

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 24, 2016**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 2016 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, Eckhart, Hollenbeck, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, and Mayor Olson. Absent: none. A quorum of seven was present. Also present were City Manager Plyman and City Clerk McKinney.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC: None

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor: Mayor reported that "Hay Day" was a success.

Council: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Tammi Powell spoke on Brookside Drive parking.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE with Recommendations:

- a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – October 11, 2016
- b) Approve Bills – 093016-100616, 100716-101316
- c) Approve Payroll – 092616-100916

Moved by Councilor Hollenbeck and seconded by Councilor Burke, "**I move Consent Agenda Items (a) through (c) be approved by Omnibus Vote as recommended.**" Roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Burke, Eckhart, Hollenbeck, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

- 2) **Ordinance amending section 94-224 of the Municipal Code to prohibit parking - Brookside Drive.** In July of this year several Brookside Drive residents attended a city council meeting to voice their concerns about parking issues on their street. These concerns included the ability of emergency vehicles to navigate down the street, especially off of Illinois Route 38. A petition signed by many of the Brookside Drive residents was also presented. As a result of the residents' concerns, engineering staff members evaluated the street width and the geometrics of the Fire Department's largest emergency vehicle. The City of Rochelle Municipal Code allows for parking on one side of the street in a single family residential district when the street is 31 feet in width. Brookside Drive is approximately 31 feet from back of curb to curb. Therefore, City Engineer Sam Tesreau believes it is reasonable to limit parking to one side of the street on Brookside Drive. Since the mailboxes and fire hydrants are located on the west side of the street and the east side contains fewer driveways, the recommendation is to prohibit parking on the entire west side of Brookside Drive. In addition, the ordinance prohibits parking on the east side for 100 feet north of the Illinois Route 38 right-of-way line to provide better access for emergency vehicles. Sam Tesreau was present to answer questions. Item was held over till next meeting.
- 3) **Ordinance approving roadway dedication agreement - Cherry Avenue and First Street.** In 2004 Patricia Burch approached the City regarding vacating a portion of Cherry Avenue and Van Buren Street. At that time, Mrs. Burch proposed a planned development that would provide rail service to adjacent properties as well as transloading facilities. On October 25, 2004 the Mayor and Council approved an ordinance vacating the east terminus of both streets as requested. Over a year ago Patricia Burch approached the City asking to rededicate the road right of way since the original development proposal never came to fruition. As a result, City staff members have negotiated a Roadway Dedication Agreement with Mrs. Burch. The agreement includes certain conditions for the acceptance of the vacated roadway including the satisfactory construction of roadway improvements, an easement to assist in snow removal, and drainage easements to be used if it becomes necessary to relocate a storm sewer which presently runs beneath a building. Sam Tesreau and attorney Bob Chadwick were present to answer questions. Moved by Councilor Hollenbeck and seconded by Councilor D. McDermott, **"I move ordinance 16-4618, An ordinance approving roadway dedication agreement - Cherry Avenue and First Street, be approved."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Eckhart, Hollenbeck, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

- 4) **Well 8 invoices.** In September, lightning struck Well 8 damaging several pieces of electric equipment. Since we are not currently using Well 11, we needed Well 8 back in service immediately. RMU staff contacted multiple vendors and determined that Municipal Well and Pump could replace the damaged equipment the soonest and had the well back in service in less than two days. The total cost of replacing the damaged equipment at Well 8 was \$39,190.08. This includes upgrading from a soft start to a variable frequency drive (VFD) since the soft start was on backorder. The VFD likely increased the cost by \$5000-6000 but is far more efficient. Staff is currently working with our insurance company and the majority of this claim should be covered. All of the work has been completed but some invoices are still outstanding. Superintendent Adam Lanning recommends approving payment of invoices in the amount of \$39,190.08 to repair lightning damage to Well 8. Moved by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Eckhart, **"I move the Council approve payment of multiple invoices from municipal well and pump for a total amount of \$39,190.08 to repair lightning damage to well 8, without competitive bidding."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Eckhart, Hollenbeck, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
- 5) **Purchase of utility truck – RMU electric division.** The FY 2016-17 capital budget includes \$25,000 for the purchase of a replacement pickup truck for the electric division. After evaluating the equipment, staff found that the current pickups are in good working condition. However, there is a need for a medium size utility truck that can be used for underground projects. These projects currently tie up a bucket truck or digger truck that is then unavailable to other crews. The Illinois Department of Central Management Services Joint Purchasing Program has a 2017 Ford, 4x4 utility truck available for \$41,065. Prescott Brothers has provided RMU with a quote which matches the State bid. RMU Electric Superintendent Jason Bird recommends the acceptance of the quote for a 2017 Ford, utility truck from Prescott Brothers in the amount of \$41,065. Moved by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Hollenbeck, **"I move the Council approve the purchase of a 2017 4x4 utility truck from Prescott Brothers Ford in the amount of \$41,065, without competitive bidding."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Eckhart, Hollenbeck, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
- 6) **DISCUSSION ITEM:**
RMU Electric Cost of Service Study. Removed from agenda.

Rate Studies. The last rate reviews for the water and water reclamation division were completed and 2014 by Willet Hoffman and Associates. Earlier this year, water-water reclamation superintendent Adam Lanning hired the firm once again to perform rate studies. Matt Hansen, vice president of full of Hoffman and Associates provided an overview of the rate studies and answer questions from the mayor and city Council.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:23 PM, moved by Counselor Eckhart and seconded by Counselor paves, **"I move the Council adjourn."** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.



Chet Olson , Mayor



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