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

11/25/2024 - 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 Randy Hurt, Jenni Swanson, Dylan Parker, Mark Poulos, Bill Healy and Mayor Thoms.

Absent: Alderperson Moses Robinson.

Staff: City Manager Todd Thompson, Attorney Leslie Day, City Clerk Samantha Gange, and other City Staff.

Aldperson Randy Tweet joined the Council after the Oath of Office was administered.

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

Demetrius Johnson asked the Council to consider approving his request for a special use permit and stated that electricity can be supplied from the building to the trailer.

Dwayne Womack of Street Friends of the Quad Cities explained that his nonprofit organization provides blankets to those in need during the winter months by walking the streets in the Quad Cities area. He said the organization is in need of blanket donations.

Alderperson Swanson asked Clock, Inc. representatives to come forward and present an award to Mayor Thoms for recognition of his philanthropic financial support and spirit that has made an enduring impact on the community. Clock, Inc. staff presented the award to Mayor Thoms and said a few words. A photo was taken.

6. Update Rock Island

Deck the Downtowns is underway!
The annual Hunt for the Holiday Train in Downtown Rock Island runs from now until January 1st. The festive scavenger hunt was inspired by Rock Island's rich railroad history. Find 10 custom-crafted train ornaments hidden in 35 downtown businesses to earn a collectible train ornament for your tree. Complete your hunt card for a chance to win a grand prize. Pick up your official hunt card at participating businesses, and turn in

completed cards to the Rock Island Public Library, Quad City Arts, or the Quad City Botanical Center. Deck the Downtowns is sponsored by Crawford Company and Jackson Auto Body & Custom Paint, LLC. To see the list of participating businesses, go to downtownrockisland.org.

Support small businesses this weekend on both sides of the dam
That Dam Shopping Trip is this Black Friday and Small Business Saturday. Ten downtown Rock Island and Davenport businesses on both sides of the dam are offering a chance to win big while you shop small from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., November 29th and 30th. Pick up a stamp sheet at any of the participating stores, get it stamped at each location, turn it in at your last shop and you'll be entered to win $1,000 worth of gift certificates. For the list of participating retailers, go to facebook.com/damshopping.

Thanksgiving Meals success
The MLK Center would like to thank its sponsors, volunteers and community for another successful Thanksgiving event. Over the course of three days, the MLK Center shared 7,000 meals throughout the Quad Cities. Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

City Hall Rededication
And finally, after eight months of major renovations, we are inviting the public to the City Hall rededication ceremony and open house on Monday, December 9th. Opening remarks begin at 4:30 p.m. and the rededication and open house will begin at 5:15 p.m. We welcome the community to come see the new spaces designed by Streamline Architects and built by Valley Construction.

7. Awards, and Honor Presentations, Oath of Office Swearing in Ceremony, and Proclamations

a. Oath of Office of Third Ward Alderperson Randy Tweet.

Clerk Gange administered the oath of office to Alderperson Randy Tweet. A photo was taken.

b. Certificate presentation to Brandon Jacobs, 2024 Snow Roadeo Champion.

Mayor Thoms presented Brandon Jacobs with a certificate of achievement and thanked Brandon for his service to the City. A photo was taken.

8. Public Hearings

a. CY 2025 Budget / Truth in Taxation Public Hearing.

Mayor Thoms closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing. He asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak about the CY 2025 budget. Nobody came forward to speak.

Mayor Thoms closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular meeting.

9. Ordinances (First Readings)

a. Report from the Community Development Department regarding a Special Use Permit request from Demetrius T. Johnson for 1501 5th Street (First Reading).

Motion:	Motion to deny the Special Use Permit request.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Swanson moved to approve the request and consider the ordinance; Alderperson Tweet seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Alderperson Healy said the big concern at the Planning & Zoning Commission hearing was the generator. Mr. Johnson said he can get the electricity from the building.

VOTE:

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

10. Passage of Ordinances and Resolutions

a. A Special Ordinance regarding the acquisition of a property at 1213 7th Avenue for $824 (Second Reading).

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

MOTION:

Alderperson Healy moved to pass the ordinance; Alderperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

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

b. An Ordinance repealing Chapter 15 Taxation, Article V. Motor Fuel Tax of the Rock Island Code of Ordinances in its entirety (Second Reading).

