

CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall

1528 Third Avenue, Rock Island IL

City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor

4/10/2023 - Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mayor Thoms called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

2. This meeting will also be conducted by audio and video conference without the requirement of a physically present quorum of the Rock Island City Council due to the disaster declaration issued by Governor Pritzker.

3. Roll Call

Mayor Thoms asked City Clerk Samantha Gange to call the roll.

Present: Mayor Mike Thoms, Alderpersons Moses Robinson (virtual), Judith Gilbert, Jenni Swanson, Dylan Parker (virtual), and Mark Poulos and Bill Healy.

Absent: Randy Hurt.

Staff: City Manager Todd Thompson, City Attorney Dave Morrison, City Clerk Samantha Gange, and other City Staff.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Thoms led in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Moment of Silence

Mayor Thoms requested a moment of silence. A moment of silence was observed.

6. Public Comment

Rudy Vallejo addressed Council regarding the Black Hawk sign at Watch Tower Plaza that blew over during the storm. He said he would like to have the sign so that it can be restored to its original condition and kept until an appropriate location for it to be placed can be identified. He said his organization may be able to purchase property for the sign to be located. He said Rock Island is the home of Black Hawk and the Black Hawk State Park had the most beautiful Pow Wow grounds which people. He said people traveled all over the country to participate in powwow at the location that is now a parking lot. Mr. Vallejo said he wished he would have fought harder to save the amphitheater powwow grounds. He said he would like to keep the sign in our area as it has been a part of the area for at least 62 years. He said he is exploring ways to raise funds to restore the sign and he asked City Council to consider his proposal.

Norm Moline addressed Council on behalf of the Native American Coalition of the Quad Cities in opposition of restoration of the Black Hawk sign. He urged Council members to support the Native American Coalition's recommendation and the perspective of Johnathan Buffalo, a Meskwaki Tribal Historian, as the downed image commonly referred to as Black Hawk should be recycled. Mr. Moline said Mr. Buffalo despises the structure as it was an insult and other historians have been working to get past the image of Black Hawk as a warrior and recognize other aspects of the Sauk Nation. He said the Native Americans should be the primary influence for the ultimate destination of the sign. He said this is an opportunity for the City to listen to the Sauk and Meskwaki people and follow their wishes which is the right decision from a moral point of view. He said that going against their recommendation would communicate that the Native American Coalition organization is not important and that the image should absolutely not be displayed for economic benefit. He opined that the City would not allow an individual to obtain an image that was offensive to other minority groups. He said he hoped Council would check with key organizations for recommendations and apply that approach to Native Americans. He said that many cities and private organizations are recognizing that images and phrases are offensive to Native Americans and are taking steps to ensure those images, statues, and mascots are not around and Rock Island should be doing the same. Mr. Moline asked Council to listen to the Native American Coalition and the Meskwaki Tribal Historian and vote to scrap and recycle the image. He addressed the rumor that the image would potentially go to the Rock Island County New Forest Preserve and quoted Kai Swanson as saying the commission has no interest in the image and no conversations have been held on the matter.

Jane Simonsen, History Professor at Augustana College, addressed Council regarding the Black Hawk image. She encouraged the City of Rock Island to be very careful when espousing and representing Native American people and who participates in those conversations. She said there has been quite a bit of research conducted by psychologists and Native American Scholar Stephanie Freiberg on the impact of representation of Native People, particularly mascots including Pocahontas, Sacagawea, and other historical figures. These representations have a negative impact on Native American kids and a more positive effect on white people. Native kids experience more anxiety, are more concerned about how they are publicly represented, increase depression and that Native young felt more threats to their safety in a more hostile climate in the community in which they live. Whereas white kids feel more positively about these representations and ennobled. While it boosted the self-esteem of white people and they identified with those Native representation and they more strongly identified with Native representations than any other cultural group. She said the representations have a negative overall effect on race relations of all kinds in a community. She said the research found that boosters of some Native mascots often felt that Native people owed them something and should be grateful to be represented. She said that because there are so few Native representations that they have a greater impact on people's feelings including lowering feelings that their communities could improve and lowered their aspirations for achievement. She said an organization called Reclaiming Native Youth completed a widespread study in 2017 that found many people believe Native American populations are declining in the United States which is

