

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
May 12, 2014**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2014 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 McDermott, Rice, Eckhart, Hollenbeck, Berg, Hayes and Mayor Olson. Absent: None. Quorum was present. Also present were City Manager Plyman and City Clerk McKinney.

**PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.:**

- National Police Week – May 11-17, 2014: Proclamation read by Clerk and presented to Eric Higby, Police Chief.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Mayor: Informed the Council and the public that Former Mayor Ray Forney of Ashton passed away.
- Council Members: Councilwoman Hollonbeck commented on the success of the Cinco de Mayo event. Councilman Rice stated that he will be out of town for the next five weeks and will miss the next two meetings. Councilman Eckhardt stated that he will be out of town for the next Council meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** None

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

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

- a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – April 28, 2014
- b) Approve Bills – 04/18/14-4/24/14=\$379,269; 04/25/14-5/1/14=\$370,991
- c) Approve Payroll – 04/14/14-4/27/14=\$219,338
- d) Approve Dairy Queen Request – Closure of Currency Court for Cruise Night July 21, 2014
- e) Approve Chicagoland Skydiving Center to Hold a Concert September 13-14, 2014
- f) Approve Women of the Moose Request – Closure of Municipal Lot for Pork Chop Dinner and Carnival on September 20, 2014.

Moved by Councilman Hayes and seconded by Councilman McDermott, **“I move Consent Agenda Items (a) through (f) be approved by Omnibus Vote as recommended.”** A roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Councilmembers Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, McDermott, Rice, Berg, Hayes, and Mayor Olson.

Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

- 2) Route 251 South Sewer Improvement Project:** The existing sewer main on Highway 251 South is too shallow to handle the increased flow resulting from expanded operations at facilities in the

area. As a result, a project has been developed to construct 447 lineal feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer from Central Refrigerated Services, south along the west side of Highway 251 to an existing manhole. The 2014-15 Water Reclamation Division Capital Outlay Budget includes \$75,000 for the sewer extension along Highway 251 South. Subsequent to the required public notice, the City Clerk opened bids for the Route 251 South Sewer Improvement Project on April 30th with three contractors submitting bids. Staff and our consultant, Willett Hofmann & Associates, have reviewed the bids and recommended the acceptance of the apparent low bidder, Martin and Company, with a bid of \$55,218.71. Upon approval of the bid, the project is expected to begin around July 1<sup>st</sup>. Kathy Cooper was present to answer questions. Councilman Eckhardt moved and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **"I move the Council accept bid C14-06 for Route 251 S. Sewer Project from Martin and Co., Oregon in the amount of \$55,218.71 and reject all other bids."** A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, McDermott, Rice, Berg, Hayes, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0

**Sludge Dewatering Improvement Project:** The three centrifuge units used for dewatering sludge at the Water Reclamation Plant are nearing the end of their expected life cycle. As a result, the City hired Trotter and Associates in 2012 to evaluate the existing process, explore other options, and provide a report on the most cost effective way to proceed. Mr. Trotter and his associates evaluated the processes at the plant and determined that, based on life cycle costs; the best option is to replace the three existing centrifuges with two larger centrifuges. Trotter and Associates performed the design work and prepared the bid packages for the project. The base bid includes the removal of three existing small centrifuges and replacement with two new larger centrifuge units. The deductive alternative removes one of the new larger centrifuges from the scope of the project and retains two of the three existing smaller centrifuges. Subsequent to the required public notice, the City Clerk opened two bids on April 15th for the Sludge Dewatering Improvement Project. Staff reviewed the bids and recommended the acceptance of the apparent low bidder, Boller Construction Company, with a base bid of \$1,794,000. The 2014-15 Water Reclamation Division Capital Outlay Budget includes \$1,800,000 for the Sludge Dewatering Improvement Project. The funds for this project are available through a transfer from the Equipment Replacement Account which currently has a balance of \$2,874,648. The City has received a number of inquiries about purchasing the three centrifuges that are now in use. It's expected to get \$70,000 each for the centrifuges and the control panels in addition to approximately \$20,000 for the sludge conveyor system. This would help offset the additional cost and maintain funds in the Equipment Replacement Account for future needs. Kathy Cooper was present to answer questions. Councilwoman Hollonbeck moved and seconded by Councilman Rice, **"I move the Council accept bid C14-07 for the Sludge Dewatering Improvement Project from Boller Construction Company in the amount of \$1,794,000 and reject all other bids."** A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, McDermott, Rice, Berg, Hayes, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0

