

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 24, 2011**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 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 Hayes, McDermott, Berg, and Mayor Olson. Absent: Councilmembers Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, and Rice. Had a quorum of four. Also present were City Manager Plyman and City Clerk McKinney.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.: Veteran's Day – November 11, 2011

The proclamation was read by Bruce McKinney and will be presented by the Mayor at the Veterans' Day Breakfast at RTHS on 11/11/11, where the staff and students will be honoring military veterans living in District 212.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- Mayor: Veteran's breakfast at RTHS and also a dedication to the veteran's memorial at the Masonic Temple later that day.
- Council Members: None.
- Financial Statements September 2011: Included in Council Agenda Packets.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: None

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE with Recommendations:

- a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – October 11, 2011
- b) Approve Bills 09/30/11-10/06/11: **\$339,233.28**, 10/07/11-10/13/11: **\$1,721,022.97**
- c) Approve Payroll 09/19/11-10/02/11: **\$217,105.17**

Moved by Councilman Hayes and seconded by Councilman McDermott, "**I move Consent Agenda Items (a) through (c) be approved by Omnibus Vote as recommended.**" Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers McDermott, Hayes, Berg, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 4-0.

- 2) Purchase of Mini Digger-Derrick Unit:** The 2011-12 Electric Operations Capital Outlay Budget includes \$140,000 for the purchase of a new portable digging/lifting unit for the RMU Transmission and Distribution Division. The Division currently has a 1999 portable unit which will be retained as a back-up following the purchase of a new unit. Subsequent to the required public notice, the Deputy City Clerk opened the following three bids on October 13, 2011 for a Mini Digger-Derrick Unit: Dueco \$149,990 for a SDP EZ Hauler, Dueco \$156,152 for a Super 6000 with skylift and Altec \$128,655 for a DB37 unit. Superintendent of Electric Operations Joe Orlikowski has reviewed the bids and recommends acceptance of the apparent low bid from Dueco of \$149,990 for a SDP EZ Hauler, which was the only bid that met the minimum specifications. The recommended bid was \$9,990 over the budgeted amount but the recent purchase of a meter reader vehicle was \$15,000 below the budgeted amount. The capital expenditures overall for the Electric Fund will remain within the budgeted amount. Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman Hayes, "**I move the Council accept Bid C11-21 from Dueco for the SDP EZ Hauler 5500 for \$149,900 and reject all other bids.**" Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers McDermott, Hayes, Berg, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 4-0.

