

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

City Hall

1528 Third Avenue, Rock Island IL

City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor

2/11/2019 - Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Parker called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Pro Tem Parker asked the City Clerk to call the roll.

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Dylan Parker, Alderman Dave Geenen, Alderman James Spurgetis, and Alderman Joshua Schipp

Absent: Mayor Mike Thoms, Alderman Ivory D. Clark, Alderman Virgil J. Mayberry, and Alderman Stephen L. Tollenaer

Staff: City Manager Randy Tweet, City Attorney Dave Morrison, City Clerk Judith Gilbert, and other City staff

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro Tem Parker led in the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Moment of Silence

Mayor Pro Tem Parker asked for a moment of silence. A moment of silence was observed.

5. Minutes of the January 28, 2019 meeting.

MOTION:

Alderman Spurgetis moved to approve the minutes as printed; Alderman Schipp seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 4-0-3 voice vote. Aye: Geenen, Spurgetis, Parker, and Schipp. Nay: None. Absent: Clark, Mayberry, and Tollenaer.

6. Minutes of the Executive Session of January 28, 2019.

MOTION:

Alderman Spurgetis moved to approve the Executive Session minutes; Alderman Schipp seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 4-0-3 voice vote. Aye: Geenen, Spurgetis, Parker, and Schipp. Nay: None. Absent: Clark, Mayberry, and Tollenaer.

7. Update Rock Island by Mayor Pro Tem Parker

Blackhawk Park Valentine - Head out to Watch Tower Lodge at Black Hawk State Historic Site on Thursday, February 14, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. for the Valentine Indoor Music and Moonlight Walk. You can go for a stroll on a luminary-lit trail or just go into the Lodge and keep warm by the fire while enjoying fresh donuts and cider or hot cocoa. There will be music provided by Just4Fun. This is fun for singles, couples and families. The event is free. For more information, call (309) 788-9536.

The 2019 Outdoor Show – The Outdoor Show will be coming to the Quad City Expo Center February 14 through February 17, 2019. Hours are Thursday, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Adults are \$8.00, kids between ages of 6 and 15 are \$1.00 and kids under 6 are free. Advance tickets are available online at WWW.QCCAEXPOCENTER.COM.

Community Crime Prevention Partnership Meeting – On Wednesday, February 20, 2019 the Police Department will continue their monthly informational meetings intended to strengthen existing partnerships with the citizens of Rock Island. This month's topic will cover police services. The meeting will take place at the Police Department Community Room at 1212 5th Avenue from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

8. A Special Ordinance providing for the sale of City-owned real estate at 1217 9th Avenue.

Note: The ordinance presented at the January 28, 2019 Council meeting contained a scrivener's error of the commonly known address.

MOTION:

Alderman Schipp moved to pass the ordinance; Alderman Geenen seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 4-0-3 roll call vote. Aye: Geenen, Spurgetis, Parker, and Schipp. Nay: None. Absent: Clark, Mayberry, and Tollenaer.

9. A Special Ordinance providing for the sale of City-owned real estate at 1014 6th Avenue.

Note: The ordinance presented at the January 28, 2019 Council meeting contained a scrivener's error of the commonly known address.

MOTION:

Alderman Schipp moved to pass the ordinance; Mayor Pro Tem Parker seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 4-0-3 roll call vote. Aye: Geenen, Spurgetis, Parker, and Schipp. Nay: None. Absent: Clark, Mayberry, and Tollenaer.

City Attorney Dave Morrison noted for the record the details of the scrivener's errors in the ordinances. He said his office would try to avoid those errors from happening again.

10. A Special Ordinance declaring 700 48-gallon refuse containers as surplus and allowing for disposal.

City Clerk Gilbert noted that Council can only consider the ordinance; there is an insufficient number of Council members present to suspend the rules.

MOTION:

Alderman Geenen moved to consider the ordinance; Alderman Spurgetis seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 4-0-3 roll call vote. Aye: Geenen, Spurgetis, Parker, and Schipp. Nay: None. Absent: Clark, Mayberry, and Tollenaer.

11. A Special Ordinance removing a one-way street for eastbound traffic on 25th Avenue between 9th and 11th Streets on school days between the hours of 7:15 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

MOTION:

Alderman Spurgetis moved to consider the ordinance; Alderman Schipp seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 4-0-3 roll call vote. Aye: Geenen, Spurgetis, Parker, and Schipp. Nay: None. Absent: Clark, Mayberry, and Tollenaer.