untrue. Many people had contradictory views of Natives including that they were impoverished, alcohol dependent as well as spiritual, family oriented, environmentally conscious and wealthy from casinos. Research also found that when Native American images are thoughtfully introduced and re-introduced into the community, they have the strongest impact and connect the Native culture to the broader American culture. as they celebrate Native history and culture and educate non-natives about Native culture. She said the production of Native images and the continued use of Native images should be produced in collaboration with Native communities whenever possible.

Vince Thomas, a member of the Native American Coalition of the Quad Cities, said they would like the sign to be scrapped and recycled.

Lisa Alanzo addressed Council regarding the Black Hawk sign. She said she is Potawatomi and Kickapoo Native and has lived in the Quad Cities for her entire life. She said the coalition should not decide the outcome for the statue as the president does not live in the Quad Cities. She said Rudy works to educate the community and the Black Hawk sign should continue to be a part of the Quad Cities.

David and Nancy Ramacitti addressed Council regarding concerns with Playmakers Sports Bar and Grill. She said they have been residents of the Du Marche condos for 12 years and there are cars parked in the grassy area where parking is not permitted. Patrons of Playmakers sit in their cars and play music so loudly that it rattles the windows of their residence. She said she has videos of cars speeding down 22nd street and doing donuts on 4th avenue in the presence of police officers. She said she is concerned about their safety with the recent stabbing and shooting. Ms. Ramacitti said the City's focus is to grow the downtown area and to make it safe to live. Mr. Ramacitti said Playmakers is not a good neighbor and they are making residents feel unsafe and should not continue to operate.

Erica Williams addressed Council regarding ongoing concerns with Playmakers Sports Bar and Grill. She said that there have been issues occurring since Playmakers opened in October 2021 and reiterated concerns shared by Nancy and David. She said they keep their windows closed, wear ear plugs, and use special fans to mitigate the noise. She said residents have continued to contact Alderpersons regarding concerns. She said issues begin at the time they open and until they close. Ms. Williams said that some individuals do not enter Playmakers but loiter in the grassy lot adjacent to the property including playing loud music that vibrates residential windows, screaming, yelling, urinating on buildings and litter of glass bottle, food containers, and used condoms. She said there is broken glass in the road way, in their parking lot, in the grass lot they walk through with their dogs caused by mowers hitting glass bottles littering the grassy area. Ms. Williams referenced the city ordinance which indicates that Playmakers is responsible for policing the people outside her business and on adjacent properties. She said Ms. Veasey told residents that she is not responsible for policing patrons outdoors and does not have her staff manage people outside. She said residents have reduced the calls to police because when they arrive the problematic people leave and return once the police have left but the shots fired on Friday has been a last straw. She said Playmakers was busier Saturday after the shooting and there were drag races on 3rd Avenue and they had a stabbing on Sunday which demonstrates things are getting worse.

Phil Kantor addressed Council regarding concerns with Playmakers Sports Bar and Grill. He said patrons in the parking lot are noisy but tolerable until they move into the grassy lot near the rear of the condo building. He said he was aware of the stabbing due to the police presence and 30 to 40 people outside of Playmakers yelling. He said he witnessed the blood trail on Playmakers property in the morning. He said previous meetings with the Mayor and Police Chief Landi gave him the impression that a significant event needed to happen before revocation of the license could occur and two major events have occurred in the same weekend. Mr. Kantor shared his

recommendations for managing the unruly individuals and his efforts to address ongoing concerns by communicating with the Mayor and RIPD.

Mayor Thoms said staff will be speaking with persons interested in sharing their interest in the Black Hawk sign and a recommendation will be brought back to Council.

