

MINUTES

CITY ROCK ISLAND CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

August 13, 2026

6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gabaldo opened the regular meeting of the Rock Island City Council on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

- a. Niko Gabaldo, Mayor
- b. Carmen Andonaegui, Mayor Pro Tem & Councilmember
- c. Scott Riseley, Councilmember
- d. Brad Hampton, Councilmember
- e. Jordan Conley, Councilmember
- f. Francisco Contreras, Councilmember

Staff in Attendance

- g. Tara Whaley, Clerk/Treasurer
- h. Sonia Gonzalez, Deputy Clerk
- i. Grace Jordan, Economic Development

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a. Consideration of a motion to approve the Agenda of August 13, 2026

Motion by CM Andonaegui made a motion to approve and CM Riseley seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

5. CONSENT AGENDA

STATEMENT: *"Consideration of a motion to approve the Consent Agenda of August 13, 2026 as presented."*

- a. Consideration of a motion to approve the July 9, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion by CM Hampton made a motion to approve and CM Conely seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

- b. Consideration of a motion to approve the July 23, 2026 Special City Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion by CM Contreras made a motion to approve and CM Andonaegui seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

- c. Consideration of a motion to approve the August 2026 bills as presented in the amount of \$ 104,217.73

Motion by CM Conley made a motion to approve and CM Contreras seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

- d. Consideration of a motion to approve the August 2026 payroll and benefits as presented in the amount of \$ 61,388.17

Motion by CM Andonaegui made a motion to approve and CM Riseley seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

6. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Opportunity for brief comments to the City Council about items not on the Agenda for a Public Hearing.

NOTE TO PUBLIC: "Public Comment" must relate to City business only. Each speaker will be given two minutes to speak. This is a one-way opportunity to comment to the full City Council. **It is not to "Questions and Answers" session for the Mayor, the Council, or individual Councilmembers.** The City most likely will not respond directly at the meeting, but may ask staff to research and report back on an issue. Speakers must show respect to the forum and its elected officials. Speech and actions that lead to any disruption will not be tolerated. When called upon, please state your name, address, and if you are a resident of Rock Island for the record.

*Fire Marshall Chief K. Blanchard – was requested to attend and speak to the council regarding fireworks and answer questions if applicable. FM Blanchard spoke to the recent fires in the area and the resources of the fire department being spread extremely thin during the 4th of July holiday. He respectfully ask the Mayor and councilmember to consider banning the sale and discharge of fireworks within the city limits.

*Margaret Tiley – wants the banning of fireworks

*Anne Munsey-Riseley – wants the banning of fireworks

*Brian Rebar – wants the banning of fireworks

*Jana Myers – wants the Flock camera removed, wants to have the National Night Out in Rock Island, wants the banning of fireworks

*Tanner Ackley – supports allowing fireworks

*Ivan Slone – wants the banning of fireworks

*Mary McGervey – wants the banning of fireworks

- *George Seden – wants the banning of fireworks; but for a designated area & being controlled discharge if no ban
- *Pam Wolfe – wants the banning of fireworks
- *Bryce Anderson (written statement read) – no objection to fireworks during the designated time(s); wants more enforcement regarding the rules/ordinance
- *Rebecca Black (written statement read) – is overall is in favor of fireworks; used this topic as a ‘teachable moment’ for her children
- *Jana Hill (written statement read) – prefers attending professional fireworks shows; asked council to consider the safety risks for the community
- *Nayely Vega (written statement read) – supports allowing fireworks
- *Daniel Sadewasser (written statement read) – wants the banning of fireworks
- *Gwendolyn Houck (written statement read) – wants the banning of fireworks
- *Dora Shirk (written statement read) – wants the banning of fireworks
- *Lauri DeAngio-Garcia (written statement read) – wants the banning of fireworks
- *Ivon Robles (written statement read) – wants the banning of fireworks
- *Kylie Garing (written statement read) – wants the banning of fireworks
- *Cliff & Glenda Myers (written statement read) – wants the banning of fireworks
- *Jami Campbell – appreciation for the work on zoning; asked the vegetation on the bike path on Hammond Lane be addressed
- *Maria Ruiz – inquired about the school speed limit signs & would like to see extra patrols during the times children are walking to school; inquired when the library could be put on the ballot; addressed the mayor directly for not responding to attempts to contact & would like to have an open house so the citizens could meet the councilmembers & mayor
- *Jana Myers – raised concerns on HB 1220 and HB 1337

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a. City Clerk/Treasurer’s Report (*Tara*)

Read the letter from Dept of Ecology regarding 2025 Outstanding Performance Awards for Wastewater Treatment, Wyatt and his team deserve the award, they do phenomenal work for the city and its citizens. Addressed not having done an RFQ for general engineering services since 2019. Was requested to complete the process of posting the RFQ.

b. Economic Development Report (*Grace*)

The bid was awarded for the completion of Well 6, construction should begin within the next two weeks; Saunders Trail Project is moving forward, but there is local and Dept of Ecology permitting approval that still needs to take place. Followed up on a comp plan comment from earlier in the meeting regarding zoning under the power lines.

8. MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

a. Mayor Report

Want to applaud Wyatt Long for his 10 years of service to the city and its citizens, we are extremely lucky to have him on staff.

Requested that the Fireworks Ordinance be updated to remove the sale and discharge during the 4th of July holiday but still allow discharge during the New Year's holiday.

b. Councilmembers

CM Contreras – welcomed second child, all are doing well

CM Riseley – follow up comments on fireworks

CM Andonaegui – reported that the Link Park-and-Ride will be paved soon

9. FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

NOTE TO COUNCIL: Items to be added to the next City Council Regular Meeting should be requested here.

- a. Review of updated Fireworks Ordinance, public hearing regarding the updated Fireworks Ordinance

10. ADJOURN

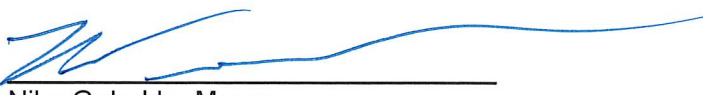
The Council adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:14p.

ATTEST:



Tara Whaley Clerk/Treasurer
City of Rock Island

APPROVED:



Niko Gabaldo, Mayor
City of Rock Island