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

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

c. A Resolution regarding the closure of the Master Sergeant Stanley Talbot Memorial Bridge and 15th Street (U.S. Highway 67) on Saturday, March 15, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the

St. Patrick's Day Parade, hosted by the St. Patrick Society.

Motion:	Motion to adopt the resolution.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Healy moved to adopt the resolution; Alderperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

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

d. A Resolution Providing for a Feasibility Study for a Proposed Amendment to the Existing Parkway/I-280 Casino Redevelopment Plan and Project Area.

Motion:	Motion to adopt the resolution.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to adopt the resolution; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

e. A Resolution Declaring an Intent to Reimburse the City for Certain Redevelopment Project Costs.

Motion:	Motion to adopt the resolution.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to adopt the resolution; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

f. A Resolution Declaring an Intent to Reimburse a Developer for Certain Redevelopment Project Costs.

Motion:	Motion to adopt the resolution.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Tweet moved to adopt the resolution; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

g. A Resolution Declaring an Intent to Reimburse the City for Certain Business District Project Costs.

Motion: Motion to adopt the resolution.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Healy moved to adopt the resolution; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

h. A Resolution Declaring an Intent to Reimburse a Developer for Certain Business District Project Costs.

Motion: Motion to adopt the resolution.

RC Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Swanson moved to adopt the resolution; Alderperson Tweet seconded.

VOTE:

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

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. Minutes from the November 11, 2024 Study Session and City Council meeting.

b. Minutes from the October 28 and November 11, 2024 Closed Session.

c. Claims for the week of September 27 through October 3, 2024, in the amount of $499,128.20; for the week of October 4 through October 10, 2024, in the amount of $1,074,700.98; and payroll for the weeks of August 5 through August 18, 2024, in the amount of $1,902,687.30.

d. International City/County Management Association (ICMA) claims for the weeks of September 21 through October 4, 2024, in the amount of $31,084.28.

e. Report from the Police Department regarding a one-year contract renewal with Lawmen's and Shooters' Supply, Inc. for police badges and bars.

f. Report from the City Clerk's Office regarding a request from the St. Patrick Society to hold their annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 15, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

g. Report from the City Clerk's Office regarding a request from Christian Care to hold their 3rd annual Frigid Feet walk on Saturday, December 14, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to approve consent agenda items a through g; Alderperson Hurt seconded.

VOTE:

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

12. Claims/Purchases

a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of replacement parts for the Wet Weather Treatment System pump engines in the amount of $26,352.15 to Kraft Power Corporation, Gaylord, MI.

b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the Water Treatment Plant pulsator building roof, recommending the bid be awarded to Economy Roofing and Insulation of Bettendorf, Iowa, in the amount of $242,725.

c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding approval of $270,000 in State Motor Fuel Tax funds to Compass Minerals America, Inc., Overland Park, KS, for bulk rock salt procurement.

d. Report from the Fire Department regarding bids for electrical work for the Central Station Alerting System, recommending the bid be awarded to Tri-City Electric of Davenport, IA in the amount of $27,930 (ARPA restricted funds).

Motion:	Motion to allow claim items a through d.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Poulos moved to allow claim items a through d; Alderperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

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

e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of $122,002.76 to McClintock Trucking and Excavating, Silvis, Illinois, for the Water Service Repair Program and Sewer Lateral Repair Program.

f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of $35,296.12 to McClintock Trucking and Excavating, Silvis, Illinois, for an emergency creek bank stabilization behind 2567 37th Avenue.

Motion:	Motion to approve claims e and f.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to approve claim items e and f; Alderperson Tweet 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: Swanson, Poulos, Healy, Hurt, Tweet. Nay: None. Absent: Robinson.

13. Contracts/Agreements

a. Report from the Community Development Department regarding a memorandum of understanding with SAL Community Services.

Motion:	Motion to approve the memorandum of understanding and authorize the City Manager to execute the document.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Swanson moved to approve the MOU and authorize the City Manager to execute the document; Alderperson Parker seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Community Development Director Brainard clarified that SAL will be moving to a new location across from Olette Church near Friendship Manor on 11th Street.

