

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 13, 2017**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 13, 2017 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, Hayes, Hollonbeck, D. McDermott, T. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Absent: None. A quorum of seven was present. Also present were City Manager Plyman, City Attorney Wagner, and City Clerk McKinney.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC: None

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor: None.

Council: None.

Financial Statements – January 2017

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

John Kaminski on Financial report.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE with Recommendations:

- a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – February 27, 2017
- b) Approve Bills – 02/17/17-02/23/17, 02/24/17-03/02/17
- c) Approve Payroll – 02/13/17-02/26/17
- d) Approve a Resolution Establishing the Official Zoning Map for 2016
- e) Approve Cinco de Mayo Planning Committee Request – May 6, 2017
- f) Approve an Ordinance Amending Section 6-46 of the Municipal Code to Delete One Restaurant/Recreation Liquor License (The Switchyard)

Moved by Councilor Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilor D. McDermott, **“I move Consent Agenda Items (a) through (f) be approved by Omnibus Vote as recommended.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Eckhart, Hayes, Hollonbeck, D. McDermott, T. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

- 2) **Purchase of Starcom Portable Radios for the Police Department.** The Police Department currently uses Motorola HT 1250 portable radios which were purchased in 2005. These radios are no longer reliable for transmitting inside and outside of the City and Motorola stopped making this model in 2013. The officers and dispatch have had numerous issues transmitting and receiving messages and this lack of consistency poses a safety concern for the officers. The Police Department’s 2017 Capital Outlay Budget includes \$97,155 for the purchase of 26 radios. Staff would like to purchase Motorola APX 6000 Starcom portable radios since officers have been satisfied with the Starcom mobile radios in their squads. Dixon/Ottawa Communications is the local distributor for APX 6000 Starcom radios available through a State bid with Motorola. Since the budgeting process started, the price of the radios (including speaker mics, spare batteries, holsters and programming) has gone up from \$3,621.36 per radio to \$4,418.30. Therefore, Police Chief Eric Higby recommends purchasing 21 Starcom portable radios for the officers and dispatch at a cost of \$92,784.30 in order to remain within budget. Moved by Councilor Eckhart and seconded by Councilor Burke, **“I move the Council approve the purchase of 21 APX 6000 Starcom Portable radios including speaker mics, spare batteries, holsters and programming through Dixon/Ottawa Communications at a total cost of \$92,784.30.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Eckhart, Hayes, Hollonbeck, D. McDermott, T. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

- 3) **Ordinance Adopting Snow and Ice Control Plan.** The City of Rochelle Street Department Snow and Ice Control Plan establishes control methods and procedures that are designed to reduce threats to public safety in accordance with desired levels of service established by City administration. The purpose of this plan is to enable the Street Department to prepare for and accomplish the snow and ice control mission. This plan is one of several that City staff members are working on in preparation for the Street Department's application for accreditation in the American Public Works Association. The overall goals to be achieved through the use of this established plan are as follows:
- Provide standards and methods to be used to prepare city personnel for snow and ice control operations and to accomplish the mission during and after events.
 - Establish personnel and equipment assignments, notification procedures and priority snow and ice control routes.
 - Allow city officials to better understand the snow and ice control operations process.
 - Provide services to ensure the safest roadway system possible given the resources at hand.
 - Provide a level of service that is cost effective, fiscally and environmentally responsible.
- Moved by Councilor Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilor D McDermott, "**I move ordinance 17-4662, an ordinance adopting the Snow and Ice Control Plan, be approved.**" Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Eckhart, Hayes, Hollonbeck, D. McDermott, T. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
- 4) **Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 (Alcoholic Beverages) of the Municipal Code to Modify the Hours of Sale of Alcoholic Liquors on Sundays.** Salt 251 has requested that the City modify the hours of sale of alcohol on Sundays so that the restaurant can serve patrons from the Fairways golf course which opens at 7:00 a.m. The business currently holds a Restaurant/Recreation license and the existing Municipal Code allows them to open at 11:00 a.m. According to the owner and other patrons, this facility has historically opened at 7:00 a.m. on Sundays. The Liquor Commissioner, Mayor Olson, has reviewed Salt 251's request and recommends that all license classifications be allowed to open at 6:00 a.m. on Sundays; the same time that is allowed Monday-Saturday. Modifying the hours of sale for all classifications is fair in that it gives everyone a level playing field. I moved by Councilor Eckhart and seconded by Councilor D. McDermott, "**I move ordinance 17-4663, an ordinance amending Chapter 6 (Alcoholic Beverages) of the Municipal Code of the City of Rochelle to modify the hours of sale of alcoholic liquor on Sundays, be approved.**" Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Eckhart, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: Hollonbeck. Motion passed 6-1.


DISCUSSION ITEM

Amending Chapter 6 of the Municipal Code – Alcoholic Beverages. Most of the verbiage in Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages, of the Rochelle Municipal Code has been in place for over 20 years. As a result some of the terms, including those that are used to describe the licenses, have become outdated or the meaning is difficult to understand. Recently a group of city staff met with Mayor Olson to discuss and compare liquor ordinances from several area communities. Following the meeting, Mayor Olson asked staff to work with our City Attorney to suggest changes to Chapter 6 that bring it more in line with area ordinances and make it easier to understand. The proposed draft also includes an increase of \$100 to all of the license fees except the temporary (Class T) classification.

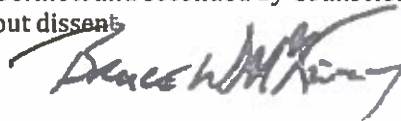
EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:32 p.m., Councilor Hollonbeck moved and seconded by Councilor Eckhart, "**I move the Council recess into Executive Session to discuss: The (Appointment, Employment, compensation, discipline, performance and/or dismissal) of specific employee(s). Section (c) (1). And Pending or imminent litigation. Section (c) (11).**" Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Eckhart, Hayes, Hollonbeck, D. McDermott, T. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

At 8:30 p.m., Moved by Councilor Eckhart and seconded by Councilor D. McDermott, "**I move the Council return to open session.**" Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:30 PM, moved by Counselor D. McDermott and seconded by Counselor Burke. **I move the Council adjourn.**" Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.
Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.



Chet Olson, Mayor



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