

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 8, 2013**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday July 8, 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 Berg, McDermott, Rice, Eckhart, Hayes, Hollonbeck, and Mayor Olson. Absent: None. Quorum was present. Also present were City Manager Assistant Messer and City Clerk McKinney.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.:

- Parks & Recreation Month July 2013

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- Mayor: Thanked City Staff and VFW for the 4th of July festivities.
- Council Members: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: David & Barbara Guest and Diane Hinderliter spoke on the corner of Jones Road and N. 9th Street.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE with Recommendations:

- a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting on June 24, 2013.
- b) Approve Bills – June 6, 2013 - June 27, 2013.
- c) Approve Payroll – June 10, 2013 - June 23, 2013.
- d) Approve Ordinance Amending Municipal Code to Create One Restaurant/Recreation Liquor License for Eddie's Café – 903 South 7th Street.
- e) Approve Dairy Queen Request for Closure of Currency Court for Cruise Night July 20, 2013.

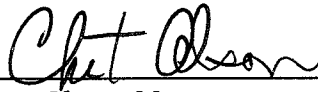
Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman McDermott, **"I move Consent Agenda Items (a) through (e) be approved by Omnibus Vote as recommended."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, McDermott, Rice, Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, Hayes, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

- 2) **Sign Variance for Taco Bell located at 1221 Caron Road:** NJB Operations plans to operate a Taco Bell in the new strip center situated in the Lighthouse Pointe subdivision in front of WalMart. They have petitioned the City to allow a 26 foot tall pylon ground sign at the southwest corner of the property at 1221 Caron Road and an additional 144 square feet of wall signage, over and above the 67 square feet allowed, on the east, south and west sides of the building. They believe that this additional signage is necessary to properly advertise their business to customers on Caron Road and Highway 38. Per City code only one ground sign is allowed on a parcel and only one street's frontage may be used to calculate the allowable square footage of wall signs. On July 1st the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the petition for a variance to the sign ordinance. Following some discussion the commission voted 5-0 to recommend approval of the request subject to staff review and approval of the proposed signage. The signage must be in conformance with the maximum square footage allowed for wall signage on each of the three frontages of the property (east, south and west). Staff recommendation is to authorize an Ordinance Approving a Variance for a Ground Sign and Additional Wall Signage for NJB Operations, Inc. (Lighthouse Pointe Taco Bell). Kip Countryman was present to answer questions. Councilman McDermott that he felt that this would start a precedence. Councilman Eckhardt moved and seconded by Councilman Berg, **"I move Ordinance 13-4321, An Ordinance Approving a Variance for a Ground Sign and Additional Wall Signage for NJB Operations, Inc. d/b/a Lighthouse Pointe Taco Bell, be adopted."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Rice, Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, Hayes, and Mayor Olson. Nays: McDermott. Motion passed 6-1.
- 3) **Sign Variance for Downtown Rochelle Association – 314 North 6th Street.** The Downtown Rochelle Association (DRA) has petitioned the City to allow an 8 x 45 foot wall sign on the south side of the building located at 314 North Sixth Street, over and above the 89 square feet allowed based on Ray's New and Used street frontage. In addition, the signage would be classified as off-premise for the DRA. The DRA believes that this signage will enhance the marketing of businesses in Rochelle, particularly for northbound traffic utilizing the Route 251 overpass. On July 1st the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the petition for a variance to the sign ordinance. Following some discussion the commission voted 5-0 to recommend approval of the request subject to staff review and approval, and the agreement of the applicant to maintain the sign in good repair. Kip Countryman was present to answer questions. Staff recommendation is to authorize an Ordinance Approving a Variance for Wall Signage for Downtown Rochelle Association (314 North Sixth Street). Councilwoman Hollonbeck moved and seconded by Councilman McDermott, **"I move Ordinance 13-4322, An Ordinance Approving a Variance for Wall Signage for Downtown Rochelle Association to be located at 314 N. 6th Street, be adopted."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, McDermott, Rice, Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, Hayes, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

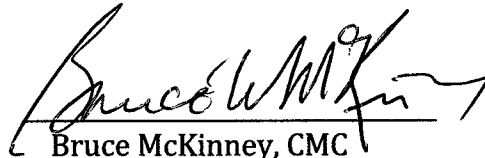
DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:44 p.m. Councilman Berg moved and seconded by Councilman McDermott, **"I move the Council recess into executive session to discuss: The appointment, Employment, compensation, discipline, performance and/or dismissal of specific employee. Section (c) (1) and Setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the City. Section (c) (6)."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, McDermott, Rice, Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, Hayes, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:02 p.m., moved by Councilman McDermott and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **"I move the Council return to open session and adjourn."** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.



Chet Olson, Mayor



Bruce McKinney, CMC
City Clerk, City of Rochelle