VOTE:

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

b. Report from the Community Development Department regarding a Regional Port Planning Grant Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Motion:	Motion to authorize the City Manager to execute the grant agreement.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Healy moved to authorize the City Manager to execute the grant agreement; Alderperson Parker seconded.

VOTE:

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

c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a proposal from Hutchison Engineering Inc., Moline, Illinois, in the amount of $399,974 for engineering services for the 35th Street West and Rock Island Parkway Intersection Reconstruction (ARPA restricted funds).

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

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to approve the proposal and authorize the City Manager to execute the document; Alderperson Tweet seconded.

VOTE:

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

d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a proposal from HDR Engineering, Inc., Bettendorf, Iowa, in the amount of $199,000 for the 18th Avenue Flood Control Levee Pumping Station upgrades.

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

RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to approve the proposal and authorize the City Manager to execute the document; Alderperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a proposal from IMEG, Rock Island, Illinois, in the amount of $482,400 for 31st Avenue from 11th Street to 17th Street Reconstruction and Road Diet Project engineering services.

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

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to approve proposal and authorize the City Manager to execute the document; Alderperson Healy seconded.

Clerk Gange noted ARPA restricted funds would be used towards the project.

VOTE:

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

f. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding a recommendation from USI to renew the self-insurance package with IPMG in the amount of $938,633 and the brokerage fee for USI in the amount of $25,000 for the year.

Motion:	Motion to approve the self-insurance package as recommended and approve payments to IPMG and USI.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Poulos moved to approve the self-insurance package as recommended and approve payments to IPMG and USI; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

Robinson.

14. Budget/Finance Items

a. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the MLK Activity Fund (901) in the amount of $20,000.

b. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the MLK Activity Fund (901) in the amount of $50,000.

c. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the Foreign Fire Insurance Fund (222) in the amount of $15,000.

d. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the TIF #3 North 11th Street Fund (203) in the amount of $60,000.

Motion:	Motion to approve budget adjustments a through d.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Swanson moved to approve budget adjustments a through d; Alderperson Tweet seconded.

VOTE:

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

15. Department Reports

a. Report from the Public Works Department and F3 Marina regarding the 2025 seasonal rate changes for Sunset Marina.

Motion:	Motion to approve the 2025 rates and Transient Slip rate as outlined.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Hurt moved to approve the 2025 rates and transient slip rate as outlined; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

16. Appointments to Boards/Commissions/Committees

a. Report from the Mayor's office regarding appointments to the Housing Authority and Human

Rights Commission and a reappointment to the Inspections Commission.

Motion:	Motion to approve the appointments and reappointment as recommended.
RC	Roll Call vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to approve the appointments and reappointment as recommended; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

17. Other Business/New Business

Alderperson Poulos remarked on the wonderful tree-lighting ceremony and storefront kiosks in Arts Alley last Wednesday.

Alderperson Healy said he would like the City to reevaluate the policy on placing signs across the City. He said he continues to see signs posted all around the City without property owners' permission. Alderperson Hurt concurred and said he would also like to see this activity curtailed. Alderperson Tweet explained that the City can remove signs on the public right-of-way, except realtor signs on the weekend. City Manager Thompson remarked that City staff have tried to contact the companies, but it is very difficult.

Alderperson Swanson commented on the amazing things happening in Rock Island.

City Manager Thompson remarked that the information regarding the vendor list for the Arts Alley kiosk is over the next three weeks can be found on the website at downtownrockisland.org.

Mayor Thoms said the tree-lighting ceremony is a great example of community partners and organizations working together and collaborating.

18. Closed Session

a. **5 ILCS120/2(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 in the minutes of the closed meeting.**

Motion:	Motion to enter Closed Session for the exception cited.
VV	Voice vote is needed.

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to enter closed session for the exceptions cited; Alderperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

The City Council entered the closed session at 7:25 p.m.

19. Adjourn

a. Motion: Motion to Adjourn to December 9, 2024

VV Voice vote is needed.

After reconvening the regular meeting, Clerk Gange called the roll. All Council members and Mayor Thoms were present except Alderperson Moses Robinson.

MOTION:

Alderperson Parker moved to adjourn the meeting; Alderperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

The meeting concluded at 7:44 p.m.