

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 27, 2013**

The Rochelle City Council met in Special Session at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 27, 2013 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 Hollonbeck, Rice, Berg, Eckhart, and Mayor Olson. Absent: Councilmembers Hayes and McDermott. Quorum was present. Also present were Assistant to the City Manager Messer and City Clerk McKinney. Councilman Hayes entered the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.: None

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- Mayor: Thanked the Street, Police and Fire Department for their work during the snow storm.
- Council Members: Nothing

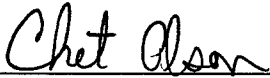
PUBLIC COMMENTARY: None

BUSINESS ITEMS:

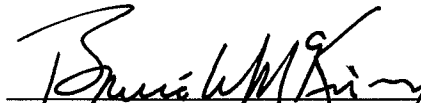
- 1) **Community Development Assistance Program Grant – Project Golden Prairie.** The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) has grant funds available through the Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) that may be used to finance public improvements which support economic development. On November 26, 2012 the Mayor and Council conducted a Public Hearing and approved a Resolution of Support and Commitment of Local Funds for a Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) Grant associated with Project Golden Prairie. Project Golden Prairie, a large rail served manufacturing plant, is considering the southeast industrial region as a location for their new facility. The City's grant consultant subsequently submitted a CDAP grant application to help fund the construction of a new well, water storage tank and connector mains. After reviewing the application, DCEO suggested that the City revise the application to request funds for the dedicated electric feeder line that RMU needs to build to serve the Project Golden Prairie facility. DCEO did not feel that the water system improvements would be eligible under the CDAP program since those improvements would benefit the entire industrial area south of I-88, not just the new manufacturing facility. Therefore, City staff and our consultant plan to revise the CDAP application to request funding for a dedicated electric feeder line to serve the new facility. The water system improvements will be eliminated from the revised application. Due to the revised scope of the public improvements, DCEO requires that a new public hearing be held and that the Mayor and Council approval a new resolution of support which commits local funds to the electric improvements. Grant Consultant Ellen Burgeson was in attendance to provide additional information on the revised project and answer questions. Councilman Eckhardt moved and seconded by Councilman Rice , **"I move the Council recess into a Public Hearing for a**

Community Development Assistance Program Grant. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Berg, Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, Rice and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 5-0. Jason Anderson gave the Council an update on the grant. Ellen Burgeson explained the grant. No one from the public came forward. Councilman Eckhardt moved and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **"I move the Council return to Open Session."** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent. Councilwoman Hollonbeck moved and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **"I move Resolution R13-04, A Resolution of Support and Comment of Local Funds, be adopted."** A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Berg, Eckhardt, Hayes, Hollonbeck, Rice and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0

ADJOURNMENT: At 5:17 p.m., moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **"I move the Council adjourn."** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.



Chet Olson, Mayor



Bruce McKinney, CMC
City Clerk, City of Rochelle