

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 9, 2012**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 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 Berg, McDermott, Hollonbeck, Rice, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Absent: Councilman Hayes. Quorum was present. Also present were City Manager Assistant Messer and City Clerk McKinney.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.:

- **Community Planning Month – October 2012:** Read by City Clerk, Bruce McKinney. Presented to Chris Limas, Community Development Director, who gave thanks to his department and Team Rochelle.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- Mayor:
 - 20th Street south of 10th Avenue closing October 10th; hope to reopen on October 12th.
 - Steward Road closing October 10th; expected to reopen November 7th.
- Council Members:
 - Councilman Berg requested that the Overweight Truck Ordinance be removed from this agenda; language needs to be cleaned up.
 - Councilman Rice will not be at the October 22nd meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: None

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE with Recommendations:

- a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – September 24, 2012;
- b) Accept and Place on File Minutes of Planning and Zoning Commission – 8/6/12 and 8/22/12;
- c) Accept and Place on File Minutes of Administrative Committee – 04/05/12, 05/04/12, 05/23/12, 07/12/12, 08/02/12;
- d) Approve Bills – 09/14/12-09/20/12=\$2,107,167.75, 09/21/12-09/27/12=\$288,238.36;
- e) Approve Payroll – 09/03/12-09/16/12=\$216,750.62;
- f) Authorize the Rochelle Lions Club Annual Candy Sale as Requested – October 12-13, 2012;
- g) Accept and Place on File Minutes of Joint Review Board Rochelle Lighthouse Pointe – 10/02/12.

Moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, "**I move Consent Agenda Items (a) through (g) be approved by Omnibus Vote as recommended.**" Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, McDermott, Rice, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

- 2) **Ordinance Amending Chapter 94 (Traffic and Vehicles) to Provide for Permitting of Overweight Trucks and to Establish Permit Fees:** Removed from agenda.
- 3) **Comprehensive Plan Amendment – Bicycle Transportation Plan:** The most recent Comprehensive Plan Update was adopted by the Mayor and City Council in 2009. Chapter 5 of the plan includes a section on Pedestrian Shared-Use Path Systems and specifies that “pedestrian and bike paths should be an integral part of the transportation system.” Over 4 miles of bike path, known as the 4-Sister Bike Path, have already been constructed along 20th Street and the Kyte River corridor through the efforts of the Rochelle Area Cycling Committee, the City of Rochelle, and the Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District. The Comprehensive Plan suggests that this system should be extended throughout the City in order to link employment centers, neighborhoods, parks, schools, and the downtown. In early 2012 the City of Rochelle formed a Bike Plan Steering Committee, consisting of various interested parties, to explore the possibility of developing an official Bicycle Transportation Plan. The City also hired Ed Barsotti, Executive Director of the League of Illinois Bicyclists, on a consulting basis to assist with development of the plan. Mr. Barsotti has since developed the City of Rochelle Bicycle Transportation Plan based on input from committee members and a public brainstorming session held in February. The plan includes detailed recommendations that specify a preferred network for bicycle travel throughout the City via a combination of off-road and on-road designated bikeways. In addition it includes a prioritized project list for implementation and strategies for making the plan a reality. On October 1, 2012 the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the Bicycle Transportation Plan and related Comprehensive Plan amendment and voted 5-0 to recommend approval. Chris Limas was present to answer any questions. Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman McDermott, **“I move Ordinance 12-4236, An Ordinance Amending the 2009 Comprehensive Plan Update (Bicycle Transportation Plan), be adopted.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, McDermott, Rice, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.
- 4) **Comprehensive Plan Amendment – Chapter 5, Transportation:** Chapter 5 of the 2009 Comprehensive Plan Update includes information on roadway classifications and associated improvements planned for the various street types. Earlier this year, during a public hearing on the new elementary school project, the Planning and Zoning Commission discussed the need to expand the language in the Comprehensive Plan to require a road connecting 20th Street to Queens Road north of the Elementary School property. This collector designation will provide a future secondary east-west connection between the streets to alleviate traffic on Flagg Road and is included on the Comprehensive Plan’s Transportation Plan map exhibit. On October 1, 2012 the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed language and voted to recommend amending the Transportation Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan as proposed by a vote of 5-0. Chris Limas was present to answer questions. Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman McDermott, **“I move Ordinance 12-4237, An Ordinance Amending the 2009 Comprehensive Plan Update (Planned Collector Road Improvements), be approved.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, McDermott, Rice, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

