

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

City Hall

1528 Third Avenue, Rock Island IL

City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor

4/8/2019 - Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mayor Thoms called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Thoms asked the City Clerk to call the roll.

Present: Mayor Mike Thoms, Alderman Virgil J. Mayberry, Alderman James Spurgetis, Alderman Dylan Parker, Alderman Joshua Schipp, Alderman Dave Geenen, and Alderman Ivory D. Clark

Absent: 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 Thoms led in the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Moment of Silence

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

5. Minutes of the March 25, 2019 meeting.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 voice vote. Aye: Mayberry, Spurgetis, Parker, Schipp, Geenen, and Clark. Nay: None. Absent: Tollenaer.

6. Update Rock Island by Mayor Thoms

Free Leaf Bag Collection - The City of Rock Island is providing leaf collection for its residential refuse customers starting Monday, April 15 through Friday, May 3, 2019. Customers must place the leaves in the approved paper yard waste bags and be placed at the normal refuse collection locations and days. Free leaf bags are available now at various locations throughout the City. Please visit [WWW.RIGOV.ORG](http://WWW.RIGOV.ORG) for more information.

Fair Housing Legislative Breakfast - Community members are invited to attend a meeting of local, state and national legislators to discuss fair housing, community progress and other issues. This 3rd Annual Legislative Breakfast will be held at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center (MLK Center) on Monday April 15, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Representative Mike Halpin, Senator Neil Anderson, Representative Tony McCombie, and a representative from Congresswoman Cheri Bustos' office will be in attendance. Breakfast will be served. There is no cost to attend. Sign language interpretation will be available. Community members can call (563) 355-6655 or email [SCARLSON@QCARA.COM](mailto:SCARLSON@QCARA.COM) to RSVP.

Picnic Shelter Reservations – Rock Island Parks and Recreation is currently accepting picnic shelter reservations for the 2019 season. Reservations can be made over the phone or in person at the park office at the Rock Island Fitness & Activity Center, 4303 24th Street. Reserving a shelter is first come, first serve and payment is required at the time of reservation. Call the Rock Island Park Office at (309) 732-PARK for more information.

Mayor Thoms announced the NFL Draft will be televised live from Augustana College in Rock Island on Saturday, April 27. There will be a lot of fun activities and the event is free.

7. Proclamation declaring May 2019 as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

Mayor Thoms read the proclamation. Bill Sowards, A.B.A.T.E. member, accepted the proclamation. He said A.B.A.T.E. focuses on education of motorcycle awareness. They teach about motorcycles in drivers education in the schools. Mr. Sowards explained that the most dangerous maneuver for motorcycles is going straight; drivers just don't see motorcycles. He thanked Council for the proclamation. A picture was taken with Mayor Thoms.

8. Mayor Thoms will close the regular meeting and open a Public Hearing on a request from Jaswinder Singh for a waiver of the signature requirement to secure a Liquor License at 625 26th Street.

Mayor Thoms closed the regular meeting at 6:56 p.m. and opened a Public Hearing.

Mayor Thoms asked Mr. Singh to speak first about his plans. Mr. Singh said he opened his first Save More grocery store location last year in Davenport. He said Rock Island will be his second location and his third will be in Milan. They sell meat, produce, and full groceries. It is a 15,000 square foot store with 1,000 square feet for liquor. Alderman Mayberry stated Mr. Singh's location is in the former Save-A-Lot building. Mr. Singh said his plans are to open two stores per year. Alderman Clark asked why he is investing in Rock Island. Mr. Singh replied he has been in Rock Island for thirteen years; he owns Jesse's Mart. He said Rock Island has been good to him and his family.

Mayor Thoms explained the signature and petition process and when it must come to Council for approval. He said Council makes the recommendation to him as Liquor Commissioner, but he makes the final decision on the issuance of the liquor license.

Mayor Thoms asked if there was anyone wishing to speak against Mr. Singh's request. George Barajoe said he is a resident in the Greenbush neighborhood. He said Save-A-Lot was a good

place for groceries. Mr. Barajoe stated liquor won't add to Mr. Singh's business or make it profitable. He asked the Mayor and Council to deny the liquor license.

Mayor Thoms asked again if anyone opposed the liquor license. John Pippert, neighborhood resident, said another liquor license is not needed in the neighborhood. He would like the other four liquor licenses in the neighborhood revoked too. He described the disturbances from several of the businesses.

