

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

City Hall

1528 Third Avenue, Rock Island IL

City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor

3/23/2020 - Minutes

1. As part of his Executive Order in Response to Covid-19, #2020-07, section 6, Governor Pritzker announced in part that “During the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, 5ILCS 120, requiring or relating to in-person attendance by members of a public body are suspended. Specifically, (1) the requirement in 5 ILCS 120/2.01 that ‘members of a public body must be physically present’ is suspended; and (2) the conditions in 5 ILCS 120/7 limiting when remote participation is permitted are suspended. Public bodies are encouraged to postpone consideration of public business where possible.”

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 the Deputy Clerk to call the roll.

Present: Mayor Mike Thoms, Alderman Mark Poulos, Alderman Dave Geenen (via remote), Alderman Randy Hurt (via remote), Alderman James Spurgetis (via remote), Alderwoman Jenni Swanson, and Alderman Dylan Parker (via remote).

Absent: Alderman Ivory D. Clark.

Staff: City Manager Randy Tweet, City Attorney Dave Morrison (via remote), Deputy Clerk Josh Adams, 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. Minutes of the March 9. 2020 meeting.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

7. Public Comment

There were no members of the public present or via call to comment.

8. Update Rock Island by Mayor Thoms

City of Rock Island Office Closures - In the interest of public health and safety, City Hall will be closed to the public until further notice. Water payments may be placed in the secure drop box on the corner of 16th Street and 3rd Avenue. Envelopes for your payment and applications for City services have been placed in the vestibule of City Hall for your convenience. The Martin Luther King Center, RIFAC, Libraries, and the Refuse and Yard Waste Drop Off are also closed until further notice.

2020 Census - Data collected from the Census is vital information for your community leaders to make decisions like transportation, targeted community services, business development, and public safety. A fair and accurate count will not only protect Rock Island's representation in Congress, but it will ensure that the City, schools, and non-profits receive their fair share of federal dollars that will impact them for the next ten years.

In mid-March, homes across the City will receive invitations to complete the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home in one of three ways; online, by phone, or by mail. Community organizations have volunteered to be community kiosks for residents who need assistance in filling out the Census online. A directory listing locations and hours can be found at www.wecountqc.org.

The Census only takes ten minutes to fill out. It's easy, quick, and 100% confidential. Don't miss your chance to participate in the nation's largest peacekeeping mobilization, respond to the Census and be counted.

9. Proclamation declaring March 30, 2020 through April 3, 2020 as Boys & Girls Clubs Week in the City of Rock Island.

Deputy Clerk Josh Adams read the proclamation. Mayor Thoms read his declaration and said members of the public are usually invited to receive proclamations and discuss their organization, but due to current events it is not possible.

10. Proclamation declaring April 2, 2020, as Junior Achievement Day in the City of Rock Island.

Deputy Clerk Josh Adams read the proclamation. Mayor Thoms read his declaration and said Junior Achievement does a great job of getting into the classrooms and teaching real-life experiences.

11. Proclamation declaring the month of April, 2020 as Earth Month in the City of Rock Island.

Deputy Clerk Josh Adams read the proclamation. Mayor Thoms read his declaration and said the City of Rock Island has also done their part by passing ordinances and implementing energy

savings throughout the City as well as recycling.

12. Claims

These claims were read a second time due to technical difficulties that disconnected the remote participation of some Council members.

- a. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of \$18,334.10 to System Innovators of Chicago, IL for the iNovah System annual support maintenance.
- b. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$18,684.90 to McClintock Trucking & Excavating, Inc. of Silvis, IL for services provided at 2038 31st Street and 37 Berkshire Drive as part of the Sewer Lateral Repair Program, Project 2564.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$3,921.96 to McClintock Trucking & Excavating, Inc. of Colona, IL for services provided at 2118 5th Street as part of the Water Service Repair Program, Project 2526.

MOTION:

Alderman Poulos moved to accept the reports and authorize payment as recommended for items a through c; Alderwoman Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

13. Claims for the week of March 5, 2020 through March 12, 2020 in the amount of \$916,962.98; for the week of March 13, 2020 through March 19, 2020 in the amount of \$350,839.76, and payroll for the week of February 24, 2020 through March 8, 2020 in the amount of \$1,491,071.05.

MOTION:

Alderman Spurgetis moved to allow the claims and payroll.

VOTE:

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

14. ACH Payments for the month of February 2020 in the amount of \$846,200.43.

MOTION:

Alderman Poulos moved to approve the ACH payments; Alderwoman Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

15. Purchase Card Claims for the period of January 28, 2020 through February 26, 2020 in the amount of \$70,393.73.

MOTION:

Alderswoman Swanson moved to approve the purchase card claims; Alderman Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

16. Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2020 Sidewalk and Pavement Patching Program projects, recommending the bid be awarded to Walter D. Laud, Inc. of East Moline, IL in the amount of \$791,671.00.

MOTION:

Alderman Poulos moved to award the bid as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents; Alderswoman Swanson 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.

17. Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the CY 2020 Budget, increasing the Community and Economic Development Department's North 11th Street TIF District expense budget by \$40,000.

MOTION:

Alderman Spurgetis moved to approve the budget adjustment as recommended; Alderswoman Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

18. Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the CY 2020 Budget for the Community & Economic Development Department for the Redevelopment Agreement with Nicole Watson-Lam of 2nd Avenue Investment Group, Inc. in the amount of \$100,000.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

19. Report from the Finance Department regarding an adjustment to the CY 2020 Budget, increasing the Parks and Recreation Fund revenue and expense budgets by \$50,000.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

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

20. Report from the Mayor regarding the reappointment of Stephanie Masson as City Treasurer for a four-year term to expire April, 2024.

MOTION:

Alderman Hurt moved to approve the reappointment as recommended; Alderwoman Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

21. Report from the Mayor regarding the reappointment of Chief Jeff VenHuizen to the Rock Island County Joint Animal Control Board and Vanessa Trice to the Fire and Police Commission.

MOTION:

Alderman Poulos moved to approve the reappointments as recommended; Alderwoman Swanson seconded.

VOTE:

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

22. Other Business

Alderman Hurt said the City is doing a good job of handling the situation with regards to the COVID-19 pandemic, and that everyone has worked well together. He said he appreciates the information that has been passed on to the Council.

23. Motion to Adjourn

MOTION:

Alderman Spurgetis moved to adjourn the meeting; Alderman Poulos seconded.

VOTE:

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Josh Adams, Deputy Clerk