

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 10, 2015**

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

None.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor. Mayor Olson reminded all that the Lincoln Highway Festival is this next weekend. The Mayor informed the council that he is working on changes in Liquor license.

Council Members: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: None.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE with Recommendations:

- a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – July 27, 2015
- b) Accept and Place on File Minutes of Airport Advisory Board – May 26, 2015
- c) Accept and Place on File Minutes of Planning & Zoning Commission – July 6 & July 27, 2015
- d) Approve Bills – 071715-072315, 072415-073015
- e) Approve Payroll – 070615-071915
- f) Authorize Rochelle Township High School Homecoming Parade – October 1, 2015
- g) Establish Annual Trick-r-Treat Schedule October 31, 2015 from 5:00pm-8:00pm

Moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilwoman Hollenbeck, "**I move Consent Agenda Items (a) through (g) 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) **Special Use Permit and Setback Variance for a Solar Farm at the Rochelle Landfill (Public Hearing).** Rochelle Municipal Utilities has petitioned the City for a special use permit to allow for the construction of a solar farm at the Rochelle Landfill and a setback variance. The proposed solar farm will be located on the south side of the landfill, parallel to Creston Road, at the top of the berm with panels facing to the south. The farm will consist of two rows of panels, each 2,700 feet long north of Creston Road and will be surrounded by a fence. This solar farm will enable Rochelle Municipal Utilities to continue to diversify its energy sources. The Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing to review the petition at its meeting on August 3rd. Following some discussion, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the special use permit and setback variance as requested by a vote of 6-0. However, the commission suggested that additional research be done on the landscaping requirements at the landfill prior to the council vote. Therefore, staff recommends that the City Council open the public hearing as published and continue the topic to the August 24th council meeting so that additional information can be gathered. Motion made by Councilman and seconded by Councilman, **“I move the Council recess into a public hearing for consideration of a Special Use Permit and set back Variance for a Solar Farm at Rochelle Landfill.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Eckhardt, Hayes, Hollenbeck, D. McDermott, T. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0. Roger Beardin came forward and reminded the council that the agreement for the landfill states that a row of trees have to be planted to hide landfill. He also stated that he has no problem with a solar farm. Council discussed the tree berm. Motion made by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilman Dan McDermott, **“I move the Council return to open session.”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.
- 3) **Purchase of Street Sweeper – Street Department.** Over the past year, the Street Department has tested several different street sweeper models in order to determine the best option to replace the existing 2005 Elgin Pelican street sweeper. Staff has concluded that the Elgin Pelican remains the best option due to its three wheel design which provides excellent maneuverability and a conveyor system that is able to move large debris, sticks and piles of leaves without jamming. The 2015 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper is available through the National Joint Power Alliance, through Standard Equipment Company, for \$189,955. In addition, Standard Equipment Company will provide a trade in allowance of \$14,500 for the 2005 model for a net purchase price of \$175,455. The 2015-16 Solid Waste Capital Outlay Budget includes \$195,000 for the purchase of a street sweeper. Elgin has notified staff that the Pelican Street Sweepers will be switching over from the Tier 4 Interim engines to Tier 4 Final engines which will increase the price \$8,000 to \$10,000. Therefore, Superintendent Isley recommends proceeding with the purchase of the 2015 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper at this time. Motion made by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilman Tom McDermott, **“I move the Council approve the purchase of a 2015 street sweeper through the National Joint Powers Alliance in the amount of \$189,955, minus a trade in allowance of \$14,500 for a net purchase price of \$175,455 without competitive 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) Professional Construction Services – Quiet Zone Improvements. On July 13th the Mayor and Council approved a bid from Martin and Company for 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. These improvements, along with the installation of four-quadrant flashers and gates by the BNSF Railway at 15th Street, will allow the City to establish a Quiet Zone and mitigate the train noise. During the July 13th council meeting City Engineer Sam Tesreau stated that an engineering services agreement would also be forthcoming for the construction portion of the project. Construction on the Quiet Zone Improvements is expected to begin in late August with substantial completion by the end of November. City staff requested a proposal from Fehr Graham for professional construction services. The proposed scope of services includes construction observation, contract management and coordination of the Notice of Establishment to the FRA. The fee for the Construction Engineering services is for a not to exceed amount of \$75,000. In addition, the final Notice of Establishment services will be completed at a not to exceed amount of \$6,500. City Engineer Sam Tesreau recommends approval of the Construction Engineering services agreement so that the Quiet Zone Improvements can move forward. The Quiet Zone Improvement project is being funded through General Obligation Debt Certificates issued on July 7th for \$2,000,000. Motion made by Councilman Eckhart and seconded by Councilman Dan McDermott, “I move Council approve the proposal from Fehr Graham for professional construction services associated with the Quiet Zone Improvements.” 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


EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:35 PM a motion made by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilwoman Hollenbeck: “I move Council recess into executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance and/or dismissal, of specific employee. Section 2 (c) (1). And the Purchase or Lease of real property for city use. Section (c) (5). Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Eckhardt, Hayes, Hollenbeck, D. McDermott, T. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

At 7:45 PM Councilman Tom McDermott moved and seconded by Councilman Dan McDermott, “I move the Council return to open session.” Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:59 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, CMC
City Clerk, City of Rochelle