Mayor Thoms asked for a third time if there was anyone wishing to speak against Mr. Singh's request. Mr. Charnjit Singh said he supports the grocery store, but not a liquor license for the store. He said Mr. Singh's Davenport store's Facebook page mostly promotes the sale of liquor. He said they don't need another liquor store in the neighborhood; there are enough already.

Mayor Thoms asked for a final time if there was anyone wishing to speak against Mr. Singh's request. No one else came forward.

Mayor Thoms asked if there was anyone wishing to speak who was in favor of Mr. Singh's request. Glen Evans spoke about the City fighting to get more tax revenue and businesses in the city. Mr. Evans said he saw the investment Mr. Singh made in Rock Island on 7th Avenue and 11th Street. Mr. Evans visited the Davenport grocery store and said the liquor is to one side. He also stated that Milan welcomed Mr. Singh with open arms. He supports Mr. Singh's request.

Mayor Thoms asked again if there was anyone wishing to speak who was in favor of Mr. Singh's request. John Van Norman said he owned the three-plex across the street from the store. He said the grocery store has a lesser percentage of square footage selling liquor than the convenience stores. Mr. Van Norman said two of his tenants do not drive and the grocery store would be convenient for them. When Mr. Van Norman advertised rentals in the past, he promoted the grocery store and the bus line.

Mayor Thoms asked one final time if there was anyone wishing to speak who was in favor of Mr. Singh's request. No one else came forward.

Alderman Parker asked for confirmation that the store will close at 10 p.m. and that is included in the liquor license language. Mayor Thoms confirmed that and also said Mr. Singh has agreed to limit the square footage of liquor sales to 1,500 square feet even though the ordinance allows for up to 25%. Alderman Parker reviewed with Mr. Singh the signature requirements and which ones he could not get. Alderman Parker asked what the "noes" in the report mean. Police Chief VenHuizen said a no can be that the applicant could not get in contact with the property owner or a no could also mean the property owner is opposed to the liquor license.

Alderman Parker asked what the difference was between a Class "B" and a Class "C" license. Mayor Thoms explained the difference. Alderman Parker asked Mr. Singh if he was selling wine, beer, and liquor; Mr. Singh replied yes. Alderman Parker thinks the concerns of the neighbors are valid; he has had nothing but complaints about the current liquor stores in the area. Alderman Parker said he would like to do something about those locations. He also asked if it was necessary to sell individual servings of liquor. Mr. Singh replied that his competition is selling it; everyone sells single cans. Alderman Clark said it was unfair to start with Mr. Singh that he couldn't have those sales. Alderman Parker agreed, but asked if those sales are necessary.

Alderman Parker said the majority of the neighbors are supportive of the grocery store. Alderman Parker said he appreciates the investment and the grocery store in the neighborhood, but he has concerns about the other businesses' problems with litter and signage that is not visually appealing. Alderman Parker said the sign ordinance needs updating. He wanted to know

if the license could include a limitation on signage. City Attorney Dave Morrison said he believes as a home rule unit, they can limit the time, place, and manner of signs; but content limitations would intrude on free speech issues. He also said any restrictions would have to be uniformly applied to all businesses in the area. Mr. Singh stated that his Davenport store has only one sign on the building. He said he would not be putting advertising signs on the building and he has a cleaning company to clean up any litter.

Alderman Schipp said he hopes Mr. Singh's request is approved tonight and that he takes care of the money he owes to the City. Alderman Schipp hopes the business is successful as there is a desperate need for a grocery store in that neighborhood. He stated no one else is here with the capital, business plan, expertise, etc. for the neighborhood. He wishes Mr. Singh the best and appreciates that he is here.

Alderman Spurgetis said he agreed with everything Alderman Schipp said. Alderman Spurgetis stated that all grocery stores have liquor licenses; they do it for financial reasons and it makes them successful. He has read Mr. Singh's business plan and supports the jobs that will be created and the tax revenue generated. Alderman Spurgetis sees no reason to deny Mr. Singh's request, but Alderman Spurgetis hopes Mr. Singh will take care of his current City debts.

Alderman Clark said he is the 1st Ward Alderman and has seen the major investment that Mr. Singh made on 7th Avenue and 11th Street. Alderman Clark said now Mr. Singh is investing in the 5th Ward and that is wonderful and truly appreciated.

Alderman Mayberry said he has been to Mr. Singh's Davenport store and it is clean inside; Alderman Mayberry recommends approval.

