

**.ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 13, 2015**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 2015 in the Council Chambers of City Hall; 420 N. 6th Street; Rochelle, IL 61068.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG & PRAYER: The Prayer was said by Clerk McKinney.

ROLL CALL: Present on Roll Call were Councilmembers Burke, Eckhardt, Hayes, Hollenbeck, D. McDermott, T. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Absent: 0. Quorum of seven present. Also present were City Manager Plyman and City Clerk McKinney...

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.:

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REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor. None.

- Council Members: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: None.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE with Recommendations:

- a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – June 22, 2015
- b) except and Place on file planning and zoning committee minutes – May 4, 2015.
- c) Approve Bills – 061215-062515, 061515-070215
- d) Approve Payroll – 060815-062115

Moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilwoman D. McDermott, **"I move Consent Agenda Items (a) through (d) be approved by Omnibus Vote as recommended."**

Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Eckhardt, Hayes, Hollenbeck, D. McDermott, T. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

- 2) **Quiet Zone Improvements.** The City of Rochelle experiences nearly 100 trains per day traveling through our community on the Union Pacific and BNSF Railway lines. Over the past decade the public has consistently identified train horns as having a negative impact on the quality of life in Rochelle. As a result, the City's Comprehensive Plan and the City Council's Strategic Planning Summary both identify the need to eliminate or mitigate the train noise. The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) provides the regulatory authority to establish a quiet zone and the City of Rochelle has completed the engineering and feasibility study steps necessary to establish such a zone. By constructing various FRA approved improvements at the at-grade rail crossings within the City of Rochelle, a quiet zone can be established. In March, the City Council approved a Grade Crossing Signal Installation Agreement which provides for the installation of four-quadrant flashers and gates at 15th Street by the BNSF Railway at an estimated cost to the City of \$768,651. Subsequent to the required public notice, the City Clerk opened two bids on July 2nd for the remaining Quiet Zone Improvements which include concrete raised medians, centerline delineators, grading and excavation, concrete curb and gutter, hot-mix asphalt pavement, concrete sidewalk, storm sewer and drainage inlets, pavement markings, signage and restoration. Although the bids are considerably higher than the engineer's estimate, City Engineer Sam Tesreau and our consultant, Fehr Graham, recommend awarding the contract to the low bidder, Martin & Company, in the amount of \$889,487.25. Since the project includes re-mobilizing to 10 different locations throughout the City, our consultant attempted to factor this into the individual unit prices on the estimate. Based on a review of the bids, it is apparent that they underestimated the contractor's cost for mobilizing between the sites. The Quiet Zone Improvement project is being funded through General Obligation Debt Certificates issued on July 7th for \$2,000,000. Motion made by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilman Hayes: "I move the Council Accept the bid for the quiet zone improvements to Martin and Company in the amount of \$889,487.25 and reject all other bids." Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Eckhardt, Hayes, Hollenbeck, D. McDermott, T. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
- 3) **Illinois Route 38 and Lincoln Highway Pedestrian Signals and Sidewalk Ramp Upgrade.** The installation of pedestrian signals and sidewalk ramp upgrades at Illinois Route 38 and Lincoln Highway has been a part of the long term capital improvements plan for a couple of years. The new pedestrian signals are designed to accommodate pedestrians, users with disabilities and increase the time available to cross the intersection. In addition, the improvements will include new sidewalk ramps and pavement striping to better identify the pedestrian routes when crossing the intersection. Engineering began on the project in late 2013 and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) approved the project and its funding in September of 2014. The City solicited bids for the Illinois Route 38 and Lincoln Highway Pedestrian Traffic Signal Upgrade Project last fall and again this spring. In both cases the lowest bid was found to be more than 50% higher than the engineer's estimate and all bids were subsequently rejected by council. Following discussions with IDOT, the project was split into two sections, traffic light and sidewalk, in hopes of obtaining more competitive bids. In addition the engineer's estimate was increased by approximately \$92,000. Subsequent to the required public notice, the Deputy City Clerk opened a single bid for the traffic light section of the project on June 22nd. Although the bid is 12 % higher than the engineer's estimate, City Engineer Sam Tesreau and our consultant, Fehr Graham, recommend acceptance of the bid from William Charles Electric, LLC in the amount of \$46,270.50 since this project has been rebid three times. The Deputy City Clerk also opened three bids for the sidewalk section of the project. The lowest bid was