Aldersperson Swanson said there was significant damage in Ward 4 from the F1 tornado on Tuesday including damage to trees and home and roadways were blocked. She said within 40 minutes of the storm ending Public Works staff were working to clear storm debris from roadways. Police Officers were out in the community working to ensure the safety residents and Fire personnel were working in anticipation of storms for later that day. MidAmerican and MetroNet crews were out working to restore service. Aldersperson Swanson was in communication with the Red Cross and their Disaster Relief teams were in the community providing needed assistance through Sunday. She said residents were helping one another to clean up brush and fallen branches. On behalf of Ward 4 residents, Aldersperson Swanson thanked all of those who helped clean up after the storm and especially Public Works staff as they cleared most of the storm debris.

Mayor Thoms said Public Works has begun picking up storm debris and will pick up brush and tree branches that are placed along the boulevard for the next several weeks. He encouraged residents to call if debris has not been picked up in a few weeks.

Aldersperson Healy asked if the pickups would include items other than brush. Public Works Director Mike Bartels said the pickups are for brush only and recommended residents schedule a special pickup for items intended for the landfill. Mayor Thoms said residents get one free special pickup each year and can schedule a second pickup for a nominal fee. Mr. Bartels said special pickups have approximately a six week wait which may increase as the number of requests increase. He confirmed the first pickup is free and the second pickup is \$25.

Aldersperson Gilbert said she appreciated preplanning by Public Works which allowed staff to utilize equipment to move heavy branches and trees right away.

Mayor Thoms said MidAmerican was reaching out with updates at regular intervals and offering generators and phone chargers for use. Aldersperson Poulos commended the entire City for efforts to triage storm damage with available resources and efforts of the Police and Fire departments.

7. Minutes from the March 27, 2023 Study Session and City Council Meeting.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Gilbert moved to approve the minutes as amended; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Aldersperson Gilbert said she asked a question during the Study Session Minutes in the last paragraph under the Campground presentation. She said she asked if the question about funds for the Sunset Marina Feasibility study would be coming out of the ARPA budget and what funds would be used for the Campground feasibility study. Aldersperson Gilbert said City Manager Todd Thompson's response needed to be amended.

VOTE:

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

8. Update Rock Island

Calling all gardeners! The Rock Island Public Library has opened its Seed Library. Stop by the downtown library branch at 401 19th Street from now through September. Anyone may pick out five FREE seed packets per household, per month. No library card is required. Choose from a selection of vegetable or flower seeds.

Raise money for the Rock Island Parks Department while enjoying delicious food and a sampling of spring-themed wine The next Parks Wine & Dine fundraiser is this Thursday, April 13 at QC Coffee & Pancake House, 1831 3rd Avenue. Register by Tuesday, April 11th by calling 309-788-9589. The cost is \$85 per person.

And finally, the City of Rock Island would like to recognize its emergency service dispatchers The week of April 9th to the 15th is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. The City of Rock Island currently has 13 telecommunicator positions who handle more than 34,000 911 calls and another 190,000 calls for service annually. Every day, millions of people depend on the skills, expertise and commitment of the men and women who work in public safety telecommunications. These individuals help save lives by answering emergency phone calls, dispatching emergency professionals and equipment and providing moral support to citizens in distress.

9. Proclamation declaring April 17- 21, 2023 as National Work Zone Awareness Week in the City of Rock Island.

Clerk Gange read the proclamation. Mayor Thoms read his declaration.

10. Proclamation declaring the month of April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Rock Island.

Clerk Gange read the proclamation. Mayor Thoms read his declaration. Every Child (formerly Child Abuse Council) Executive Director Mark Matthews accepted the proclamation and a photo was taken. Mr. Matthews said there were 1,800 reports of child abuse and neglect in the Quad City area which is unacceptable. He thanked the Mayor and the Council for making the Broadway district such a great place to live for him and his family for the past 25 years. He said everyone can agree that children deserve to be loved, cherished, and to have a happy, health childhood. Mr. Matthews thanked Council for the proclamation and encouraged everyone the upcoming gala to support Every Child, for more details visit WWW.FOREVERYCHILD.ORG. He said information is also available for the Pinwheel Gardens which raise funds to help support 10 different programs aimed at prevention.