12. A Special Ordinance establishing a handicapped parking space at 726 24th Street.

MOTION:

Alderman Spurgetis moved to consider the ordinance; Alderman Geenen seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 4-0-3 roll call vote. Aye: Geenen, Spurgetis, Parker, and Schipp. Nay: None. Absent: Clark, Mayberry, and Tollenaer.

13. A Special Ordinance establishing one (1) 4-hour parking space in front of 1625 2nd Avenue.

MOTION:

Alderman Schipp moved to consider the ordinance; Mayor Pro Tem Parker seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 4-0-3 roll call vote. Aye: Geenen, Spurgetis, Parker, and Schipp. Nay: None. Absent: Clark, Mayberry, and Tollenaer.

14. A Resolution urging the Rock Island County Board and/or the Rock Island Public Building Commission to enter into an intergovernmental agreement for the successful privatization and redevelopment of the historic Rock Island County Courthouse.

MOTION:

Alderman Schipp moved to adopt the resolution; Alderman Spurgetis seconded.

Mayor Pro Tem Parker read the resolution.

Alderman Schipp commented that Alderman Parker did a nice job with writing the resolution and it strikes the right tone; it is not adversarial. He said that Rock Island is the county seat and is a vital stakeholder in the matter. The issue has created a much larger public debate. Alderman Schipp noted that in Europe preservation is not even discussed; people just preserve the buildings and culture. When Council was interested in selling Hauberg Center two years ago, it sparked a positive community conversation with a positive community result.

Mayor Pro Tem Parker said Council members have received concerns that the City was taking on financial responsibility for any redevelopment of the courthouse. He said it was the intention of the City to offer staff and City partnerships to County to facilitate development. Mayor Pro Tem Parker said it was not the City's intent to put up the money for redevelopment; if it can be done, it will be done with private money. The City has the expertise to make such a deal happen. Mayor Pro Tem Parker added that ultimately it is the County's decision.

Jim Uribe, Rock Island resident, read a statement. He stated the group Rock Island County Tax Reduction Coalition is concerned that any investor will ask for taxpayer dollars for any Courthouse redevelopment project. He said taxpayers should not subsidize private industry. He asked that the taxpayers be considered in any decision and not have another financial burden.

Mayor Pro Tem Parker said the intent is to increase the tax base.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 3-0-3 roll call vote. Aye: Spurgetis, Parker, and Schipp. Nay: None. Absent: Clark, Mayberry, and Tollenaer. Alderman Geenen abstained from the vote.

15. Claims

- a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$12,408.41 to David Morrison of Rock Island, IL for legal services rendered from December 17, 2018 through January 31, 2019.
- b. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of \$45,527.84 to Harris Computer System of Chicago, IL for the annual maintenance contract for the Northstar System utility billing software for the year from April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020.

- c. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of \$59,439.56 to Harris Computer System of Chicago, IL for the annual maintenance contract for GEMS-FMS/HRMS financial and human resources software for the year from April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020.
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$51,225.62 to Thinc Management of Plant City, FL for settlement claim.
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$74,078.39 to Compass Minerals of Atlanta, GA for the purchase of rock salt.

MOTION:

Alderman Spurgetis moved to accept the reports and authorize payment as recommended for Claims items a through e; Alderman Geenen seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 4-0-3 roll call vote. Aye: Geenen, Spurgetis, Parker, and Schipp. Nay: None. Absent: Clark, Mayberry, and Tollenaer.

- f. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #2 in the amount of \$302,639.74 to Valley Construction of Rock Island, IL for the 3rd Avenue Water Main Extension at 24th Street Project for services provided from May 26, 2018 through December 1, 2018.

Mayor Pro Tem Parker asked if a motion is necessary to postpone action for Claims items f and g. City Attorney Morrison recommended that agenda items be postponed to a date certain for future action. Mayor Pro Tem Parker asked for a motion.

MOTION:

Alderman Schipp moved to postpone the votes on Claims items f and g until the February 25, 2019 Council meeting; Alderman Geenen seconded.

