

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

City Hall
1528 Third Avenue, Rock Island IL
City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor

8/10/2020 - Minutes

1. As part of his Executive Order in response to Covid-19, #2020-07, section 6, Governor Pritzker announced provisions of the Open Meetings Act requiring in-person attendance by members of a public body are suspended, specifically the requirement that a public body must be physically present and the conditions limiting when remote participation is permitted.

2. Call to Order

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

3. Roll Call

Mayor Thoms asked Interim City Clerk Linda Mohr to call the roll.

Present: Mayor Mike Thoms, Alderman Mark Poulos, Alderman Randy Hurt, and Alderwoman Swanson.

Alderman Parker, Alderman Geenen, and Alderman Spurgetis were present via remote participation in accordance with Governor Pritzker's Executive Order.

Absent: Alderman Ivory D. Clark.

A quorum was reached.

Staff: City Manager Randy Tweet, Interim City Clerk Linda Mohr, and other City staff.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

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

5. Moment of Silence

Mayor Thoms asked for a moment of silence. A moment of silence was observed.

6. Public Comment

Mayor Thoms asked if any member of the public wished to speak on matters not already on the agenda. No residents volunteered to speak.

7. Update Rock Island by Mayor Thoms

Thursday Night Groove Concert Series at Schwiebert Park - The Fall concert lineup begins this Thursday, August 13, 2020 with Funktastic 5 followed by North of 40 on August 20, 2020. Bring your chairs and picnic blankets and enjoy summer concert performances. Beginning at 6:00 p.m., concessions will be available, including Happy Joe's Pizza and Bent River Brewing Company. The concerts are from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. We ask all patrons to be smart, wear masks, practice social distancing, and to keep seating grouped with those in your immediate household. With these measures in place, we can provide a safe and enjoyable outdoor music experience.

Fall Youth Sports and Fitness Activities - The Rock Island Parks and Recreation Department will offer the following activities in August following the Phase 4 Restore Illinois Plan.

Flag Football Pre-Season Camp for ages 6-14 will be held August 26th and 27th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Campbell Sports Complex. Camp will be held by Coach Hammer and the Rocky Football team. Registration fee is \$30.00 and the deadline is August 31st.

Flag Football for ages 5-14 will have a four-week session from September 2nd to September 26th. There will be practices and intra-team scrimmages only and no competitive play with other teams. Practices will be Wednesday evenings. Scrimmages will be held at Campbell Sports Complex on Saturdays. Camp will be held by Coach Hammer and the Rocky Football team. Registration fee is \$30.00 and the deadline is August 21st.

Soccer Preseason Camp for ages 6-14 will be held August 24th and 25th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Campbell Sports Complex. Camp will be led by Coach Rudy and the Rocky Boys Soccer team. Registration fee is \$30.00 and the deadline is August 31st.

Fall Soccer will begin a four week session in September. There will be practices and intra-team scrimmages only and no competitive play with other teams. Ages 3 & 4 will run Saturdays only from September 12th through September 26th. Ages 5 to 14 will have Tuesday practices and Saturday scrimmages running from September 1st through September 26th. Practices will be Wednesday evenings. Scrimmages will be held at Campbell Sports Complex. Camp will be led by Coach Rudy and the Rocky Boys Soccer team. Registration fee is \$30.00 and the deadline is August 21st.

First Tee Junior Golf Programs for ages 8-17 will run at Highland Springs Driving Range on various nights.

Over 10 different outdoor land fitness classes are being held in the Rock Island Fitness and Activity Center parking lot and Schwiebert Park. Water fitness classes and swim lessons are also running the month of August. Participants can register online at www.rigov.org/epark, by phone at (309) 732-7275, or in person at RIFAC.

City of Rock Island crews are currently out cleaning the roadways of debris, limbs, and trees.

Starting on Monday, August 17, there will be a FREE special collection of ONLY trees, limbs, and branches. Garbage and other materials should not be included. Customers are asked to set out debris by 7 AM on their normal garbage collection day of the week in their regular garbage pickup location or near the curb. Do not place limbs in the street. Limbs do not need to be trimmed or bundled. It may take several weeks to collect all debris.