Mayor Thoms said he has a table for the gala, and he has previously helped with the Pinwheel Garden at Modern Woodman. He said Every Child focuses on prevention by offering programs for parents-to-be to provide guidance on nurturing newborns and assistance mothers in managing nervousness. Mr. Matthews said the good news is that child abuse is preventable.

11. Proclamation declaring the month of April 2023 as Earth Month in the City of Rock Island.

Clerk Gange read the proclamation. Mayor Thoms read his declaration and said it is very important to replenish trees that have been lost to severe weather.

12. A Special Ordinance requesting the transfer of the City's 2023 Home Rule Volume Cap to Quad Cities Regional Economic Development Authority (QCREDA) (Second Reading).

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to pass the Special Ordinance; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

13. An Ordinance regarding the annexation of seventeen (17) City-owned parcels of land in the City's Southwest area (Second Reading).

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to pass the ordinance as recommended; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

14. An Ordinance regarding the rezoning from R-1 (one unit residential) district to C-2 (natural conservation) district for seventeen (17) parcels near the City's Southwest Area (Second Reading).

MOTION:

Aldersperson Swanson moved to pass the ordinance as recommended; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

15. Consent Agenda.

- a. Claims for the week of March 17 through March 23, 2023 in the amount of \$343,510.72; week of March 24 through March 30, 2023 in the amount of \$718,200.46; and payroll for the weeks of March 6 through March 19, 2023 in the amount of \$1,663,835.26.
- b. International City/County Management Association (ICMA) claims for the week of March 23 through March 24, 2023 in the amount of \$63,380.12.
- c. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$13,240.44 to David G. Morrison, City Attorney, for services rendered during the month of March 2023.

- d. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of \$15,000.00 to to the Rock Island County ETSB for the City's share of the CrowdStrike Complete cyber security software annual maintenance agreement.
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$18,313.19 to CDM Smith, Chicago, IL for the Mill Street Plant Anaerobic Digester Maintenance Project.
- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the Boiler Maintenance Contract, recommending the bid be awarded to Modern Piping, Inc., Davenport, IA in the amount of \$28,884.00 over three years with a one year extension option.
- g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$38,271.74 to Veenstra & Kimm Inc., Rock Island, IL for professional services related to the Downtown Parking Garage and Parking Lot, Project 2847.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Swanson moved to approve consent agenda items a through g; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Aldersperson Gilbert asked if item f was referencing the new boilers installed at City Hall. Public Works Director Mike Bartels responded affirmatively and said the boilers were both new and old. He said the Police station was not a part of the JCI contract but they are newer boilers. Aldersperson Gilbert asked if we had warranties with the JCI contract. Mr. Bartels said the end of the one-year warranty is approaching and they just completed the punch list items for the contract. Aldersperson Gilbert said she is wondering about JCI's responsibility. Mr. Bartels said JCI's responsibilities are for the boilers themselves. Aldersperson Gilbert asked if there was more work to be completed on the boiler system in City Hall. Mr. Bartels said the boiler is complete. Aldersperson Gilbert asked if a progress report would be made available to Council. Mr. Bartels said that a report would be available once the punch list items were completed. He said there is an outstanding issue at the Library, some issues at the RIFAC facility, and some reports from staff reporting fluctuations in temperatures. Aldersperson Gilbert asked if there were any issues at the Public Works facility. Mr. Bartels said they have experienced some issues with fluctuating temperatures.

Mr. Bartels said that part of the ongoing issues is that the original project proposal was to replace everything. He said that some of the mechanical units were conditioned by replacing some parts but the units themselves were not replaced to save on costs. He said some of the recent issues have been caused by the failure of individual parts that were not a part of the contract. He said there have been some issues with the new equipment which is not uncommon.