Alderman Spurgetis asked for an explanation of the postponement. Mayor Pro Tem Parker said he would have to recuse himself from the vote for the two items due to his employment; he doesn't think there are enough people for the vote to pass. Mr. Morrison explained the distinction. He said with the resolution because it is not specifically allocating funds, a simple majority of the quorum is sufficient for the vote (3 out of 4). However, when the item is approval of specific dollar amounts, a majority of a quorum or four votes is required. If there is one recusal, there would not be a majority of the quorum or four (4) votes to pass the item as required. Alderman Geenen asked if this will delay the payments. Mayor Pro Tem Parker said it would be delayed by two weeks.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 4-0-3 roll call vote. Aye: Geenen, Spurgetis, Parker, and Schipp. Nay: None. Absent: Clark, Mayberry, and Tollenaer.

- g. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #16 in the amount of \$681,327.00 to Civil Constructors, Inc. of East Moline, IL for the Water Filtration Facility Project for services provided from December 21, 2018 through January 24, 2019.

See MOTION and VOTE under Claims item f.

16. Claims for the weeks of January 25 through January 31 in the amount of \$1,181,288.75 and for February 1 through February 7 in the amount of \$365,779.77; and payroll for the weeks of January 14 through January 27 in the amount of \$1,522,689.20.

MOTION:

Alderman Spurgetis moved to allow the claims and payroll; Alderman Schipp seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 4-0-3 roll call vote. Aye: Geenen, Spurgetis, Parker, and Schipp. Nay: None. Absent: Clark, Mayberry, and Tollenaer.

17. Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of cut-in water valves from Core & Main LP of Washington, IL in the amount of \$25,726.80.

MOTION:

Alderman Schipp moved to approve the purchase as recommended; Mayor Pro Tem Parker seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 4-0-3 roll call vote. Aye: Geenen, Spurgetis, Parker, and Schipp. Nay: None. Absent: Clark, Mayberry, and Tollenaer.

18. Report from the Public Works Department regarding the purchase of fire hydrants from Ferguson Waterworks of DeKalb, IL in the amount of \$40,615.72.

MOTION:

Alderman Spurgetis moved to approve the purchase as recommended; Mayor Pro Tem Parker seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 4-0-3 roll call vote. Aye: Geenen, Spurgetis, Parker, and Schipp. Nay: None. Absent: Clark, Mayberry, and Tollenaer.

19. Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the purchase of "real time" leak correlation equipment, recommending the bid be awarded to Gutermann, Inc. of Newmarket, NH in the amount of \$25,550.00.

MOTION:

Alderman Schipp moved to award the bid as recommended and authorize the purchase; Alderman Spurgetis seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 4-0-3 roll call vote. Aye: Geenen, Spurgetis, Parker, and Schipp. Nay: None. Absent: Clark, Mayberry, and Tollenaer.

20. Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2019 Brick Street Repair Program, recommending the bid be awarded to Centennial Contractors of the Quad Cities, Inc. of Moline, IL in the amount of \$76,123.70.

Mayor Pro Tem Parker said he will need another motion to postpone the item for action as he would have to recuse himself due to his employment.

MOTION:

Alderman Schipp moved to postpone the vote on the agenda item until the February 25, 2019 Council meeting; Alderman Geenen seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 4-0-3 roll call vote. Aye: Geenen, Spurgetis, Parker, and Schipp. Nay: None. Absent: Clark, Mayberry, and Tollenaer.

21. Report from the Parks and Recreation Department regarding bids for the purchase of a John Deere sprayer for Highland Springs, recommending the bid be awarded to Van Wall of Rock Island, IL in the amount of \$45,300.00.

MOTION:

Alderman Geenen moved to award the bid as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents; Alderman Schipp seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 4-0-3 roll call vote. Aye: Geenen, Spurgetis, Parker, and Schipp. Nay: None. Absent: Clark, Mayberry, and Tollenaer.

22. Report from the Finance Department regarding a budget adjustment to the CY 2018 Budget, recommending increasing the Water Fund by \$112,237.11 and the Wastewater Fund by \$56,610.03.

City Clerk Gilbert said a motion to postpone action was needed for the item.

MOTION:

Alderman Geenen moved to postpone the vote on the agenda item until the February 25, 2019 Council meeting; Alderman Schipp seconded.

Mr. Morrison explained that for a budget adjustment, it requires five of the seven Council members present for a vote.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 4-0-3 roll call vote. Aye: Geenen, Spurgetis, Parker, and Schipp. Nay: None. Absent: Clark, Mayberry, and Tollenaer.

23. Report from the Public Works Department regarding the emergency contractor rotation list, recommending the addition of Crawford Company of Rock Island, IL to the list.

MOTION:

Alderman Schipp moved to approve the addition as recommended; Alderman Geenen seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 4-0-3 roll call vote. Aye: Geenen, Spurgetis, Parker, and Schipp. Nay: None. Absent: Clark, Mayberry, and Tollenaer.

24. Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from Alderman Parker, recommending the installation of two (2) passenger loading zones; one on the east side of 18th Street north of 2nd Avenue and the other on the east side of 19th Street north of 2nd Avenue.

MOTION:

Alderman Spurgetis moved to approve the installation of two (2) passenger loading zones as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance; Mayor Pro Tem Parker seconded.

Mayor Pro Tem Parker explained his request is to replace two parking spaces in the downtown near the pedestrian mall on 2nd Avenue with ride-share pick-up and drop-off spots. The City is encouraging the use of these services as opposed to driving drunk. He added it positions Rock Island as a forward-thinking community that welcomes ride-sharing. Mayor Pro Tem Parker thanked Public Works and the Traffic Engineering Committee for thoroughly assessing the request.

Alderman Spurgetis made a clarification that the two passenger loading spaces are only from 5 p.m. to 4 a.m. on a daily basis. He added the spaces are also available for any friends making pick-ups and drop-offs too; it is not just for the ride-sharing options. Alderman Spurgetis said in the daytime, the parking spaces would comply with the regular parking regulations.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 4-0-3 roll call vote. Aye: Geenen, Spurgetis, Parker, and Schipp. Nay: None. Absent: Clark, Mayberry, and Tollenaer.

25. Report from the Mayor regarding appointments to the Martin Luther King Jr. Board.

MOTION:

Alderman Geenen moved to approve the appointments as recommended; Alderman Spurgetis seconded.

Kayla Babers, Heidi Huiskamp-Collins, Michael Glanz, and Zenaida Landeros are being appointed to the Martin Luther King Jr. Board.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 4-0-3 voice vote. Aye: Geenen, Spurgetis, Parker, and Schipp. Nay: None. Absent: Clark, Mayberry, and Tollenaer.

26. Report from the Mayor regarding appointments to the Police Pension Board of Trustees and to the Metropolitan Airport Authority.

Alderman Schipp stated he will be abstaining from the vote on the appointment to the Metropolitan Airport Authority due to the nature of his employment.

Alderman Spurgetis asked for clarification that three affirmative votes is sufficient for the vote. Mr. Morrison said yes, that is correct.

MOTION:

Alderman Geenen moved to approve the appointment to the Police Pension Board as recommended; Alderman Schipp seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 4-0-3 voice vote. Aye: Geenen, Spurgetis, Parker, and Schipp. Nay: None. Absent: Clark, Mayberry, and Tollenaer.

MOTION:

Alderman Geenen moved to approve the appointment to the Metropolitan Airport Authority as recommended; Mayor Pro Tem Parker seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 3-0-3 roll call vote. Aye: Geenen, Spurgetis, and Parker. Nay: None. Absent: Clark, Mayberry, and Tollenaer.

Aaron Curry is being appointed to the Police Pension Board of Trustees and Richard John Jr. is being appointed to the Metropolitan Airport Authority.

27. Report from the City Clerk regarding Plaza Activity / Event applications from The Daiquiri Factory for the 2019 Plaza season including the outdoor sale and consumption of alcohol where noted.

MOTION:

Alderman Schipp moved to approve the events and requests as recommended, subject to complying with all Plaza and liquor license regulations and subject to being shut down early if complaints are received; Alderman Spurgetis seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 4-0-3 roll call vote. Aye: Geenen, Spurgetis, Parker, and Schipp. Nay: None. Absent: Clark, Mayberry, and Tollenaer.

28. Other Business / Public Comment

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Pro Tem Parker apologized for not being able to make several votes tonight due to his

recusal.

Alderman Schipp congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Parker on doing a great job tonight.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one signed up to address Council to speak on a topic.

29. Executive Session:

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 shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.

5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.

MOTION:

Alderman Spurgetis moved to go into Executive Session for the exceptions cited; Alderman Schipp seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 4-0-3 roll call vote. Aye: Geenen, Spurgetis, Parker, and Schipp. Nay: None. Absent: Clark, Mayberry, and Tollenaer.

30. Motion to Adjourn

MOTION:

Alderman Schipp moved to adjourn; Alderman Spurgetis seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 4-0-3 voice vote. Aye: Geenen, Spurgetis, Parker, and Schipp. Nay: None. Absent: Clark, Mayberry, and Tollenaer.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Judith H. Gilbert, City Clerk