



MINUTES

CITY ROCK ISLAND CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

June 11, 2026

6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gabaldo opened the regular meeting of the Rock Island City Council on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

- a. Niko Gabaldo, Mayor
- b. Brad Hampton, Councilmember
- c. Jordan Conley, Councilmember
- d. Francisco Contreras, Councilmember
- e. Scott Riseley, Councilmember (arrived late at 6:05p)
- f. Tara Whaley, Clerk/Treasurer
- g. Grace Jordan, Economic Development Director
- h. Sonia Gonzalez, Deputy Clerk
- i. Julie Norton, Esq., City Attorney (OMW)
- j. Carmen Andonaegui, Mayor Pro Tem & Councilmember (Excused 3/0)

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a. Consideration of a motion to approve the Agenda of June 11, 2026, as amended by the Mayor to add a brief statement from the Douglas County Sheriff Caille before the required council training.

Motion by CM Hampton made a motion to approve as amended and CM Conley seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0

5. CONSENT AGENDA

STATEMENT: "Consideration of a motion to approve the Consent Agenda of June 11, 2026 as presented."

- a. Consideration of a motion to approve the May 14, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion by CM Conley made a motion to approve and CM Hampton seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0

- b. Consideration of a motion to approve the May 2026 bills as presented.

Motion by CM Hampton made a motion to approve and CM Contreras seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0/1 – CM Riseley abstained

6. DCSO SHERIFF REPORT

Sheriff Caille presented a brief update on staffing within the department, once all deputies are out of training and completed the FTO program, the four shifts will have five deputies per squad – the most deputies ever with the DCSO. Touched on the Flock Cameras within Douglas County, stated that there will be an additional 11 cameras that are being funded by the Opioid Settlement Fund. There will be a total of 17 cameras throughout Douglas County. Assured those in attendance that the cameras are not being shared with ICE/Federal Agencies.

7. MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER TRAINING

Required training for both councilmembers and the mayor. Presented by the city attorney Julie Norton from Ogden, Murphy, Wallace (OMW)

8. 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 three 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.*

Ray Person – addressed the weeds within the sidewalks and roads

Jana Myers – questioned if there is an emergency evacuation plan for the city; suggested a centralized notice board for community communications; would like to see a community center; would like to see a notice of

upcoming local events sent with the monthly billings; would like the actual amounts of the paid bills on the agenda (like it was before); brought up the cars parked along 2nd Street and would like them removed/flagged for removal since tabs are expired; addressed the tagging on the fence located on Saunders Ave; would like those on council to walk around the city to see where you live and what is out there

Jamie Campbell – touched on apartments in buildings along the main corridor; would like to see a smaller park for use; possibly have an assisted living/'old folks' home built within the city – would bring in other businesses in; gave stats on the library levy rates after researching the topic

Anna Munsey-Riseley – addressed public transparency/public trust; clarity on steps the citizens need to take on items needing to be addressed/approved/voted on; feels that data is not being presented accurately; brought up library card cost per household – based off of value/assess value and gave examples of rates per household.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a. City Clerk / Treasurer's Report (Tara)
Additional trainings for staff, council and the mayor that is required by the city's insurance provider – links will be emailed for the online trainings
- b. Economic Development Director (Grace)
Comprehensive Plan Update Workshop – decided to hold the workshop on June 30, 2026 at 6p
Well 6 update – went out to bid and expected to be online by December 2026

10. MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

- a. Mayor Report-Out
There is a new small-town representative on the CDTC board – Councilmember Cody Pregueschat from the City of Waterville
- b. Individual Councilmembers (*as-needed*)
CM Conley – addressed the speed limit sign on Saunders Ave is extremely faded – was told that another one has been ordered, should arrive soon

11. INFORMATIONAL DISCUSSION TOPICS

- a. Discussion re: the development and implementation of a new City of Rock Island website (Tara and Grace)

12. FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

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

- a. Discussion on items to be addressed at the next council meeting – Hearing Examiner agreement, new website designer/support contract.

13. ADJOURN

The Council adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:21p.

ATTEST:


Tara Whaley 7/9/2024

City of Rock Island Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED:


Carmen Andonaegui, Mayor Pro-Tem
City of Rock Island