

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 8, 2014**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 8, 2014 in the Council Chambers of City Hall; 420 N. 6th 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, Berg, Hollonbeck and Mayor Olson. Absent: None. Quorum of seven present. Also present were City Manager David Plyman and City Clerk Bruce McKinney.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.: None

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- Mayor: Mayor reported on a IML meeting he attended
- Council Members:
- Employee Introduction – Ryan Beery: Introduced by Chief Higby; new fulltime police officer sworn in December 8th. Will be attending the Police Training Institute from January 5th–March 26th. Ryan is married and has a son.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

- **YMCA/Recreation Center Project:** Council was updated on the YMCA/Recreation Center project.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE with Recommendations:

- a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – November 24, 2014
- b) Approve Bills – 111414-112014=\$2,981,722; 112114-112614=\$658,803
- c) Approve Payroll – 111014-112314=\$207,566
- d) Approve City of Rochelle Meeting Dates for 2015
- e) Approve City of Rochelle Legal Holidays for 2015
- f) Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code to Create One Package Liquor License for Walgreens - 1080 North 7th Street.

Councilman Hays asked to remove item f from the consent agenda.

Moved by Councilman Hays and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **“I move Consent Agenda Items (a) through (e) be approved by Omnibus Vote as recommended.”** A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, Rice, Hayes, McDermott, Berg and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

After discussion on Walgreens request, Councilman Berg moved and seconded by Councilman Eckhart, **I move to approve Walgreens Liquor license.”** A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, Rice, Hayes, McDermott, Berg and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

- 2) **Ordinance Adopting 2014 Tax Levy:** The State of Illinois requires the City annually to adopt and file a Property Tax Levy Ordinance on or before the last Tuesday in December. Last year, the City's Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) was \$215,682,064 and its property tax rate was \$1.004830 per \$100 of EAV, which allowed the city to collect \$2,167,238 in property taxes. For the upcoming year, Ogle County estimated the City's EAV at \$220,647,530. Finance Manager Chris Frye led a discussion on the 2014 Tax Levy at the November 24th City Council meeting. The Fire and Police Pension Boards have requested that council fully fund their recommendations based on actuarial studies. The Fire Pension Board is seeking a contribution from property taxes of \$254,297. The Police Pension Board is seeking a contribution of \$299,688. The proposed levy calculations include fully funding the pension boards' recommendations. However, the City will need to transfer funds from other sources to eliminate the negative fund balances in the Social Security, IMRF and insurance funds. The property tax rates for general corporate, fire protection, police protection, crossing guard and street lighting will remain the same as compared to last year since they are already at the maximum rate allowable. Moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilwoman Hollenbeck, **"I move Ordinance 14-4407, An Ordinance for 2014-2015 Tax Levy, be approved."** A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, Rice, Hayes, McDermott, Berg and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
- 3) **Ordinance Abating the Taxes Levied for 2014 – Taxable General Obligation Bonds:** In 2010 the Mayor and Council approved an ordinance providing for the issuance of bonds to finance offsite improvements related to the Lighthouse Pointe Subdivision and Route 38 corridor. The City subsequently issued Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010 (Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds) in the amount of \$2,940,000. In April of 2013, due to federal budget cuts which affected the subsidy available through the Recovery Zone Bond program, the council approved the issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$3,125,000, which included interest and bond issuance costs. The annual debt service related to these bonds will be paid through TIF revenues, instead of property taxes, when sufficient funds are available. In order to abate the property taxes, the proposed ordinance must be approved annually and forwarded to Lee and Ogle County. Moved by Councilwoman Hollenbeck and seconded by Councilman McDermott, **"I move Agreement 14-4408, An Ordinance Abating the Taxes heretofore levied for the Year 2014 do pay debt service on General Obligation Refunding Bonds, be approved"** A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, Rice, Hayes, McDermott, Berg and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 1) **City of Rochelle and Rochelle Municipal Utilities Geographic Information Systems (GIS):** In June of 2013 the Mayor and Council approved a License Agreement with the Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI) for Geographic Information System (GIS) software. This type of system is designed to capture, store, manipulate, analyze, manage and display all types of geographically referenced data. In addition to mapping infrastructure, the database allows for the storage of associated information that is valuable for both maintenance and asset management. Since that time, Cloudpoint Geographics has assisted the City and RMU with gathering and entering a great deal of information into the GIS database. Jonathan Hodel, Owner/CEO of Cloudpoint Geographics, and Micah Williamson, Geospatial Services Manager, presented information on how the City and RMU are progressing with GIS and responded to questions from the Mayor and Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:35 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