

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING 01/24/11  
INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF  
Erik Crawford – Street Department Mechanic (Full-time)**

Tonight I am pleased to introduce Erik Crawford, who began as the Street Department's new Mechanic on January 4, 2011.

While growing up in Rochelle, Erik learned at an early age that he had a knack for both auto and diesel mechanics. After graduating from Rochelle Township High School, Erik was accepted to Wyoming Technical Institute in Laramie and graduated with an Associate of Applied Science degree in diesel technology.

Erik has utilized these skills while working for both family farm operations and industrial companies over the years. His most recent employer was Patten Industries in Rockford, where he spent four (4) and 1/2 years as a heavy equipment technician, before joining the City of Rochelle.

Erik had some tough competition for the job, because we received over 50 applications for the Street Department. Fourteen (14) candidates were interviewed by phone for the Mechanic position, and only five (5) were invited for an onsite interview. Where Erik excelled was in answering the situational interview questions, during which he clearly demonstrated his thorough technical knowledge and critical thinking skills.