

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 25, 2011**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 25, 2011 in the Council Chambers of City Hall; 420 N. 6th Street; Rochelle, IL 61068.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG & PRAYER: The Prayer was said by City Clerk McKinney.

ROLL CALL: Present on Roll Call were Councilmembers Eckhardt, Berg, Hayes, Hollonbeck, Rice, McDermott, and Mayor Olson. Absent: None. Also present were City Manager Plyman and City Clerk McKinney.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.: None

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

• **Mayor:**

- **IML Legislative Committee:** Attended by Mayor; Items discussed:
 - Budget top priority
 - Backed off of local contribution fund
 - Workman's compensation reform
 - Public safety benefits reform
 - Pensions – Police, Fire, and IMRF
 - State employee reform
 - Casino to open up
- **Utility Advisory Board – New Member:** Moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilman Berg, **"I move Jim Black be appointed to the Utility Advisory Board."** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

• **Council Members:**

- **Councilman Berg: Committees for Council:** After discussing with Mr. Plyman, they worked out a framework of three committees: Administrative; Public Safety; and Public Works. Three members per committee. Mayor requested sitting down with them as well.
- **Councilman Eckhardt:** Will try again to send a copy of UDO to Council.
- **Councilman Rice:** In reference to Jeff Pignatto's public commentary a couple meetings ago on silencing railroad crossings, he hasn't heard anything. In answer, the Mayor has sent information on to the Railroad Advisory Board to look into. Councilman Rice also, suggested a "Reopening of Overpass Ceremony." Regarding progress of overpass, Sam Tesreau reported that IDOT is on schedule for opening on Labor Day.
- **Councilwoman Hollonbeck:** Commended Cory Jones, RTHS instructor, for the job he's done in forming a Community Chorus this summer.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: None

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE with Recommendations:

- a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting - July 11, 2011;
- b) Approve Bills 06/24/11-06/23/11: \$351,095.56; 07/01/11-07/07/2011: \$413,157.24; 07/08/2011-07/14/11: \$1,601,768.12;
- c) Approve Payroll 06/27/11-07/10/11: \$209,369.56;
- d) Authorize the Use of City Sidewalks for Lincoln Highway “Buy Way” Event – August 4-6, 2011;
- e) Approve Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival Request – Bags Tournament August 20, 2011. Moved by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **“I move Consent Agenda Items (a) through (e) be approved by Omnibus Vote as recommended.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hollonbeck, Eckhardt, Berg, Rice, McDermott, Hayes and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

2) Purchase of Pickup Truck – RMU Electric Operations: The 2011-12 Electric Operations Capital Outlay Budget includes \$30,000 for the purchase of a new pickup truck for the RMU Electric Operations Division. The pickup will replace a 2003 Ford Ranger which is currently used by the meter readers. Subsequent to the required public notice, the City Clerk opened the following four bids for a regular cab compact pickup truck on June 30, 2011: Bill Jacobs \$15,945.86; Bob Ridings \$13,249; Prescott Brothers \$13,801.65; and Sawicki Motors \$18,375. Superintendent of Electric Operations Joe Orlikowski has reviewed the bids and recommends acceptance of the Prescott Brothers Ford bid of \$13,801.65 for a 2011 Ford Ranger. The recommended bid is \$552.65 above the apparent low bid but allows the purchase to be made within the City. The 2003 Ford Ranger vehicle will be transferred to the Communications Division. Joe Orlikowski was present to answer questions. There was some discussion as to why the lowest bid was not taken. In the past, the majority of council members have preferred to purchase locally; repairs are always done locally, no matter where purchased. Councilman McDermott felt that when it is advertised for low bid, it should go to the low bidder. Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman Hayes, **“I move the Council accept Bid C11-13 for the purchase of a 2011 Ford Ranger pickup truck from Prescott Brothers Ford for the Electric Operations for a total of \$13,801.65 and reject all other bids.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hollonbeck, Eckhardt, Berg, Rice, Hayes and Mayor Olson. Nays: Councilman McDermott. Motion passed 6-1.

3) Purchase of Sport Utility Vehicle – RMU Electric Operations: The 2011-12 Electric Operations Capital Outlay Budget includes \$30,000 for the purchase of a new sport utility vehicle (SUV) for RMU Electric Operations. The SUV will replace a 2002 Chevy Blazer. Subsequent to the required public notice, the City Clerk opened the following four bids for a new SUV on June 30, 2011: Bill Jacobs \$29,951, Bob Ridings \$30,275; Prescott Brothers \$32,690.12; and Sawicki Motors \$34,922. Superintendent of Electric Operations Joe Orlikowski has reviewed the bids and recommends acceptance of the apparent low bid from Bill Jacobs of \$29,951 for a 2012 Chevy Tahoe. The 2002 Chevy Blazer will be transferred to the Communications Division. Joe Orlikowski was present to answer questions. Moved by Councilman McDermott and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **“I move the Council accept Bid C11-14 for the purchase of a 2012 Chevy Tahoe SUV from Bill Jacobs for the Electric Operations for a total of \$29,951 and reject all other bids.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hollonbeck, Eckhardt, Berg, Rice, McDermott, Hayes and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