The Refuse and Yard Waste Drop Off Center is open on Saturdays from 7 AM to 12 Noon at Millenium Waste, 13606 Knoxville Road, Milan. There is a \$17 fee per vehicle with not more than the equivalent of a full-size pickup load per trip.

Due to power outages, several traffic signals remain out throughout the City. Once power has been restored the traffic signals will return to operation.

Please contact the Public Works Department at 309.732.2200 to report any blocked roadways.

The City of Rock Island appreciates your patience during our cleanup efforts.

Alderman Poulos asked Mayor Thoms to also remind residents to treat outages at traffic lights like a four-way stop. Mayor Thoms clarified the instructions on how to handle

8. Minutes of the July 27, 2020 City Council Meeting.

MOTION:

Alderman Hurt moved to approve the minutes as printed; Alderman Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Geenen, Hurt, Spurgetis, and Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: Clark.

9. Consent Calendar for Outstanding Ordinances

- a. An Ordinance designating an honorary name to the City street currently known as Glenhurst Court in memory of De'Mar Bester.
- b. An Ordinance establishing a one-way street heading northbound on 35th Street between 6th and 7th Avenues.
- c. An ordinance granting a Special Use Permit to Gregory Ballard to maintain a small voice recording business at 3635 15th Street.
- d. An Ordinance establishing Type B residential parking only on 42nd Avenue from 9th Street to 952 42nd Avenue.
- e. An Ordinance removing a handicapped parking space at 612 6th Street.
- f. An Ordinance removing a handicapped parking space at 546 22nd Avenue.
- g. An Ordinance declaring certain Fire SCBA Equipment owned by the City as surplus and disposal of same.
- h. An Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit to Michael Whiteside to operate a bar and grill at 3737 14th Avenue.
- i. An Ordinance authorizing the ceding of private activity bonding authority.
- j. An Ordinance removing a handicapped parking space at 1916 9th 1/2 Street.
- k. An Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit to Justin Farley for a music studio and public event facility at 4401 7th Avenue.
- l. An Ordinance granting water service outside the City limits to Tom Scot at 2901 47th Avenue.
- m. An Ordinance allowing a handicapped parking space in front of 1029 - 17th Avenue.
- n. An Ordinance banning parking on the east side of 41st Street, between 18th and 20th Avenues.
- o. An Ordinance installing 4-way stop signs at the intersection of 25th Avenue and 29th Street.
- p. An Ordinance establishing the parking lot of the Greater Antioch Baptist Church, 929 14th Street as a City Ordinance Lot.

These items have been placed together under the consent agenda/omnibus vote designation.

MOTION:

Alderman Spurgetis moved to approve Ordinance items A through P; Alderwoman Swanson seconded.

Alderman Geenen did not vote due to a dropped connection.

CONSENT AGENDA/OMNIBUS VOTE:

Motion passed on a 5-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Hurt, Spurgetis, and Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: Clark.

10. Claims

- a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment of David G. Morrison, Rock Island, IL, in the amount of \$22,866.48 for legal services rendered from June 30th through July 30th, 2020.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment to McClintock Trucking and Excavating, Inc., Silvis, IL for the Sewer Lateral Repair Program, Project 2564, for services provided at 2124 23rd Avenue, \$8,540.90; 3735 37th Avenue, \$7,191.50; 3323 25th Avenue, \$11,970.41; 3205 34th Street, \$5,313.33; 3115

22nd Avenue, \$8,593.85; 3015 35th Avenue, \$5,772.54 and 2431 45th Street, \$7,882.56 for a total payment of \$55,265.09.

- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment to McClintock Trucking and Excavating, Inc., Silvis, IL for the Water Service Repair Program, Project 2526, for services provided at 1417 31st Street in the amount of \$1,375.56.

MOTION:

Alderman Swanson moved to approve claims items a through c as recommended; Alderman Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Geenen, Hurt, Spurgetis, and Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: Clark.

11. Claims for the week of July 17th through July 23rd, 2020 in the amount of \$828,668.51; for the week of July 24th through 30th, 2020 in the amount of \$979,685.12; and payroll for the weeks of July 13th through July 26, 2020 in the amount of \$1,525,025.01.

MOTION:

Alderman Poulos moved to allow the claims and payroll; Alderman Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Geenen, Hurt, Spurgetis, and Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: Clark.

12. Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the bids for the demolition of 19 Partridge Circle, recommending the bid be awarded to Valley Construction, Rock Island, IL for the amount of \$29,500.00.

MOTION:

Alderman Hurt moved to award the bid as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract document; Alderman Spurgetis seconded.

Alderman 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: Poulos, Geenen, Hurt, Spurgetis, and Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: Clark.

13. A report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a HUD CDBG-CV partial Funding allocation for the Rock Island Milan School District #41 Community Internet Equity Project.

MOTION:

Alderman Poulos moved to approve the expenditure as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the Sub-Recipient Agreements with the school district; Alderman Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Geenen, Hurt, Spurgetis, and Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: Clark.

14. Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the sale of City owned real estate described as 1417 11th 1/2 Street, Parcel 094309, PIN 1602128008 to Monica Dewith for \$842.50 plus closing costs.

MOTION:

Alderman Geenen moved to approve the sale of the property as recommended, authorize the City Manager to execute the sale agreement and consider, suspend the rules and pass the ordinance; Alderman Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Geenen, Hurt, Spurgetis, and Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: Clark.

15. Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the purchase of the southeastern 6' by 43.5' strip of real estate located at 1337 14th 1/2 Street for \$3,500.00 plus closing costs.

MOTION:

Alderman Spurgetis moved to approve the purchase as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the purchase agreement; Alderman Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Geenen, Hurt, Spurgetis, and Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: Clark.

16. Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding the purchase of eastern 5' by 45' strip of real estate located at 1343 14th 1/2 Street for \$1 plus closing costs.

MOTION:

Alderwoman Swanson moved to approve the purchase as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the purchase agreement; Alderman Spurgetis seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Geenen, Hurt, Spurgetis, and Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: Clark.

17. Report from the Finance Department regarding the Municipal Compliance Reports for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2019 from the Police Pension Fund and the Fire Pension Fund.

MOTION:

Alderman Spurgetis moved to accept the reports as recommended; Alderwoman Swanson seconded.

Alderman Poulos recused himself from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 5-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Geenen, Hurt, Spurgetis, and Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: Clark.

18. Report from the Finance Department regarding a Resolution of the City of Rock Island, Illinois declaring its official intent to reimburse certain capital expenditures from the proceeds of future debt issues.

MOTION:

Alderman Poulos moved to adopt the resolution as recommended; Alderman Hurt seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Geenen, Hurt, Spurgetis, and Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: Clark.

19. Report from the Traffic and Engineering Committee regarding a request from Ashley Carlton, 1528 44th Street, to remove the handicapped parking space in front of the residence.

MOTION:

Alderman Geenen moved to approve the request as recommended and direct the City Attorney to prepare the necessary paperwork; Alderman Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Geenen, Hurt, Spurgetis, and Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: Clark.

20. Report from the Traffic and Engineering Committee regarding a request from the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center to place their parking lot at 630 9th Street under City Ordinance (Section 9-42) control.

MOTION:

Alderman Hurt moved to approve the request as recommended and direct the City Attorney to prepare the necessary paperwork; Alderwoman Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Geenen, Hurt, Spurgetis, and Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: Clark.

21. Other Business

Mayor Thoms asked if there were additional items to discuss. Alderman Spurgetis said he wished to thank the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments for their work under challenging times. Mayor Thoms echoed those sentiments.

Alderman Geenen said he was proud the City was joining the Mask Up Coalition. He said he witnessed a situation at Bike & Hike recently involving a customer asked to leave because they did not follow the mask guidelines, and commended staff there for handling it well and for keeping the community safe. Mayor Thoms agreed and said mask wearing needs to continue being emphasized.

Alderman Hurt thanked the Keep Rock Island Beautiful program for their work in cleaning up the downtown and Sunset Marina areas over the past weekend. Mayor Thoms asked citizens to be friendly neighbors in helping to clean up after the recent storm.

22. Motion to adjourn.

MOTION:

Alderman Spurgetis moved to adjourn; Alderwoman Swanson seconded.

Alderman Geenen did not vote due to a dropped connection.

VOTE:

Motion carried on a 5-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Parker, Poulos, Hurt, Spurgetis, and Swanson. Nay: None. Absent: Clark.

