

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
January 12, 2015**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 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 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. Also present from the Rochelle Park District Board were: Director E. Christenson and Board members Pease, Norcross, Ohlinger, Brooks, Seaboock and Chairman Bunger.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY:**

The following people spoke against a Recreation Center at this time or if there is no swimming pool: Deane McNeilly, Judy Schermerhorn, Jerry Seebach, and Ann Frisch. Spoke in favor: Noah Carmichael, Dan Lindquist, and Rob Wilkinson.

**BUSINESS ITEM:**

- 1) Joint Discussion and Action on Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and Flagg Rochelle Community Park District (Recreational Center):** Members of the Rochelle Recreational Facility Task Force have been meeting for several months with the goal of building a recreational facility in Rochelle. As a result of the group's efforts a market research analysis and community program gap analysis have been completed. In addition, task force members have visited YMCA sites and developed a conceptual facility floorplan and budget. In December, Co-chairmen Dan Lundquist and Noah Carmichael spoke to the Rochelle City Council and the Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District on the group's progress and timeline. The group hopes to secure funding commitments in January/February of 2015 followed by agreements with the YMCA in February/March. They believe that this timeline will allow for the construction of a facility to begin in the fall of 2015 and a Grand Opening in late summer of 2016. An Intergovernmental Agreement has been developed between the City of Rochelle and the Flagg Rochelle Community Park District to facilitate the construction and operation of a recreational center. The agreement between the parties provides for the purchase or long-term lease of property; design and construction of the recreational center; contribution by each of the parties of one-half of the cost of property, design and construction (estimated at approximately \$6 million); the parties mutual desire to pursue a lease, license or a contractual operating agreement for the operation of the Recreational Center; and insurance responsibilities.

Moved by Council Berg and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt: **"I move Ordinance #15-15-4418, An Ordinance Approving Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Rochelle and the Flagg Rochelle Community Park District (Recreation Center, be adopted."** A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, Rice, Hayes, Berg and Mayor Olson. Nays: McDermott. Motion passed 6-1. The Park District then made a motion to approve and passed 5-1.

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

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Mayor: Mayor Olson thanked the street Department for their work during the last snow storm.
- Council Members: Councilmen Berg and Eckhardt will be absent at the next meeting.
- Employee Introductions:
  - Adriana Milan – Assistant to the City Manager (Full-time): Adriana Milan was raised in Rochelle and completed her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration at Northern Illinois University. She is currently enrolled in the Masters in Public Administration Program at NIU. Some of her responsibilities include Economic Development with the Kish Career Link Workforce Development Program, RMU Administration, and will be working closely with the City Manager on various projects.
  - Nancy Bingham – Human Resources Coordinator (Full-time): Nancy Bingham is a lifelong Rochelle resident who comes to the City of Rochelle with over fourteen years of experience and holds her Professional Human Resources Certification. Her most recent experience includes payroll, employee benefits, pension, worker's compensation and employee relations.
  - Ryan Kovacs – Police Officer (Full-time): Ryan Kovacs was sworn in January 12th as a Rochelle Police officer. Ryan lives in the DeKalb area and has a bachelor's degree from Northern Illinois University in sociology/criminology. He has already attended the Police Academy.
- Financial Statement – November 2014: In Council Packets.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:****2) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE with Recommendations:**

- a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – December 8, 2014
- b) Approve Minutes of Special City Council Meeting – December 17, 2014
- c) Approve Bills – 11/27/14-12/4/14, 12/5/14-12/11/14, 12/12/14-12/18/14
- d) Approve Payroll – 11/24/14-12/7/14, 12/8/14-12/21/14, 12/22/14-1/4/15
- e) Accept and Place on File Minutes of Trucking Advisory Committee – November 13, 2013

Moved by Councilman Rice and seconded by Councilman Berg, **"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.

- 3) Engineering Services for the Rebuild of a Transmission Line along Steward Road to Hayes Road:** RMU currently has a 138kV transmission line, Line 1, which extends along Steward Road from CHS to Hayes Road. Due to the age of the line and to serve the future needs of this area, in particular Well #12, RMU plans to rebuild approximately .55 miles of this line with steel poles and guyless construction for the transmission structures and wooden distribution poles for the underbuild. BHMG Engineers has submitted a Memorandum of Agreement to provide the following professional services for this project:

- Design of the transmission line.
- Prepare a Request for Proposal for the steel poles.
- Prepare bill of materials for remaining parts.
- Prepare technical specifications for construction.
- Provide project management and construction observation.
- Record drawings.