- 3) **Airport Sanitary Sewer Project:** The long range plans for the Rochelle Municipal Airport include the construction of sanitary sewer to serve the facility. These plans became time-sensitive when the Mayor and City Council approved a Land Lease Agreement with Sky Team Incorporated on March 21, 2011 that includes requirements for the City to provide sanitary sewer to the leased premises by April 1, 2012. On September 26, 2011 the Mayor and Council rejected bids opened in August for the sanitary sewer project so that design modifications could be made to reduce the cost of the project. These design modifications have since been completed. Subsequent to the required public notice, bids for the sanitary sewer project were opened on October 20, 2011. Staff and our consultant, Fehr-Graham & Associates, reviewed the bids and provided a recommendation of bid award to the Mayor and Council at the meeting. The 2011-12 Airport Capital Outlay Budget includes \$150,000 for the sanitary sewer improvements. Mr. Plyman had a memo from Don Elliott recommending that the bid of \$179,409.50 from Stenstrom Excavation and Blacktop Group be approved. There was also a bid from Civil Constructors, Freeport for \$197,170.00 and a third bid was rejected. Councilman Berg pointed out that they were \$30,000 over the budgeted amount. Don Elliott explained that there are a couple other projects that they are delaying; also the airport taxiway project came under the budgeted amount so this will make up the difference. Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman McDermott, **“I move the Council accept Bid C11-22 from Stenstrom Excavation for the Municipal Airport Utility Extension for \$179,409.50 and reject all other bids.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers McDermott, Hayes, Berg, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 4-0.
- 4) **Executive Search Services Proposal – General Manager Rochelle Municipal Utilities:** Item to be held over until the November 14 Council Meeting. Mayor Olson stated that the council felt they should all be present to vote on this; therefore, it is being held over until the next meeting.
- 5) **Request from Metal Recyclers for Permission to Place Disposal Containers within the City:** Item to be held over until the November 14 Council Meeting. With the agreement of the representatives from Metal Recyclers, it was felt that in all fairness to the committee members, they should be present. Therefore, this item was held over to the next meeting, November 14, 2011.
- 6) **Engineering Agreement with Fehr-Graham & Associates – City Industrial Rail:** In February of this year the Mayor and Council authorized the City Manager to file a petition with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) for an extension of the City Industrial Rail across Steward Road. This was the first step towards providing rail access to industries interested in locating facilities on property in the southeast corner of Steward and Ritchie Roads. The ICC subsequently approved the petition and on September 12, 2011 the Mayor and Council approved the annexation of 28.05 acres for the Coated Sand Solutions facility on a portion of the property. Fehr-Graham and Associates has identified a scope of services related to the rail extension which includes: a topographic survey, railroad easements, land acquisition, design of the extension and a storm water pollution prevention plan for a fee of \$44,150 plus time and materials for assistance with securing the ICC approval. All of the required preliminary services, excluding the design of the rail extension, have already been completed and paid for. Economic Development Director Jason Anderson recommends that the City proceed with the final portion of the engineering agreement, design of the rail extension, at a cost of \$34,800. The 2011-12 Railroad Budget includes \$75,000 for professional engineering services related to the expansion of the railroad. Moved by Councilman Hayes and seconded by Councilman Berg, **“I move Agreement 11-4099, An Engineering Agreement with Fehr-Graham & Associated for services related to the design of the City Industrial Rail extension, be approved.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers McDermott, Hayes, Berg, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 4-0.

7) **Tiger III Grant Funds Commitment Letter – Jack Dame Road Overpass:** The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was signed into law in February of 2009. As part of the Act, the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant Program was created to spur competition for transportation projects having a significant economic impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area or a region. In 2009 the City, along with Ogle and Lee Counties, applied for a TIGER Grant for the Southwest Rochelle Truck Loop but were unsuccessful. Earlier this year the United States Department of Transportation announced that approximately \$527,000 million dollars would be awarded through another round of TIGER Grant applications. The City of Rochelle and Ogle County plan to submit a grant application in order to construct a portion of the Southwest Truck loop, the Jack Dame Road overpass. The City of Rochelle's Comprehensive Plan designates this overpass as a planned arterial road improvement which will direct traffic to roadways better suited for heavy traffic volumes. Projects chosen in the past for TIGER Grant awards typically included a local match of 50%. The City and Ogle County believe this match is reasonable and would strengthen the chances of consideration. The estimated project cost for the Jack Dame Road overpass and associated improvements is \$15,905,000. The City's portion of 25%, \$3,975,750, would be provided through a variety of funding sources such as sales tax, utility tax, property tax, MFT funds and/or other agency funding sources. The funding commitment included in the proposed letter is contingent on the award of the TIGER grant and would be void if the project is not selected. Final applications for the TIGER III Grant must be submitted by October 31, 2011. Sam Tesreau, City Engineer and Jason Anderson, Economic Development were present to give more information and to answer questions. After some discussion, it was moved by Councilman McDermott and seconded by Councilman Hayes, **"I move Agreement 11-4100, a Commitment of Local Share Funding letter with the TIGER III Grant application for the Jack Dame Road Overpass, be approved."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers McDermott, Hayes, Berg, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 4-0.

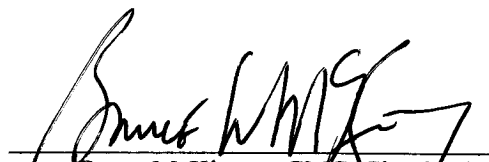
DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:41 p.m., Councilman Berg moved and seconded by Councilman McDermott, **"I move Council recess into executive session to discuss the pending or imminent litigation, Section (c) (11)."** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

At 7:58 p.m., moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman McDermott, **"I move the Council return to Open Session."** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:58 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

