

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
July 28, 2014**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 28, 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 Deputy Clerk Judy Schermerhorn.

**ROLL CALL:** Present on Roll Call were Councilmembers Hayes, Eckhart, Berg, Hollonbeck, McDermott, and Mayor Olson. Absent: Councilman Rice. Quorum of 6 present. Also present were City Manager Plyman and Deputy Clerk Schermerhorn.

**PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.:** None

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Mayor: None.
- Council Members: None
- Financials – June 2014: In Council Packets

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** None

- Community Center Survey Results: Noah Carmichael and Dan Lundquist gave the results of a recent independent phone survey regarding interest in a YMCA and answered Council's questions.
  - Two groups included in survey: Recreational Task Force Team and Various community leaders and some residents.
  - 400 telephone surveys completed; majority thought it was a good idea.
  - Major concern: affordability.
  - Expect 500-700 memberships.
  - Next step is to visit YMCA's; also give more information to the public about what a YMCA does.
  - Would start out as satellite of Kish YMCA.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

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

- a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – July 14, 2014
- b) Approve Bills – 070414-071014=**\$552,901**, 071114-071714=**\$2,581,534**
- c) Approve Payroll – 062314-070614=**\$224,743**
- d) Accept and Place on File Annual Treasurer's Report – Rochelle Police Pension
- e) Authorize the Annual Kiwanis Peanut Day at Designated Intersections – September 5, 2014
- f) Resolution Appointing an Authorized Agent and Assistant for the Illinois Municipal Retirement System Moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilman Hayes, **"I move Consent Agenda Items (a) through (f) be approved by Omnibus Vote as recommended."** A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Eckhardt, Berg, Hollonbeck, Hayes, McDermott, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

- 2) **Solar Photovoltaic System by Wastewater Treatment Plant:** Last year Rochelle Municipal Utilities (RMU) applied for a grant through the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation (ICECF) to fund up to 60% of a solar plant at the water reclamation plant. In early May, the ICECF issued a letter awarding RMU up to \$500,000 for the solar plant. On May 27<sup>th</sup> the Mayor and Council formally approved acceptance of the grant from the ICECF. Subsequent to the required public notice, the Deputy City Clerk opened five bids for the project on July 22nd. Staff and our consultant, Chet Kolodziej, from Freedom Fields have reviewed the bids and recommend the acceptance of the bid from Eagle Point Solar with a bid of \$829,000 for the installation of a 313.5 KW solar plant. Mr. Kolodziej noted that the “cost per watt is \$2.6443 which is...the best value, and low price bid after a full technical and qualitative review.” The RMU Transmission and Distribution Capital Outlay Budget for Fiscal Year 14/15 includes the remaining 40%, approximately \$333,000, required to construct the plant. Following acceptance of the bid, construction on the solar photovoltaic system is expected to be complete by late November. Dan Westin, of RMU, along with Clark Zivojnovich, Vice-President of Eagle Point Solar, were present for further information and to answer questions. Moved by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilman McDermott, **“I move Council accept Bid C14-14 for the Solar Photovoltaic System by the Wastewater Treatment Plan from Eagle Point Solar in the amount of \$829,000 and reject all other bids.”** A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Eckhardt, Berg, Hollonbeck, Hayes, McDermott, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.
- 3) **Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement and the Existence and Formation of the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System by Intergovernmental Cooperation:** The Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) was formed in 2002 in order to meet the needs of local law enforcement throughout the State of Illinois in matters of mutual aid, emergency response and the combining of resources for public safety and terrorism prevention and response. The City of Rochelle has been a member of ILEAS since its inception. The ILEAS board has recently made some changes to make the mutual aid system and its administration more flexible. As a result, the City of Rochelle will need to pass a resolution to adopt these changes. The new agreement includes the following changes:
- Clarifies the intent that the signatory member public agencies agree to create ILEAS.
  - Provides for the inclusion of basic by-laws into the actual agreement.
  - Establishes an amendment process so that the agreement can be kept current without completely replacing it each time an improvement is necessary.
  - Defines more clearly the legal foundation of ILEAS.
  - Establishes a more specific minimum level of insurance coverage for participating agencies.
  - Expands the definition of law enforcement personnel to include correctional officers so that sheriffs can utilize the mutual aid agreement to assist each other with jail emergencies.
- Eric Higby, Police Chief, was present for questions. This updates the past agreement as it allows changes as well as giving ability to be better prepared. Moved by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilman Berg, **“I move Resolution R14-12, A Resolution “Authorizing the Execution of a Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement and the Existence and Formation of the Law Enforcement Alarm System by Intergovernmental Cooperation” be approved.”** A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Eckhardt, Berg, Hollonbeck, Hayes, McDermott, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

- 4) **Ordinance Amending Section 94-215 of the Municipal Code to Prohibit Truck Parking in All Residential Areas:** The Municipal Code of the City of Rochelle requires that the Zoning Department enforce violations of the off street parking requirements found in Section 110-626. In addition, Section 94-215 of the code gives the Police Department the power to enforce these violations, with the exception of the R-O, Residential Office, zoning district. The R-O zoning designation was added later to the zoning districts and inadvertently left out of section 94-215. Community Development Department staff members have had issues with semis parking in the R-O Districts on the weekend when the zoning staff is not present to document the violations. Therefore, staff recommends amending Section 94-215 of the Municipal Code so that the Police Department has the ability to enforce these violations in all residential districts. Moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilman McDermott, **“I move Council approve Ordinance 14-4302, Amending Section 94-215 of the Municipal Code to Prohibit Truck Parking in All Residential Areas.”** A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Eckhardt, Berg, Hollonbeck, Hayes, McDermott, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilman Hayes **“I move the Council adjourn.”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

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Chet Olson, Mayor  
City of Rochelle

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Judith A. Schermerhorn  
Deputy City Clerk, City of Rochelle