

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 24, 2017**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 24, 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 Acting City Manager Messer, City Attorney Wagner, and City Clerk McKinney.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC:

Arbor Day Proclamation – April 28, 2017

Municipal Clerks Week May 7-May 13, 2017

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor: motion by Counselor Hollonbeck and seconded by Counselor Eckhart; **"I move the Council approve the mayor's appointment of Chris Cardott to the Police and Fire pension boards for a term to expire May 1, 2019."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Eckhart, Hayes, Hollonbeck, D. McDermott, T. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

Council: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE with Recommendations:

- a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – March 23, 2017
- b) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – April 10, 2017
- c) Approve Minutes of Trucking Advisory Committee Meeting – December 6, 2017
- d) Approve Bills – 03/31/17-04/06/17, 04/07/17-04/13/17
- e) Approve Payroll – 03/27/17-04/09/17
- f) Authorize VFW Memorial Day Parade – May 30, 2017
- g) Approve Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival Request – August 18-20, 2017
- h) Approve Resolution Authorizing Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival Parade – August 20, 2017
- i) Authorize Closure of City Streets as Requested for Heat Wave Community Block Party – June 3, 2017
- j) Authorize Closure of City Streets as Requested for Fire Response Scenario – May 4, 2017
- k) Authorize Closure of City Streets as Requested for Cherry Avenue Block Party – June 10, 2017
- l) Authorize Closure of City Street as Requested by Rochelle Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center – May 13, 2017
- m) Resolution Appointing an Authorized Agent and Assistant for the Illinois Municipal Retirement System
- n) Resolution Relating to Participation by Elected Officials in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund
- o) Appoint NIMPA Representative and Alternate

Motion made by Councilor Eckhart and seconded by Councilor T. McDermott, **"I move Consent Agenda Items (a) through (o) 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) **Agreement between the City of Rochelle and GREDCO – Rail Revenue Sharing.** Over the past 38 years the City of Rochelle and the Greater Rochelle Economic Development Corporation (GREDCO) have collaborated on dozens of industrial economic development projects. One development that has become a major industrial driver is the City of Rochelle Railroad (CIR), which was started by GREDCO in 1986. Per Jason Anderson, the CIR has directly been responsible for the creation of 15 industries, an increase of more than \$50M in EAV of industrial land development, more than 1,500 jobs and over \$5M of revenue. In order to guarantee the City would have the potential to expand the CIR, GREDCO has been purchasing rail right of way over the past 20 years resulting in more than 8 miles of lead track being built. Due to these rail expansions, CIR rail revenue now exceeds \$1.5M/year. Additionally GREDCO has purchased options for industrial properties that the CIR now serves and where over a dozen industries have been built. In the past GREDCO derived its financial reserves through grants, loans and land sales. However, these resources are no longer available and therefore GREDCO's reserves have diminished to the point that ongoing support of the City's economic development efforts are in jeopardy. There is a need to identify financial resources so GREDCO can continue to provide economic development support to the City of Rochelle. Economic Development Director Jason Anderson recommends that the City Council approve an agreement allocating a share of CIR revenue to GREDCO for the purpose of continuing to expand the industrial base and the CIR. The agreement includes a 5% share of the gross CIR revenues payable quarterly to GREDCO with a minimum share of \$50,000 per year. The term of the agreement is 10 years with an automatic renewal for an additional 10 years. Jason Anderson and Richard Ohlinger were present to answer questions. Motion made by Councilor Hollenbeck and seconded by Councilor T. McDermott, **"I move Agreement 17-4667, an Agreement between the City of Rochelle and GREDCO related to Rail Revenue Sharing, 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.
- 3) **Contract for Grant Administration – Meadowbrook Sewer Lining Project.** The City of Rochelle was recently awarded a community development block grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity in the amount of \$284,652 to line approximately 4,000 feet of sanitary sewer. The City was awarded this grant based on various factors such as basement back up occurrences, income levels and bypass pumping occurrences. As part of the grant requirement, RMU sent out requests for qualifications for a grant administrator to make sure the City meets all of the deadlines and grant administration requirements. Ellen Burgeson of Ellen Burgeson and Associates submitted her resume, a history of grant funding that she has obtained and administered for the City of Rochelle and a proposal for grant administration services for the Meadowbrook subdivision project. Upon review, Superintendent Adam Lanning recommends approving the agreement with Ellen Burgeson and Associates in an amount not to exceed \$21,500. The water reclamation capital outlay portion of the 2017 budget includes \$90,000 for this project. If expenses, including grant administration services, exceed that amount the remainder will be taken out of the blanket amount budgeted for engineering services. This project will line the sewers along Sunnymead, Springdale, part of Fairview and Short Court. The project is expected to be completed this fall. Adam Lanning was present to answer questions. Motion made by Councilor Eckhart and seconded by Councilor D. McDermott: **"I move the Council authorize the Interim City Manager to sign an agreement between the city of Rochelle and Ellen Burgeson for Grant Administration related to the Meadowbrook sewer lining project."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Eckhart, Hayes, Hollonbeck, D. McDermott, T. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:40 p.m., Councilor Eckhart moved and seconded by Councilor Hollonbeck, "**I Move the Council recess into Executive Session to discuss: the (appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, walnuts and or dismissal) of specific employees. Section (c) (1).**" Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Eckhart, Hayes, Hollonbeck, D. McDermott, T. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

At 8:16 p.m., Moved by Councilor D. McDermott and seconded by Councilor Eckhart, "**I move the Council return to open session.**" Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:16 PM, moved by Counselor Eckhart and seconded by Counselor Hollonbeck. **I move the Council adjourn.**" Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.



Chet Olson, Mayor



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