Mayor Thoms closed the Public Hearing at 7:28 p.m., reconvened the regular meeting, and entertained a motion.

MOTION:

Alderman Schipp moved to recommend to the Mayor/Liquor Commissioner to waive the signature requirement as requested and approve the liquor license with all of the stipulations attached in the memo; Alderman Clark seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Mayberry, Spurgetis, Parker, Schipp, Geenen, and Clark. Nay: None. Absent: Tollenaer.

9. A Special Ordinance establishing a handicapped parking space at 512 19th Avenue.

MOTION:

Alderman Mayberry moved to consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance; Alderman Spurgetis seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Mayberry, Spurgetis, Parker, Schipp, Geenen, and Clark. Nay: None. Absent: Tollenaer.

10. A Special Ordinance regulating parking on private property at 4334 14th Avenue.

MOTION:

Alderman Parker moved to consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance; Alderman Clark seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Mayberry, Spurgetis, Parker, Schipp, Geenen, and Clark. Nay: None. Absent: Tollenaer.

11. A Special Ordinance removing a handicapped parking space at 1419 11th Street.

MOTION:

Alderman Parker moved to consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance; Alderman Clark seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Mayberry, Spurgetis, Parker, Schipp, Geenen, and Clark. Nay: None. Absent: Tollenaer.

12. A Special Ordinance allowing for special parking restrictions in a residential area around Eugene Field Elementary School on 31st Avenue.

MOTION:

Alderman Clark moved to consider, suspend the rules, and pass the ordinance; Alderman Parker seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Mayberry, Spurgetis, Parker, Schipp, Geenen, and Clark. Nay: None. Absent: Tollenaer.

13. Claims

- a. Report from the Human Resources Department regarding payment in the amount of \$14,040.23 to David Morrison of Rock Island, IL for legal services rendered for the month of March 2019.
- b. Report from the Information Technology Department regarding payment in the amount of \$17,134.68 to System Innovators of Chicago, IL for the annual support maintenance of the iNovah centralized cash receipting system software for the year of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

MOTION:

Alderman Parker moved to accept the reports and authorize payment as recommended for Claims items a and b; Alderman Schipp seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Mayberry, Spurgetis, Parker, Schipp, Geenen, and Clark. Nay: None. Absent: Tollenaer.

- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #18 in the amount of \$1,342,783.21 to Civil Constructors, Inc. of East Moline, IL for the Water Filtration Facility Project for services provided from February 22, 2019 through March 21, 2019.

MOTION:

Alderman Clark moved to accept the report and authorize payment as recommended; 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: Mayberry, Spurgetis, Schipp, Geenen, and Clark. Nay: None. Absent: Tollenaer.

14. Claims for the weeks of March 22 through March 28 in the amount of \$787,502.96 and March 29 through April 4 in the amount of \$258,376.53; and payroll for the weeks of March 11, 2019 through March 24, 2019 in the amount of \$1,472,025.07.

MOTION:

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

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Mayberry, Spurgetis, Parker, Schipp, Geenen, and Clark. Nay: None. Absent: Tollenaer.

15. Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the purchase of utility supplies, recommending the bids be awarded to Zimmer & Francescon of Moline, IL in the amount of \$10,070.50; to Core & Main of Washington, IL in the amount of \$14,907.93; to Utility Equipment Co. of Bettendorf, IA in the amount of \$5,020.89; and to Zimmer & Francescon of Moline, IL in the amount of \$18,729.11.

MOTION:

Alderman Clark moved to award the bids as recommended and authorize the purchases; Alderman Parker seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Mayberry, Spurgetis, Parker, Schipp, Geenen, and Clark. Nay: None. Absent: Tollenaer.

16. Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2019 Weed Spraying Contract, recommending the bid be awarded to Jimax Landscape, LLC of Peoria, IL in the amount of \$24,935.22.

MOTION:

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

Alderman Schipp questioned the oversight for contractors using hazardous chemicals and if they are licensed for handling those chemicals. Interim Public Works Director Mike Bartels said it is part of the bid process to provide that information. Alderman Schipp asked if the neighborhoods receive a notification before the spraying. Mr. Bartels said yard markers are left in some locations after spraying, but not along the levee. Mr. Bartels said the levee is the biggest part of the contract. Yard markers are left when City facilities are treated. Alderman Schipp asked if a handheld or a truck sprayer is used. Mr. Bartels replied that both are used. Alderman Schipp asked where the contaminant goes. Mr. Bartels said it goes in the Mississippi River. Alderman Parker asked if that was okay with the EPA. Mr. Bartels responded that it is part of the City's permitting.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Mayberry, Spurgetis, Parker, Schipp, Geenen, and Clark. Nay: None. Absent: Tollenaer.

17. Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2019 City Owned Facilities and Parcels Mowing Contract and the Levee and Right-of-Way Mowing Contract, recommending the bids be awarded to Finer Finish Grounds Care of Newark, IL in the amounts of \$74,000.00 and \$69,400.00.

MOTION:

Alderman Parker moved to award the bids as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents; Alderman Clark seconded.

Alderman Parker asked about the splitting of the contract. Mr. Bartels said they are saving money by contracting out the mowing since 2014. They have learned a lot over the last four years and that is why there are now two separate contracts. Mr. Bartels said they have also changed the scope of work from frequency mowing to height mowing. He explained that no more than four (4) inches of height will be allowed.

Mr. Bartels stated that for the next agenda item, the contractor has to respond within 48 hours and they have to do more with trimming and cleaning up the property. He said Finer Finish is a good contractor and has been very responsive when there were issues.

Alderman Parker asked how residents should notify the City regarding nuisance yard complaints. Mr. Bartels said they can call Public Works at 309-732-2200 or call the Inspection Division (309-732-2910). Alderman Geenen asked if there was an online form. Alderman Parker said it is under the Report A Concern icon on the City's website home page.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Mayberry, Spurgetis, Parker, Schipp, Geenen, and Clark. Nay: None. Absent: Tollenaer.

18. Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the 2019 Weed and Grass Compliance Contract, recommending the bid be awarded to Kymbyl Komplete Kare of Rock Island, IL in the amount of \$90.00 per hour.

MOTION:

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

Alderman Clark objected to the initials of the company.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Mayberry, Spurgetis, Parker, Schipp, Geenen, and Clark. Nay: None. Absent: Tollenaer.

19. Report from the Public Works Department regarding a License and Hold Harmless Agreement with MetroLINK to install a bus shelter in the City right-of-way at approximately 3705 9th Street.

MOTION:

Alderman Mayberry moved to approve the license and hold harmless agreement as recommended; authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement; and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance; Alderman Spurgetis seconded.

Mayor Thoms stated the bus shelter was at Alderman Mayberry's suggestion.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Mayberry, Spurgetis, Parker, Schipp, Geenen, and Clark. Nay: None. Absent: Tollenaer.

20. Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a lease agreement with Scot Doxstader for farming on City-owned property at the northwest corner of the interchange of 78th Avenue W and IL 92 for a total of \$1,360.00 for 2019.

MOTION:

Alderman Schipp moved to approve the lease agreement as recommended subject to minor modifications by the City Attorney and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents; Alderman Clark seconded.

Alderman Mayberry asked if the location is where Casey's is supposed to go. City Manager Randy Tweet responded yes and that the contract covers if construction starts. Community and Economic Development Director Chandler Poole read the language from the contract. The City must pay the tenant's expenses related to farming if the City terminates the lease so Casey's can start construction during the season.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Mayberry, Spurgetis, Parker, Schipp, Geenen, and Clark. Nay: None. Absent: Tollenaer.

21. Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a lease agreement with Scot Doxstader for farming on City-owned property on Big Island at the northeast interchange of I-280 and IL 92 for a total of \$5,680.00 for 2019.

MOTION:

Alderman Parker moved to approve the lease agreement as recommended subject to minor modifications by the City Attorney and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents; Alderman Mayberry seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Mayberry, Spurgetis, Parker, Schipp, Geenen, and Clark. Nay: None. Absent: Tollenaer.

22. Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a lease agreement with Kenneth Flack for farming on City-owned property, Parcel number 11-326 in Blackhawk Township, also known as Ridgewood Business Park, for a total of \$1,156.00 for 2019.

MOTION:

Alderman Parker moved to approve the lease agreement as recommended subject to minor modifications by the City Attorney and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents; Alderman Schipp seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Mayberry, Spurgetis, Parker, Schipp, Geenen, and Clark. Nay: None. Absent: Tollenaer.