Aldersperson Poulos asked why an incomplete bid that was significantly lower was included. Mr. Bartels incomplete bids are included in the bid tab for transparency since vendors have interest in knowing who submitted bids, what was incomplete, and what the cost was. Aldersperson Poulos asked what was incomplete about the bid. Mr. Bartels said the business utilizes a program to enter the serial number for the boiler system that the City is seeking a maintenance contract for and it generates a maintenance program and estimated cost. He said the business entered information incorrectly which generated a cost significantly less than it should have been because the boiler size is much larger than the system identified.

VOTE:

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

16. Claims

- a. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$32,265.23 to Langman Construction, Rock Island, IL for an emergency water main repair at 1324 42nd Street.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payments #2 and #3 in the amount of \$265,051.10 to Langman Construction, Rock Island, IL for the Downtown Parking Garage and Parking Lot, CRI #2847.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #3 in the amount of \$420,683.46 to Centennial Contractors, Moline, IL for the 2022 and 2023 Sidewalk and Pavement Patching Program.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Gilbert moved to allow claims a through c; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

DISCUSSION:

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

VOTE:

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

17. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a contract to IMEG Corporation, Rock Island, IL in the amount of \$300,000.00 for Phase I and II design services for the 1st Avenue (IL 92) reconstruction/road diet project between 16th and 24th Streets.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Parker moved to approve the contract as recommended; authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement; adopt the resolution; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Mayor Thoms said this is an exciting project that will make the Schwiebert Riverfront Park more accessible to pedestrians and open opportunities for quiet zones in the future with rail crossings. He this has been on the CIP list for quite some time and it is great to see it moving forward.

VOTE:

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

18. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department regarding a funding agreement with the Community Caring Conference (CCC).

MOTION:

Aldersperson Gilbert moved to approve the funding agreement as recommended and allow the City Manager to execute the documents; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

19. Report from the Community & Economic Development Department regarding the sale of City-owned properties. (First Readings)

- a. Sale of City-owned property located at 1128 4th Avenue (PIN 0734416007) to Mukabaziga Agnes for \$1,042.50 plus closing costs.
- b. Sale of City-owned property located at 1425 11th Street (PIN 1602128025) to Mugabo Antoine for \$2,531.00 plus closing costs.
- c. Sale of City-owned property located at 422 8th Street (PIN 0734409016) to Mugabo Antoine for \$4,502.69 plus closing costs.
- d. Sale of City-owned property located at 601 5th Street (PIN 0734406016) to Vasudevan Raghavan & Girija Ramasamy for \$1,825.00 plus closing costs.
- e. Sale of City-owned property located at 517 5th Street (PIN 0734404018) to Mukabaziga Agnes for \$683.50 plus closing costs.
- f. Sale of City-owned property located at 515 5th Street (PIN 0734404017) to Mukabaziga Agnes for \$2,406.94 plus closing costs.
- g. Sale of City-owned property located at 1028 3rd Avenue (PIN 1603227006) to Muniyakaze Faustine for \$951.00 plus closing costs.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to approve the sales as recommended; authorize the City Manager to execute the sales agreements, and consider ordinances a through g; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

20. Report from the Parks & Recreation Department and City Clerk's office regarding a Highway Resolution for the closure of 1st Avenue between 17th Street and 20th Street on Monday, July 3, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., along with a rain date of Tuesday, July 4, 2023 for the annual Red, White & Boom fireworks display and concert at Schwiebert Riverfront Park.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to adopt the resolution as recommended; Aldersperson Healy seconded.

VOTE:

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

21. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment for the Martin Luther King Jr. Center increasing the MLK Activity Fund (901) revenue by \$65,000.00 and expense budget by \$159,767.00 for CY 2023.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Swanson moved to approve the budget adjustment as recommended; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Finance Director Linda Barnes provided clarification for types of budget adjustments and explained that amounts for revenues and expenses do not match when the revenue was received in the previous year. She said there are exceptions as seen with the current budget adjustment since an audit adjustment was completed to for unearned income to reduce revenue for Fiscal Year (FY) 22 to match then expenses and moved the additional amount forward so that the revenues and expense match.

