

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
June 30, 2014**

The Rochelle City Council met in a Special Session at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 30, 2014 in the Council Chambers of City Hall; 420 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street; Rochelle, IL 61068.

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

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Mayor: None
- Council Members: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** None

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

- 1) **Industrial Rail Improvements:** 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 (CSS). Annual rail volumes are expected to surge from approximately 3,800 railcars per year to an estimated 14,000-18,000 railcars. On May 12<sup>th</sup> the Mayor and Council approved engineering agreements with Fehr Graham for the design of one parallel storage track to complete the CIR North Switch Yard and a rail structure to span John's Creek. Subsequent to the required public notice, the Deputy City Clerk opened bids for a storage track in the CIR North Switch Yard and the extension of rail to John's Creek on Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. Economic Development Director Jason Anderson and Noah Carmichael, consultant from Fehr Graham reviewed the bids and provided the Mayor and City Council with their recommendation at the meeting. This project is on an expedited schedule in order to utilize the remaining Economic Development Administration (EDA) funds of \$750,000 and prepare for the significant increase in CSS volumes anticipated this fall. The 2014-15 Railroad Capital Outlay Budget includes \$350,000 for the expansion of the CIR North Switch Yard and \$350,000 for the rail extension to John's Creek. As the bids came in under budgeted amounts, there won't be a need to use out-of-pocket funds. As EDA has to review and give the final OK, there is a need to proceed quickly so the work can be accomplished within this construction period. By using pictures, Jason Anderson showed Council where the extensions are going.

Moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilman Rice, **"I move the Council accept Bid C14-12 from Swanson Construction Co. for the construction of Rochelle Industrial Rail Improvements 2014 Contract No. 1 for the City Industrial Rail, subject to EDA concurrence, in the amount of \$600,466.90 and reject all other bids."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, Rice, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 4-0.

Moved by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilman Rice, **"I move the Council accept Bid C14-13 from Swanson Construction Co. for construction of Rochelle Industrial Rail Improvements 2014 Contract No. 2 for the City Industrial Rail in the amount of \$255,590.50 and reject all other bids."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, Rice, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 4-0.

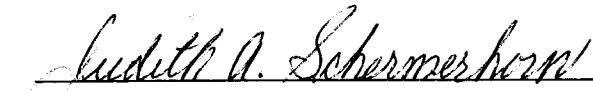
**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 6:02 p.m., moved by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilman Rice, **"I move the Council adjourn."** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.



Chet Olson, Mayor  
City of Rochelle



Judith A. Schermerhorn  
Deputy City Clerk, City of Rochelle