23. Report from the Parks and Recreation Department regarding a Highway Resolution for the closure of 1st Avenue (IL 92) between 17th Street and 20th Street on Wednesday, July 3, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., along with a rain date of Thursday, July 4, 2019, and a flood date in September if needed, for a Fireworks Display and Concert at Schwiebert Riverfront Park.

MOTION:

Alderman Clark moved to approve the street closing as recommended and adopt the resolution; Alderman Spurgetis seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Mayberry, Spurgetis, Parker, Schipp, Geenen, and Clark. Nay: None. Absent: Tollenaer.

24. Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding terms of an incentive package with Clock Inc. to assist with interior renovations at 321 24th Street with an incentive package not to exceed \$7,000.00.

MOTION:

Alderman Parker moved to approve the terms of the incentive package as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the development agreement subject to any City Attorney minor modifications; Alderman Clark seconded.

Alderman Mayberry asked who is Clock Inc. CED Director Mr. Poole said the organization is

relatively new, but decided to locate in Rock Island, and the services are needed. Chase Norris said he is the founder of Clock Inc. and that it is a non-profit LGBT community center. He said they provide every type of support group, counseling, workshops, and training for both members and school educators and mental health and medical professionals (how to assist LGBT youth and individuals). He said their 501c3 designation is pending. Alderman Spurgetis asked about the licensing and credentials of staff. Mr. Norris replied he is the only one providing counseling services; he has a Master's degree and is a nationally certified counselor. He is supervised by a licensed clinical professional. They are also members of Center Link, an organization of LGBT community centers. Alderman Geenen thanked Mr. Norris for meeting the need in the community and said that everyone is welcome in Rock Island.

Alderman Schipp asked if it was a business as stated in the report. Mr. Norris explained that counseling is the only paid service. Fees are on a sliding scale and they don't turn anyone away. They don't currently take insurance although they are looking into it.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Mayberry, Spurgetis, Parker, Schipp, Geenen, and Clark. Nay: None. Absent: Tollenaer.

25. Report from the Traffic Engineering Committee regarding a request from the Parks and Recreation Department for the installation of a "Bus Parking Only" space on the north side of the 9th Street entrance to Douglas Park.

MOTION:

Alderman Spurgetis moved to approve the request as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance; Alderman Clark seconded.

Alderman Spurgetis said he had concerns about the proximity of the bus parking to the driveway into the parking lot. He said he spoke with Parks and Recreation Department Director John Gripp who agreed with his concerns. Alderman Spurgetis said the bus parking will be further to the north than what is shown on the map. Mr. Gripp said moving the space up 20 to 25 feet should be sufficient to see both ways coming out of the parking lot. They will work with Engineering to get that done. Alderman Spurgetis wanted those stipulations understood.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Mayberry, Spurgetis, Parker, Schipp, Geenen, and Clark. Nay: None. Absent: Tollenaer.

26. Report from the Mayor regarding an appointment to the Preservation Commission.

MOTION:

Alderman Parker moved to approve the appointment as recommended; Alderman Spurgetis seconded.

Mark Schwiebert is being appointed to the Preservation Commission.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 voice vote. Aye: Mayberry, Spurgetis, Parker, Schipp, Geenen, and

Clark. Nay: None. Absent: Tollenaer.

27. Report from the City Clerk regarding requests for a street closing and sound amplification from the IL/IA Center for Independent Living for their Annual ADA Celebration Block Party on Friday, July 26, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; a Resolution authorizing the temporary closure of 5th Avenue (US 67) from 11th Street to 12th Street; and a request for the use of City-owned property on the north side of 5th Avenue for their event.

MOTION:

Alderman Clark moved to approve the requests as recommended and adopt the resolution;  
Alderman Parker seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Mayberry, Spurgetis, Parker, Schipp, Geenen, and Clark. Nay: None. Absent: Tollenaer.

28. Report from the City Clerk regarding an Activity / Event application from QC Pride, Inc. for the 2019 Quad Cities Unity Pride Parade to be held on Saturday, June 8, 2019 between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and a Resolution authorizing the temporary closure of the northbound easternmost lane of US 67 (Master Sergeant Stanley Talbot Memorial Bridge) and the temporary closure of 15th Street (northbound easternmost lane) from 2nd Avenue to 3rd Avenue.

MOTION:

Alderman Schipp moved to approve the event as recommended and adopt the resolution;  
Alderman Parker seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Mayberry, Spurgetis, Parker, Schipp, Geenen, and Clark. Nay: None. Absent: Tollenaer.