4) **Purchase of Fork Lift – RMU Electric Operations:** The 2011-12 Electric Operations Capital Outlay Budget includes \$30,000 for the purchase of a new fork lift for the RMU Transmission and Distribution Division. The fork lift will replace a 1969 International fork lift which is difficult to repair due to the lack of available parts and would be costly to upgrade to current safety standards. Subsequent to the required public notice, the City Clerk opened the following three bids on July 7, 2011 for a new class five fork lift: Equipment Depot \$22,997.76; Fitzgerald Equipment \$28,366; and Rockford Industrial Equipment \$23,499. Superintendent of Electric Operations Joe Orlikowski has reviewed the bids and recommends acceptance of the apparent low bid from Equipment Depot of \$22,997.76 for a Nissan fork lift. The 1969 fork lift will be sold at a future auction of surplus City equipment. Joe Orlikowski was present to answer questions. Moved by Councilman Hayes and seconded by Councilman McDermott, **“I move the Council accept Bid C11-15 for the purchase of a Nissan for lift from Equipment Depot for the Electric Operations for a total of \$22,997.76 and reject all other bids.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hollonbeck, Eckhardt, Berg, Rice, McDermott, Hayes and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

5) **Request from Metal Recyclers for Permission to Place Disposal Containers within the City:** The owners of Metal Recyclers have submitted a letter requesting permission “to set containers within the City limits to collect construction waste and other needs that require a large tub container.” Metal Recyclers is located at 8th Avenue and 20th Street and provides recycling and container services to residents and businesses in the surrounding communities. City Attorney Alan Cooper reviewed the request from Metal Recyclers, the existing Waste Collection Agreement between the City and Rochelle Disposal Services, Inc. (RDI) and the applicable state statutes and City Code provisions and provided the following conclusion:

- The City does not have the power to grant exclusive collection rights to RDI for the collection of “waste from building operations or solid wastes resulting from industrial processes and manufacturing operations”.
- The RDI Agreement would prohibit the City Council from giving Metal Recyclers permission to collect solid waste (not including recyclables) within the City, except as noted above.
- The RDI Agreement would prohibit the City Council from giving Metal Recyclers permission to engage in curbside pickup of residential recyclables, but would not prohibit the City Council from giving them permission to contract with residents, industries, businesses or institutions for disposition of recyclable in any other manner.

This is a very complicated matter and the City is considering getting further advice from another legal firm. Attorney Cooper was present to answer questions. Dale Stinnett, of Metal Recyclers, asked if the contract between the City of Rochelle and Rochelle Disposal was for curbside and for solid waste. According to Attorney Cooper the contract is very long and complicated. There was no motion; the City Manager recommended sending to Committee.

6) **Five-Year Functional Classification and Federal Aid Systems Map for the Rochelle Urban Area:** Urban area boundaries establish the limits for municipal areas within which Federal funds may be used for improvement projects. These boundaries are to be determined by State and Local officials and are subject to approval by the Federal Highway Administration. City staff members have been working with IDOT representatives for the past couple of years to update the Urban Area/Functional Classification boundary map consistent with the jurisdictional planning area contained in the City of Rochelle Comprehensive Plan. On May 23, 2011 the Mayor and Council approved a resolution which added Jack Dame Road, Intermodal Drive and Brush Grove Road to the Federal Highway System and changed the designation of 1st Avenue. These modifications have been incorporated into the proposed map

which expands the Rochelle Urban Area. The designation of certain streets and/or routes within the Rochelle Urban Area as part of the Federal Highway System will enable the City to pursue federal funding through IDOT for future improvements. Sam Tesreau presented more information, along with using a map to show boundaries. Moved by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilman Rice, **“I move the Council approve the five-year Functional Classification and Federal-Aid systems Map for the Rochelle Urban Area and Authorize Mayor Olson to Sign the Approval Form.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hollonbeck, Eckhardt, Berg, Rice, McDermott, Hayes and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

7) **Purchase of Property for Public Use Along South 3rd Street and Avenue H:** In 2005 City staff and council members identified areas in the southeast quadrant that require urbanization improvements including curb and gutter, pavement, storm sewer, sidewalks and ramps. The City of Rochelle has since developed a 10-year infrastructure improvement plan which incorporates the southeast quadrant improvements. The 2011-12 Capital Improvements Fund Budget includes \$197,000 identified for improvements on South 3rd Street from Avenue G to Avenue H and a portion of Avenue H from Main Street to 2nd Avenue. In order to finalize plans that accommodate the infrastructure, the City needs to expand the existing right-of-way by acquiring a total of 1,200 square feet of property from three residents. The proposed ordinance will allow staff to move forward with the negotiation and acquisition of the three parcels at an estimated cost of \$2,570. Once the acquisition of the properties is complete, the plans will be finalized and reviewed by the Illinois Department of Transportation with a goal of construction later this year. Sam Tesreau was present to answer questions. He stated the landowners have been very cooperative. Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **“I move Ordinance 11-4075, An Ordinance Authorizing Purchase of Real Property for Public Use Along S. 3rd Street and Avenue H, be adopted.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hollonbeck, Eckhardt, Berg, Rice, McDermott, Hayes and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:51 p.m., moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman McDermott, **“I move the Council adjourn.”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Chet Olson, Mayor

Bruce McKinney, CMC
City Clerk