approximately 5% higher than the engineer's estimate. Since this project has also been rebid multiple times, City Engineer Sam Tesreau and our consultant, Fehr Graham, recommend acceptance of the bid from O'Brien Civil Works, Inc. in the amount \$52,400.65. These projects will be funded through the Capital Improvements fund which includes a revenue transfer from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund (MFT) for the infrastructure construction and related construction engineering expenses. Other costs for non-eligible items will be paid with local funds. Motion made by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt: **"I move the Council accept the bid from the Illinois Route 38 and Lincoln Highway signal modification- traffic light section from Williams Charles electronic. LLC in the amount of \$46,270.50 and reject all other bids."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Eckhardt, Hayes, Hollenbeck, D. McDermott, T. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion made by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck: **"I move the Council accept the bid from O'Brien civil work. Inc. for the Illinois route 38 and Lincoln Highway signal modification – sidewalk section in the amount of \$52,400.65 and reject all other bids."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Eckhardt, Hayes, Hollenbeck, D. McDermott, T. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

- 4) **Purchase of Compact Excavator – Street and Cemetery Departments.** The 2015-16 General Fund Budget includes \$40,000 in the capital outlay summary for a compact excavator, divided equally between the street and cemetery departments. If approved, this equipment will allow both departments to work in constricted areas which will improve production and reduce costly restoration work. Subsequent to the required public notice, the City Clerk opened six bids from equipment suppliers on July 2nd. Superintendent of Streets & Cemetery Tim Isley reviewed the bids and recommends the acceptance of the lowest responsible bid from CSR Bobcat in the amount of \$53,300, minus \$10,500 for the trade in of a 1987 front end wheel loader for a total cost of \$42,800. Although the recommendation is over budget by \$2,800, Superintendent Isley plans to adjust or delay other purchases in these departments to offset the increase. Motion made by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck: **"I move the Council accept the bid from CSR Bobcat for the purchase of a compact excavator for the street and cemetery department in the amount of \$42,800 and reject all other bids."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Eckhardt, Hayes, Hollenbeck, D. McDermott, T. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

- 7) **Security Door Access Equipment and Installation – RMU Generation Facility.** Rochelle Municipal Utilities (RMU) has engaged with PJM for a full integration of RMU's electrical transmission system into the regional transmission operations. This integration requires a higher degree of control room security to meet North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) /Reliability First and PJM requirements. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approved the RMU transmission tariff on June 23rd. This tariff is expected to be effective August 1st and will include the ongoing update of the tariff on a yearly basis. Since the project is on a tight schedule and this type of equipment and installation expertise is fairly unique, Business and Financial Analyst Dan Westin recommends that the council accept the quote from Rock River Service Company of \$21,049 and forego formal bidding of the equipment. The tariff cost basis includes expenses incurred for provisioning the transmission system so this improvement in control room security is covered by the tariff calculations. Motion made by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck: **"I move the Council waived the formal bidding process for the RMU generation facility and approve the purchase of security door access equipment and installation at the RMU generation facility for \$21,049 from Rock River Service."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Eckhardt, Hayes, Hollenbeck, D. McDermott, T. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
- 8) **Transmission System Operator Services Agreement.** As stated in the previous agenda item, Rochelle Municipal Utilities (RMU) has engaged with PJM for a full integration of RMU's electrical transmission system into the regional transmission operations. This integration requires a control center that is a "Transmission Operator" control center with personnel that are certified by the Northern American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and PJM to meet NERC/Reliability First and PJM requirements. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approved the RMU transmission tariff in June and the tariff is expected to be effective August 1st. The tariff cost basis includes the costs incurred for provisioning the transmission system so this control center service is covered by the tariff calculations. RMU generation plant personnel are being trained in Transmission Operations procedures and will be supported fully in achieving this certification. Approval of this agreement provides a ramp-up for them to have a solid operation in place for full reliability management of Rochelle's role in the Bulk Electrical System. Motion made by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt: **"I move agreement 15-4465, an agreement between Rochelle Municipal Utilities and Gridforce Energy Management, LLC for a Transmission system operator service agreement at a monthly cost of \$20,000 for one year, be approved."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Eckhardt, Hayes, Hollenbeck, D. McDermott, T. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: NONE

EXCUTIVE SESSION: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:42 p.m., moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilman Burke, **"I move the Council adjourn."** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.



Chet Olson, Mayor



Bruce W. McKinney, CME
City Clerk, City of Rochelle