

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
November 10, 2014**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 10, 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 Bruce McKinney.

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

**PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.:**

- **Veterans Day, November 11, 2014:** .

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Mayor: Mayor thanked all men and women who have served in the military.
- Council Members: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY:**

- None

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

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

- a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – October 27, 2014
- b) Accept and Place on File Minutes of Planning and Zoning Commission – October 6, 2014
- c) Approve Bills – 100314-100914=\$174,282; 101014-101614=\$2,154,068; 101714-102314=\$1,806,991; 102414-103014=\$555,496
- d) Approve Payroll – 101314-102614=\$211,065
- e) Approve Downtown Rochelle Association Request – Old Fashioned Christmas Walk
- f) Authorize Lighted Christmas Parade – December 5, 2014

Moved by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **“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, Rice, Hayes, McDermott, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

- 2) **Lincoln Highway/Route 38 Pedestrian Traffic Signal Upgrade Project:** Over the past couple of years the pedestrian traffic at the intersection of Lincoln Highway and Illinois Route 38 has increased. In order to make this area safer for both pedestrians and motorists an improvement project has been designed that includes traffic signal modifications, pedestrian signal heads, pavement markings, PCC sidewalk, and detectable warnings. Subsequent to the required public notice, the City Clerk opened one bid for the project on October 23rd. City staff reviewed the bid of \$96,744.90 from William Charles Electric, LLC and found it to be 53% higher than the estimate of \$63,000 prepared by Fehr Graham and Associates. As a result, staff recommends rejecting the current bid and re-bidding the project in the future in order to obtain a more appropriate bid proposal. Motion by Councilman Hayes and seconded by Council Rice, **"I move reject all bids for Lincoln Highway/Route 38 Traffic Signal Upgrade project."** A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, Rice, Hayes, McDermott, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.
- 3) **Wiscold Drive Improvement Project:** In association with the expansion of Sara Lee Corporation in 2009, the City of Rochelle applied for Economic Development Program (EDP) grant funds through the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to assist with roadway improvements along Wiscold Drive. The City subsequently received an award letter from IDOT committing EDP funding of up to 50% of the Wiscold Drive improvements and associated expenses in an amount not to exceed \$1,123,860. The Mayor and Council have since approved several agreements to facilitate this project. Subsequent to the required public notice, the City Clerk opened bids for the Wiscold Drive Improvement project on Thursday, November 6th. City Engineer Sam Tesreau and our consultant from Fehr Graham reviewed the bids and provided the Mayor and City Council with their recommendation at the Council meeting. This project has been identified as a multi-year capital improvement project. The 2014-15 Capital Improvement Fund includes \$1,890,000 for engineering and initial improvements on Wiscold Drive which will be funded through a combination of EDP, Motor Fuel Tax and Sales Tax. The contract award for this project must have taken place prior to December 31, 2014 to meet the EDP funding requirements. Motion made by Councilman Eckhart and seconded by Councilman Rice, **"I move the Council accept bid C14-18 for the Wiscold Drive Improvement Project in the amount of \$2,516,492.11 from Martin and Company Excavating and reject all bids."** A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, Rice, Hayes, McDermott, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

- 4) **Request for Variance of Setbacks – 903 North 16<sup>th</sup> Street:** Resident Don Romes submitted a petition for a variance of setbacks at 903 North 16<sup>th</sup> Street in order to build a 19 by 20 attached garage on the southwest corner of the property. The residence was built in 1967 with an detached garage at the rear, northeast corner of the property which does not have an access driveway. The property is the most southern residence on 16<sup>th</sup> Street and abuts the Lawnridge Cemetery. The proposed attached garage would have a front yard setback of 9 feet, compared to the allowed building setback of 25 feet, and a 5 foot building setback on the southwest side yard, compared to the allowed side yard setback of 6 feet. The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the facts at their November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The commission found that since the property abuts the Lawnridge Cemetery there is no effect on the neighboring property owners, the proposed garage is consistent with the stormwater ordinance allowing less than one third of total lot coverage and the sight distance of the property is not a nuisance because of the contour of the right-of-way at the end of 16<sup>th</sup> Street. Therefore, the commission voted to recommend approval of the requested variance to setbacks by a vote of 6-0 subject to final site plans, building plans and a building permit and the construction of a 5 foot by 5 foot concrete landing at the end of the public sidewalk for pedestrians to turn around. **“I move Ordinance 14-4403, An Ordinance Approving a Variance to Setback lines at 903 North 16<sup>th</sup> Street, be approved.”** A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, Rice, Hayes, McDermott, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.
- 5) **Risk Insurance Renewal:** The City of Rochelle’s Risk Insurance Plan Year expires annually on December 31st. Since 1997, the City has participated in the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association (IMLRMA) property and liability insurance program which covers worker’s compensation, auto liability, general liability, portable equipment, physical damage to auto and property. Since staff solicited risk insurance proposals from other agencies each of the past two years and chose to remain with IMLRMA, no other quotes were pursued for 2015. IMLRMA submitted two renewal options, the standard renewal option and the Minimum-Maximum Program option. The Min-Max Program includes a premium savings of 15% over the standard option and an exposure of approximately 30% extra in contributions and penalties if losses and claim costs are greater than anticipated. After reviewing the options, staff believed that it is in the City’s best interest to stay with the IMLRMA Standard Option. If the premium is paid before November 21<sup>st</sup>, the City can take advantage of the early pay discount of 1.5% for a total premium of \$617,828.44. **“I move Ordinance 14-4404, an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of the IMLRMA Standard Option, be approved.”** A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, Rice, Hayes, McDermott, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 7:30 p.m., moved by Councilman Rice and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **“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