- 3) **Engineering Services Agreement – City Industrial Rail Extension:** The City Industrial Rail (CIR) has been an economic driver in our region for several years. The demands on the CIR are expected to increase dramatically by the end of this year as a result of operational changes at Coated Sand

Solutions. Annual rail volumes are expected to surge from the current capacity of approximately 3,800 cars to an estimated 14,000-18,000 cars. The Economic Development Department recommends that the City approve an agreement for the completion of the CIR North Switch Yard located south of Creston Road. Fehr Graham provided a proposal for the work which includes the design of one parallel storage track, approximately 1,500 linear feet in length, and a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan at a cost of \$10,800. The 2014-15 Railroad Capital Outlay Budget includes \$350,000 for this expansion of the Union Pacific Siding switch yard. The Economic Development Department also recommended that the City approve an agreement for the design of the John's Creek Structure that will allow the CIR to extend to the south. Fehr Graham has provided a proposal for the work which includes the design and permitting of a single bridge to accommodate four parallel rail tracks for a fee of \$109,500. There is \$90,000 available in the 2014-15 Railroad Capital Outlay Budget to fund this project. This was originally budgeted as the local share for a Crossing Guard Project that will not be funded by the ICC this year. The remaining \$19,500 will be available through increased revenues and storage fees on the CIR. Mark Dehotal was present to answer questions. Councilwoman Hollonbeck moved and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **"I move Agreement 14-4379, an Agreement with Fehr Graham for the design of one parallel storage track to complete the CIR North Switch Yard in the amount of \$10,800, be approved."** A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, McDermott, Rice, Berg, Hayes, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0. Councilwoman Hollonbeck moved and seconded by Councilman Rice, **"I move Agreement 14-4380, An Agreement with Fehr Graham for the design of a rail structure to span John's Creek in order to extend the CIR in the amount of \$10,500, be approved."** A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, McDermott, Rice, Berg, Hayes, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

**Down Payment on Skid Load Generators:** Utilities (RMU) owns and operates three generating stations totaling 22MW of generating capacity. Our 9th Street station houses 8 units, some of which date back to the 1940s. These units are maintenance intensive, due to their age, and are not always available to supply capacity when desired. RMU's ability to generate capacity is very important for both peak shaving, the ability to reduce our demand on the grid when market prices for energy are exceptionally high, and to provide power during emergencies such as the wind shear which destroyed a large section of 138 kV transmission line last year. To improve RMU's ability to meet these needs, staff has identified a set of cost efficient generator sets that are available for purchase and could be deployed into the distribution system to provide 6 MW of capacity. The total cost to provide the proposed skid load generators is estimated to be \$2,042,060. A 10% down payment of \$124,746 is required to secure their availability. The Utility Advisory Board formally recommended approval of the investment in these units at its meeting last December. RMU has applied for a construction permit to include these generators into RMU's overall air permitting which we believe will be successful. Joe Orlikowski and Dan Westin were present to answer questions. Councilman Eckhardt moved and seconded by Councilman McDermott, **"I move Council approve a down payment of \$124,746 towards the purchase of skid load generators."** A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, McDermott, Rice, Berg, Hayes, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** Rochelle Energy Center, LLC, owns and operates an electric generation facility at the Rochelle Municipal Landfill using methane gas produced by the landfill. The company is attempting to sell itself to prospective buyers. Dan Wentworth from Evansol, a company that is interested in purchasing the facility, has asked for the opportunity to introduce their company to Council and provide information about the pending sale.

The Council will need to consent to the sale. The request will be placed on the agenda of an upcoming

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 7:59 p.m. Councilman Berg moved and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **"I move Council recess into executive session to discuss: The (appointment, Employment, compensation, discipline, performance and/or dismissal) of specific employee(s). Section (c) (1); Pending or imminent litigation. Section (c) (11); AND Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated. Section (c) (21)."** A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, McDermott, Rice, Berg, Hayes, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

At 9:35 p.m. Councilman Berg moved and seconded by Councilman Rice, **"I move the Council return to open session."** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 9:35 p.m., moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilman McDermott, **"I move the Council adjourn."** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.



Chet Olson, Mayor  
City of Rochelle

Bruce McKinney, CMC  
City Clerk, City of Rochelle