

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
January 26, 2015**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 26, 2015 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 Rice, McDermott, Hollonbeck and Mayor Olson. Absent: Councilmen Hayes, Eckhart and Berg. Quorum present. Also present were City Manager David Plyman and City Clerk Bruce McKinney.

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

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Mayor: Thanked the Fire, Police and Street Departments for their professionalism during fire and snow fall.
- Council Members:
- Financial Statement – December 2014: In Council Packets

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY:**

- Aaron Brooks spoke on eligibility to run for Mayor position,

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

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

- a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – January 12, 2015
- b) Accept and Place on File Stormwater Advisory Commission Minutes – September 10, 2014
- c) Approve Bills – 12/19/14-1/8/15 = \$512,852; 1/9/15-1/15/15 = \$657,341
- d) Approve Payroll – 1/5/15-1/18/15 = \$283,074
- e) Accept and Place on File Annual Community Development Department Report
- f) Approve Use of Rochelle Municipal Airport for Rochelle Area Chamber of Commerce Summer Country Jam Concert – August 1, 2015

Moved by Councilwoman Hollonbeck 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 Hollonbeck, Rice, McDermott, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 4-0.

- 2) **Purchase of Fire Engine:** The 2014-15 Ambulance Fund Budget includes \$450,000 for the purchase of a fire engine for the Fire Department. If approved, the new engine will replace a 1995 model. Subsequent to the required public notice, the City Clerk opened bids from four suppliers on December 5, 2014. Fire Chief Brian Johnson reviewed the bids and narrowed the choice down to Toyne, Inc. and Alexis Fire Equipment. Unfortunately, the apparent low bidder, Toyne, Inc., did not meet the required specifications in multiple warranty and engine construction areas. Therefore, Chief Johnson recommends the acceptance of the bid from Alexis Fire Equipment in the amount of \$462,040. The 2014-15 Ambulance Fund Budget also includes the purchase of a new truck. This purchase, budgeted at \$30,000, will be delayed to keep expenses within the budget. Councilman McDermott moved and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **"I move the Council accept bid C15-01 from Alexis Fire Equipment in the amount of \$462,040 and reject all other bids."** A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hollonbeck, Rice, McDermott, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 4-0.
- 3) **Resolution for Maintenance of Street and Highways by Municipality – Street Light Usage:** During the 2014/15 budget process it was determined that street light usage is an eligible use of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds. Therefore, in an effort to help reduce general fund expenses it was proposed that a portion of the street light usage costs be funded through MFT funds. City Engineer Sam Tesreau recommends that a resolution in the amount of \$100,000 be approved. This will allow the City to move forward with providing funding through MFT revenues for part of the maintenance and other expenses associated with street light usage. Engineer Tesreau was present to answer questions. Councilwoman Hollonbeck moved and seconded by Councilman Rice, **"I move Resolution R15-02, a Resolution for Maintenance for Streets and Highways in the amount of \$100,000, be approved."** A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hollonbeck, Rice, McDermott, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 4-0.
- 4) **Well #11 Repairs:** Well #11, located on Flagg Road near the high school, unexpectedly failed on January 5th. Since well #4 is also currently out of service for some routine rehabilitation, Municipal Well and Pump was called in for an emergency repair. The contractor installed a rental motor and well #11 was back in service on January 15<sup>th</sup>. After inspection of the equipment, it has been determined that the pump, motor, cable and sand separator either need to be replaced or rebuilt. Water/Water Reclamation Superintendent Adam Lanning recommends replacing the pump and associated equipment at a cost of \$88,187.90. The new equipment is in stock and can be installed in approximately 5 weeks. Rebuilding the equipment would cost \$81,768.40 and take approximately 10 weeks. In addition, purchasing a new motor and pump will allow us to downsize from a 300 HP motor to a 200 HP motor. This should result in significant savings in electric costs due to the improved efficiency of the pump. The Rochelle Municipal Code provides that contracts for emergency services or repairs are excluded from the requirement of competitive bidding when the delay in seeking competitive bids would result in damage or additional cost to the City. Motion made by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilman McDermott. **"I move the Council accept the e proposal from Municipal Well & Pump in the amount of \$88,187 for an emergency repair for Well #11."** A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hollonbeck, Rice, McDermott, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 4-0.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- 1) **City of Rochelle Marketing Plan:** A City of Rochelle Communication Plan has been developed in order to identify goals and the means to reach those goals by effectively communicating with citizens and customers. The plan identifies our current marketing channels and guidelines for their use. In addition, it breaks down the initiatives by department and identifies overall objectives and specific goals for meeting them. Marketing and Public Relations Manager Jennifer Thompson provided an overview of the plan and responded to questions from the Mayor and Council.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 7:35 p.m., moved by Councilman Rice and seconded by Councilman McDermott, "**I move the Council adjourn.**" Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.



Chet Olson, Mayor  
City of Rochelle

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Bruce McKinney, CMC  
City Clerk, City of Rochelle