments to the Stormwater Board of Appeals.

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

MOTION:

Alderperson Robinson moved to approve the reappointments as recommended; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

17. Other Business/New Business

Alderperson Swanson announced that the Red, White and Boom fireworks display is Saturday, September 7th.

18. 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 Closed Session for the exception cited.
VV	Voice vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Poulos moved to enter Closed Session for the exception cited; Alderperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

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

City Council entered Closed Session at 7:47 p.m.

19. Adjourn

a. Motion to Adjourn to September 9, 2024.

Motion:	Motion to adjourn.
VV	Voice vote is needed.

Upon entering back into the regular City Council meeting, the City Clerk called the roll. Present were Alderpersons Robinson, Hurt, Swanson, Parker, Poulos, Healy and Mayor Thoms. Absent was Alderperson Maynard.

MOTION:

Alderperson Poulos moved to adjourn; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

The meeting concluded at 7:55 p.m.