Superintendent of Electric Operations Joe Orlikowski recommends proceeding with the scope of work as outlined at a cost of \$107,400. The total cost of this project is estimated at \$657,000 and will be paid out of funds available through the recent bond issue.

Motion by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and second by Councilman McDermott: **"I move agreement #15-4419, a Memorandum Agreement with BHMG for Engineering Services related to the Transmission Line along Steward Road to Hayes Road, 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.

- 4) **Purchase of Steel Poles for Transmission Line along Steward Road to Hayes Road:** On December 17<sup>th</sup>, at RMU's request, BHMG sent out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for seven steel transmission poles to be used in the rebuild of transmission line 1. This RFP was sent out in advance of the engineering agreement due to the long lead time expected for delivery of the poles. The deadline to submit the RFP for the procurement and delivery of the steel transmission poles was December 30<sup>th</sup>. BHMG received seven proposals in response to the RFP. Superintendent of Electric Operations Joe Orlikowski and BHMG Engineers have reviewed the proposals. As a result, BHMG and RMU recommend the acceptance of the proposal from Valmont-Newmark in the amount of \$54,190.88 which is substantially below the engineer's estimate of \$74,400. As with the prior agenda item, the total cost of this project, estimated at \$657,000, will be funded through the recent bond issue. Motion made by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilman Berg: **"I move the Council accept the bid from Valmont-Newark for the purchase of seven (7) steel transmission poles in the amount of \$54,190.88 and reject all other bids."** A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, Rice, Hayes, McDermott, Berg and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
- 5) **Economic Development Program (EDP) Resolution - Wiscold Drive Improvements:** 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, as well as the contract award to Martin and Company to facilitate the improvements. The Illinois Department of Transportation requires that the City Council approve a Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code in order to access EDP/MFT funding for the project engineering and construction. The Wiscold Drive Improvement project is expected to be substantially completed by September. Motion made by Council Berg and seconded by Councilman Rice: **"I move Resolution R15-01, A Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code for Wiscold Drive Improvements, 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.

6) **Rochelle Fire Fighters Association Agreement 2014-2019:** The current agreement with the Rochelle Fire Fighters Association Local #3445 was due to expire on April 30, 2014. It was extended subject to negotiations and ratification of a new agreement. A tentative agreement, retroactive to May 1, 2014, has been reached for a new five-year contract that will expire on April 30, 2019. The tentative agreement was ratified by members of the bargaining group on January 30th. The revision to the agreement includes language, wage and benefit modifications negotiated over the past few months. Some of the more significant changes include:

- Section 14.9 Firefighter/EMT Disability: A new section was added to clarify the procedure to be followed when an illness, injury or condition disables an employee to the extent that they are incapable of performing all of the essential functions of a Firefighter/EMT for a period in excess of [3] consecutive scheduled shift days.
- Section 20.1 Group Insurance: Effective 1-1-18 employees will pay 18% of the premium for family coverage.
- Exhibit A Wage Schedule:
  - Effective 5-1-14, across the board increase of 2.50%.
  - Effective 5-1-15, across the board increase of 2.75%.
  - Effective 5-1-16, across the board increase of 3.00%
  - Effective 5-1-17, across the board increase of 3.25%
  - Effective 5-1-18, across the board increase of 3.25%

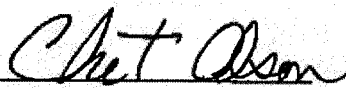
Motion made by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilman McDermott: **"I move the Council approve and ratify the agreement between the City of Rochelle and Rochelle Fire Fighters Association for the period of May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2019."** A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, Rice, Hayes, McDermott, Berg and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 1) **Sustainability Forum:** RMU has invited interested parties to attend a Sustainability Forum. The purpose of the forum is to explore ideas and review the top related sustainability policies, programs and projects that have improved the economies of local governments. The goal is to connect our local government, constituents and utility customers with solutions for economic growth and a sustainable future. Business and Financial Analyst Dan Westin shared information on this initiative and responded to questions from the Mayor and Council.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:06 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