29. Report from the City Clerk regarding an Activity / Event application from River Action for their 35th annual Ride the River bicycle ride on Sunday, June 16, 2019 from 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and a Resolution authorizing the temporary closure of the northbound on-ramp at 2nd Avenue onto US 67 (the Master Sergeant Stanley Talbot Memorial Bridge) and for the temporary closure of the northbound easternmost lane from 2nd Avenue to Iowa on the US 67 bridge.

MOTION:

Alderman Schipp moved to approve the event as recommended and adopt the resolution;  
Alderman Parker seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Mayberry, Spurgetis, Parker, Schipp, Geenen, and Clark. Nay: None. Absent: Tollenaer.

30. Report from the City Clerk regarding an Activity / Event application for the Quad Cities Marathon to be held on Sunday, September 22, 2019 from 7:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and a Resolution authorizing the temporary closure of the easternmost northbound lane of US 67 (Master

Sergeant Stanley Talbot Memorial Bridge) and the temporary closure of the eastbound and westbound lanes of IL 92 from 17th Street to the intersection of 24th Street and 4th Avenue.

MOTION:

Alderman Parker moved to approve the event as recommended and adopt the resolution; Alderman Spurgetis seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Mayberry, Spurgetis, Parker, Schipp, Geenen, and Clark. Nay: None. Absent: Tollenaer.

31. Report from the City Clerk regarding a Sound Amplification Permit application from Augustana College for a music festival to be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to midnight in the Lower Quad on campus.

MOTION:

Alderman Schipp moved to approve the sound amplification permit as recommended; Alderman Parker seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 roll call vote. Aye: Mayberry, Spurgetis, Parker, Schipp, Geenen, and Clark. Nay: None. Absent: Tollenaer.

32. Other Business / Public Comment

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Alderman Parker wanted to know when Public Comment will be at the beginning of the meeting. Mr. Morrison said he can email Council what he has drafted so far with regard to Public Comment rules. He can present them at the next Council meeting or study session.

Alderman Spurgetis thanked Public Works for making all of the pothole repairs.

Alderman Schipp thanked the voters. He noted the new 4th Ward Alderwoman, Jenni Swanson, and the new 6th Ward Alderman, Mark Poulos; both were in the audience.

Alderman Schipp asked when the last Council meeting will be. Mayor Thoms said at the May 13 meeting, the old Council will take care of old business; the swearing-in will be held; and then the new Council will proceed with new business. City Clerk Gilbert said the second May meeting will be one week later on May 20.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Pippert addressed Council. He said he has been a Rock Island resident for forty years. He discussed the numerous problems in his neighborhood with the businesses who have liquor licenses. He asked that Council cut off liquor sales at 10 p.m. and to change the liquor license ordinance. Mayor Thoms explained that until there is a violation of the ordinance, the license cannot be revoked. Alderman Spurgetis asked if there were any City security cameras in that area. Chief VenHuizen replied no. He explained the Police Department does not have the

resources for minor tobacco violations. Alderman Spurgetis recommended putting a City security camera in that location.

Alderman Parker stated the liquor license ordinance needs to be modified and the ban on sales of single serving alcohol revisited. He said this would address some of the complaints about liquor license establishments. Alderman Parker asked how the Police Department handles large groups of people loitering. Chief VenHuizen said they try to be proactive with reviewing calls for service and by assigning extra patrols and the Tactical Operations Division. He stated it is not illegal to have a gathering. The trick is to not let it get out of hand, but maintain public peace. He said there is a "Disturbing the Peace" ordinance, but it is dependent upon a citizen making a complaint.

Alderman Parker said there should be a limit on nuisance litter complaints before a liquor license is revoked. He said it needs to be codified to hold businesses with liquor licenses accountable and to act neighborly with taking care of their properties. Alderman Spurgetis said the fine or penalty structure also needs to be reviewed. Mr. Pippert said they should earn their liquor license. Mayor Thoms thanked Mr. Pippert for addressing Council.

33. Motion to Adjourn

MOTION:

Alderman Schipp moved to adjourn; Alderman Clark seconded.

VOTE:

Motion passed on a 6-0-1 voice vote. Aye: Mayberry, Spurgetis, Parker, Schipp, Geenen, and Clark. Nay: None. Absent: Tollenaer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

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Judith H. Gilbert, City Clerk