

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

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 2013 in the Council Chambers of City Hall; 420 N. 6<sup>th</sup> 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, Hayes and Mayor Olson. Absent: McDermott. Quorum was present. Also present were City Manager Plyman and City Clerk McKinney.

**PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.:**

- National Telecommunicator's Week – April 14-20, 2013:
- National Auctioneers Day – April 20, 2013:

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Mayor: None
- Council Members: None.
- Employee Introduction – Ryan Baylor: Ryan began his full-time position with the Fire Department April 2<sup>nd</sup>, after being a volunteer Firefighter since 2005 with the Ashton Fire Department and then a Paid-on-Call with Rochelle since the beginning of this year. He is an Illinois Certified Firefighter, a Licensed Paramedic, and has an Associated Degree from Sauk Valley Community College.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** None

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**1) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE with Recommendations:**

- a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – March 25, 2013
- b) Approve Minutes of Committee of the Whole Budget Workshop0 – March 11, 2013
- c) Approve Minutes of Joint City Council/Flagg Rochelle Park District Meeting – March 20, 2013
- d) Approve Bills – 031513-032813
- e) Approve Payroll – 030413-031713
- f) Authorize Rochelle Elementary Schools Fun Run Event - May 17, 2013
- g) Authorize Rochelle Lions Club Tootsie Pop Fund Raiser – May 3, 2013

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

- 2) **Contract for Grant Administration – Golden Prairie CDAP Grant:** Earlier this year the City of Rochelle applied for funding through the Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) to construct a dedicated electric feeder line to serve the proposed Golden Prairie facility. City staff members expect the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to formally announce a grant award of \$750,000 for this project in the near future. In anticipation of the formal CDAP grant award announcement, it is time to proceed with the grant administration phase. The City contracted with Ellen Burgeson for assistance in preparing the original CDAP grant application, making her the logical choice to administer the grant. The proposed contract between the City and Ellen Burgeson includes services necessary to comply with procedures and regulations required by DCEO at a cost not to exceed \$21,000. Councilman Rice moved and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **“I move Agreement 13-4300, Consultants Agreement with Ellen Burgeson for Administration of Golden Prairie CDAP Grant, be approved.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hollonbeck, Rice, Eckhardt, Berg, Hayes, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.
- 3) **Amendment to Restated Host Agreement for the Operation and Development of Rochelle Landfill #2 – Mulford Road Improvements:** The Mayor and City Council entered into a Restated Host Agreement in 2006 with Rochelle Waste Disposal in preparation for an application to expand the City landfill. The following year the council approved an Application for Local Siting Approval for the expansion of the landfill subject to thirty-seven conditions. Conditions #16, #33 and #34 addressed improvements to Mulford Road and the timeframe for completion. In 2008 the City Council approved an amendment to the Restated Host Agreement which provided for the construction of Mulford Road improvements from south of Illinois Route 38 to and including the intersection of Creston Road in two phases as follows: Phase 1 from Route 38 to the existing landfill entrance; Phase 2 from the existing landfill entrance to and including the Creston Road intersection. Rochelle Waste Disposal (RWD) has requested that Phase 1 of the Mulford Road improvements be allowed to end at the Union Pacific (UP) rail instead of the existing landfill entrance, a distance of about 200 feet. Phase 2 would then be expanded to include everything south of the UP rail and RWD has agreed to accept responsibility for the maintenance of this section until the improvements are completed. Kathy Cooper and Sam Tesreau have evaluated the request and believe that it is reasonable. Transferring this section to Phase 2 will prevent the cost of tearing out and replacing the newly constructed roadway when the landfill entrance is moved and increase the life of the roadway south of the UP by eliminating a joint. The Phase 1 project design is complete, has been approved by the City and County and is ready for the bidding process. The Operator plans to begin construction this year. In addition, the Operator plans to complete the new landfill entrance by 2017 and Phase 2 of the Mulford Road improvements would occur in the same construction season. Councilwoman Hollonbeck moved and seconded by Councilman Berg, **“I move Ordinance 13-4301, An Ordinance Approving Amendment to Restated Host Agreement for the Operation and Development of Rochelle Municipal Landfill #2 (Mulford Road Construction, be adopted.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hollonbeck, Rice, Eckhardt, Berg, Hayes, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- 1) Quiet Zones:** The Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) and the Union Pacific (UP) railroad traffic in the City continues to increase following the construction of the Intermodal Facility and the expansion of the City Industrial Rail. This has resulted in additional noise caused by the train horns and whistles. Both the 2009 Comprehensive Plan and the City Council's Strategic Planning Summary developed in 2011 identify the need to eliminate or mitigate the train noise in our community. This is a quality of life issue, especially for those living and working near the tracks. Last year the City contracted with Quiet Zone Technologies to conduct an evaluation of the BNSF and UP roadway and pedestrian crossings and provide a written report outlining the options involved with reducing train horn noise. Following receipt of that report, Fehr Graham Engineering & Environmental was hired to determine the roadway improvements and estimated costs necessary to meet the Federal Railroad Administration's requirements to establish a full Quiet Zone for the least initial cost. Fehr Graham subsequently reviewed eleven at-grade crossings and two pedestrian crossings to determine the roadway improvements necessary including pavement widening, realignment, curb and gutter, property acquisition and relocation of access points to construct raised medians or channelization devices. In addition they prepared a color exhibit for each crossing detailing the recommended improvements and an engineer's estimate of probably cost. On March 27<sup>th</sup> the Public Works Committee met to discuss the Quiet Zone topic, Fehr Graham report and associated timeline. The consensus of the committee was to refer the topic to the full council at the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:46 p.m., moved by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, "**I move the Council adjourn.**" Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

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Chet Olson, Mayor

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Bruce McKinney, CMC  
City Clerk, City of Rochelle