Aldersperson Gilbert said during the last meeting the unspent funds from FY 22 were \$94,767.00 which has increased by \$5,320.50 carry over plus the \$65,000.00. Ms. Barnes responded affirmatively and explained that this was updated after reviewing the records revenues for FY 22 for that particular grant. She said the expenses for FY 22 should also be considered and when the difference is subtracted that is the amount for FY 23. Aldersperson Gilbert asked if more carryover money was identified upon reviewing records. Ms. Barnes responded affirmatively.

Aldersperson Gilbert asked if funds were received from John Deere Corporate or John Deere Foundation. MLK Director Jerry Jones said the funds may be coming from John Deere Corporate but that funds are dispersed through the John Deere Foundation so that is how it is recorded. Aldersperson Gilbert said she was asking since there was clarification of funds from John Deere Corporate during a previous meeting. Mr. Jones responded affirmatively and explained that John Deere appreciates the distinction but that funds received are recorded as the John Deere Foundation since that is how the funds are received. He said the distinction is important so that funds received do not count against future funding opportunities.

VOTE:

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

22. Report from the Mayor's Office regarding reappointments to the Library Board, Liquor Commission, and Police Pension Board.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to approve the reappointment as recommended; Aldersperson Healy

seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Aldersperson Swanson said she supports reappointments and that it is also important for opportunities to be made for other people in the community that are interested in serving on a committee. Mayor Thoms said that he continues to be mindful of that and many of the reappointments are following a first term and some reappointments are elected as well. Aldersperson Gilbert said that many of the ordinances identify term limits but there are not limits for some. Mayor Thoms said that the pros and cons of term limits have been discussed and that the City Manager will be discussing this with Council in the future. He said there has been difficulty in identifying interested persons for some commissions such as the Preservation Commission with four vacancies currently with only two applications. Aldersperson Gilbert said that she has recently directed someone to the webpage to apply and asked if the website lists opening. City Clerk Samantha Gange said vacancies are posted on the City website and Facebook as a press release. Mayor Thoms responded affirmatively and said it was not listed on the application webpage. He opined that the new software could improve the application process by making it more user friendly and accessible to mobile devices.

VOTE:

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

23. Report from the City Clerk's office regarding a request from the Augustana College Office of Student Life and Leadership to use sound amplification on Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Lindberg Stadium, 520 38th Street as part of the annual Slough Fest.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Poulos moved to approve the sound amplification as recommended; Aldersperson Gilbert seconded.

VOTE:

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

24. Report from the City Clerk's office regarding a request from Jason Parris of Wake Brewing for outdoor entertainment with sound amplification and the outdoor sale and consumption of alcohol in the fenced-in area at 2529 5th Avenue on multiple dates beginning Saturday, May 6, 2023 through Saturday, September 30, 2023.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to approve the outdoor event and sound amplification requests, including the sale of alcohol in the fenced-in area; subject to complying with all liquor license regulations and closing early if complaints are received; Aldersperson Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

25. Report from the City Clerk's office regarding a request from Beth Lam of The Broadway and Rooster's Bar and Grill to close 21st and 22nd Streets between 3rd and 4th Avenues and the accompanying alleyways on Saturday, June 24, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 25, 2023 for a blues and jazz festival.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Robinson moved to approve the requests as recommended; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

26. Other Business

Aldersperson Swanson provided positive feedback to the City for keeping water service within City services so that the City staff can inform citizens about exactly what is in the water. She said there have been numerous complaints on the Next Door application about the water for the City of Davenport that they are unable to address because they do not manage their own water services.

Mayor Thoms said Rock Island was recently voted the best water in the region. Aldersperson Gilbert responded affirmatively.

Aldersperson Robinson congratulated Brea Beal and her family on being drafted by the Minnesota Lynx in the WNBA draft.

Aldersperson Gilbert congratulated the incumbents who won re-election.

27. Motion to Adjourn.

MOTION:

Aldersperson Healy moved to adjourn until April 24, 2023; Aldersperson Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

Meeting ended at 8:06 p.m.

*Naomi Torrence*_____

Naomi Torrence, Deputy City Clerk