- 5) **Annexation and Zoning to A Airport District – 3 Parcels at the Municipal Airport:** In January of this year the City Council approved an ordinance authorizing the execution of a land acquisition purchase agreement for three parcels of property, required for the extension of the runway at the Rochelle Municipal Airport. The three properties, which are contiguous to the airport, were purchased by the City in July. On October 1, 2012 the Planning and Zoning Commission conducted public hearings to review the City of Rochelle's petitions for annexation and rezoning of the three properties. After review, the Planning and Zoning Commission found that these parcels are part of the Future Airport Layout Plan included in the Comprehensive Plan and are shown in the Future Land Use Plan as Municipal Institutional. Based on this information, the Commission recommended approval of the three petitions to annex and rezone these properties to A Airport District. Moved by Councilman McDermott and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **"I move Ordinance 12-4238, An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Rochelle and Zoning it A Airport District – PIN #24-35-400-015, be adopted."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, McDermott, Rice, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0. Moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilman McDermott, **"I move Ordinance 12-4239, An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Rochelle and Zoning it A Airport District – PIN #24-35-300-006, be adopted."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, McDermott, Rice, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0. Moved by Councilman Rice and Seconded by Councilman Berg, **"I move Ordinance 12-4240, An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Rochelle and Zoning it A Airport District - PIN #17-05-02-100-005, be adopted."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, McDermott, Rice, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.
- 6) **Proposal from Baker Tilly for Updated Electric Cost of Service Study:** In June of 2011, the Mayor and Council authorized the City Manager to hire the Baker Tilly firm for consulting services related to electric revenue requirements, cost of service and rate design for Rochelle Municipal Utilities (RMU). At that time, RMU electric rates were based on cost of service methodology compiled in 1998. Russ Hissom of Baker Tilly presented the Electric Cost of Service Forecast report jointly to the City Council and Utility Advisory Board on December 12, 2012. The report included a recommendation to increase the electric rates by approximately 14% in order to more closely meet the cost of providing service. At that time, City Manager Plyman recommended that the rate increase be phased in over two years to ease the impact on the customers. Therefore, the rate schedules that were subsequently drafted by Baker Tilly and approved by the City Council on April 23, 2012 represented an overall rate increase of approximately 7%. On September 26, 2012, the Utility Advisory Board (UAB) participated in a teleconference with Russ Hissom from Baker Tilly regarding customer requests to unbundle electric rates. Mr. Hissom recommended that the City proceed with a subsequent cost of service study so that a second consecutive year of data can be compared (2012/13 versus 2013/14) as opposed to the earlier study which compared data from 1998 to 2012/13. It is believed that the subsequent study will provide a more complete analysis and therefore a better basis for unbundling the rates. Since it is extremely important that RMU continues to remain competitive in the electric market, the UAB voted to recommend that the City proceed with an updated Cost of Service study as soon as possible subject to any required City Council approval. Baker Tilly has identified a scope of services to update the cost of service study, prepare unbundled rates based on the cost of service study and prepare a cash flow forecast for the next five years for a fee of \$24,000. Pending approval of the proposal, Baker Tilly anticipates

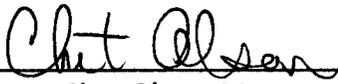
completion of the updated report approximately 60 days following receipt of the required data. Joe Orlikowski, T&D Support, was present for further explanation and to answer questions. Moved by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilman Rice, **"I move the City Council authorize the City Manager to sign an Engagement Letter 12-4241, with Baker Tilly for services to update the electric cost of service study, prepare unbundled electric rates and prepare forecasted five year cash flows."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, McDermott, Rice, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:31 p.m., moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman McDermott, **"I move the Council recess into executive session to discuss: Purchase or lease of real property for City's use. Section (c) (5)."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, McDermott, Rice, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

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, City of Rochelle

