

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 08, 2019**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 08, 2019 in the Council Chambers of City Hall; 420 N. 6th Street; Rochelle, IL 61068.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG & PRAYER: Prayer was said by Rob Hamilton.

ROLL CALL: Present on Roll Call was Councilmembers Bearrows, Burke, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, and Mayor Olson. A quorum of seven were present. Also present were City Manager Fiegenschuh and City Clerk Messer.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC: National Telecommunicators Week - April 14-20, 2019

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- Mayor – Congratulated Council members Tom McDermott, Bil Hayes, John Gruben and newly elected Mayor, John Bearrows.
- Council Members – Councilwoman Kate Shaw-Dickey thanked all candidates who ran for office. Councilman Bil Hayes thanked those who got out to vote.
- Remarkable Resident Presentation-Sara Hall

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: None.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE with Recommendations:

- a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – March 25, 2019
- b) Accept and Place on File Rochelle Fire and Police Commission Minutes – 12/18/18
- c) Accept and Place on File Utility Advisory Board Minutes – 1/16/19
- d) Accept and Place on File Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes – 3/4/19
- e) Approve Exceptions – 3/20/19-4/1/19
- f) Approve Bills – 4/2/19
- g) Approve Payroll – 3/11/19-3/24/19
- h) Approve Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival Request – August 16-18, 2019
- i) Approve Resolution Authorizing Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival Parade – August 18, 2019
- j) Approve Living Water Community Church Request to Hold a Family Fest – September 7, 2019
- k) Approve Living Water Community Church Request to Use the Gazebo on June 30 and September 29, 2019

Motion made by Councilor Bearrows and seconded by Councilor Burke “**I move consent agenda items (a) through (k) be approved by Omnibus vote as recommended.**” Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilor Bearrows, Burke, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

- 2) **Ordinance Rezoning Certain Property Located at 108 South Main Street from I-1 Light (Limited) Industry to PUD-C Planned Unit Development Commercial (Vincent Carney Community Theater, Petitioner).** Vincent Carney Community Theater (VCCT) is a not-for-profit organization that relies on highly-talented, local volunteers and generous (tax-deductible) donations to bring three quality productions a year to the local stage. VCCT has purchased the former Lincoln Elementary School to re-develop the property and hold events. The parcel is currently zoned I-1 due to the City of Rochelle amending the Official Zoning Map back in 2016 for the Kennay Rick House. VCCT is proposing to zone the property as Planned Unit Development Commercial PUD-C. The PUD Zoning is intended to encourage improved design in the development of land by providing relief from traditional zoning requirements which may cause undue hardship or complication for desirable but unconventional development, and to establish standards for the issuance of a conditional use permit to achieve a creation of a variety of uses, in compatible arrangements and to provide a greater choice of employment opportunities. The petitioner, in addition to the amended zoning, is petitioning for a conditional use for a mixed use of assembly with the opportunity to provide another use for the unused portion of the structure in the future. VCCT has provided preliminary plans to remodel and make improvements to the exterior of the property and maintain the property in good standing with the City of Rochelle. The property is surrounded by R-5 Multi Family on the West, East, South and I-1 Light Industry on the North. Under Section 110-434 no PUD shall be authorized by the city council unless the planning and zoning commission shall find evidence establishing that the 17 criteria listed shall be met except for #7 for minimum lot size of 20 acres. The City of Rochelle Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on April 1st to review the petition from VCCT. After review of the facts, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends to City Council that the City amend the current Official Zoning Map to create a PUD-Commercial and grant a conditional use for a mixed use of assembly with the opportunity for additional commercial use within the property. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended to allow the proposed rezoning change from an I-1 to a PUD-Commercial by a vote of 6-0. Michelle Pease and VCCT members were available to answer questions. Motion made by Councilor T. McDermott and seconded by Councilor D. McDermott **“I move Ordinance 19-4991, an Ordinance Rezoning Certain Property Located at 108 South Main Street from I-1 Light (Limited) Industry to PUD-C Planned Unit Development Commercial (Vincent Carney Community Theater, Petitioner), be approved.”** Roll call was taken. Ayes: Councilor Bearrows, Burke, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
- 3) **Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Rochelle and the International Association of Firefighters with a term of May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2023.** The current collective bargaining agreement with the IAFF is set to expire on May 1, 2019. Our team met with their group over the course of four meetings in March to negotiate a new agreement. Our teams reached a tentative agreement for the entire package on Monday April 1st. The IAFF unanimously ratified the collective bargaining agreement that same evening. The proposal represents a good compromise, where both sides gave and received concessions. Attached to this staff report is the redlined tentative agreement with the new provisions. Most of the provisions from the current agreement carried over into the new one, agreement expires on May 1. City Manager, Jeff Fiegenschuh was available to answer questions. Motion made by Councilor Burke and seconded by Councilor Bearrows, **“I move Council approve a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Rochelle and the International Association of Firefighters with a term of May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2023.”** Roll call was taken. Ayes: Councilor Bearrows, Burke, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

- 4) **Resolution Authorizing an Agreement between the City of Rochelle and the Ogle County Sheriff's Department and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate the terms of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the use of Rochelle Firefighters as Tactical Medics with the Ogle County Emergency Response Team.** The Ogle County Sheriff's Office Emergency Response Team is made up of personnel from multiple agencies throughout the county. Within Emergency Response Teams or SWAT Teams the use of specially trained Tactical Medics has become standard practice. A study by the International Association of Chiefs of Police shows that in 2014 half of all SWAT Teams in the US included Tactical Medics. In February of 2015 four medics from the Rochelle Fire Department began to train with the County ERT Team on a trial basis. In that time, having medics on the ERT Team has proven to be a great asset in providing immediate care to an injured Officer, rendering care to a victim or an injured offender. Having proven to be beneficial the Sheriff's Office and the Fire Department is now seeking a formal MOU. The language in the attached MOU is from a similar program currently operating in Princeton, IL and a similar MOU is currently in place between the Sheriff's Office and the Rochelle Police Department. The MOU will address candidate selection and vetting, the chain of command, required training, and response procedures. Fire Chief Sawlsville was available to answer questions. Motion made by Councilor Hayes and second by Councilor T. McDermott, **"I move Resolution 19-24, a Resolution Authorizing an Agreement between the City of Rochelle and the Ogle County Sheriff's Department and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate the terms of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the use of Rochelle Firefighters as Tactical Medics with the Ogle County Emergency Response Team, be approved."** Roll call was taken. Ayes: Councilor Bearrows, Burke, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
- 5) **An Ordinance Authorizing the Payment for Certain Easement Rights and Privileges to Randy and Deborah Eisele Pertaining to the Maintenance of Certain Overhead Utilities by Rochelle Municipal Utilities.** Upon review of the City records it has been determined that the City does maintain the easement rights to this location. However, the City desires to ensure its records are complete and accurate. This property is located west of Mulford Road and north of I88. City Manager, Jeff Fiegenschuh was available to answer questions. Motion made by Councilor Hayes and second by Councilor Burke, **"I move Ordinance 19-4993, an Ordinance Authorizing the Payment for Certain Easement Rights and Privileges to Randy and Deborah Eisele Pertaining to the Maintenance of Certain Overhead Utilities by Rochelle Municipal Utilities, be approved."** Roll call was taken. Ayes: Councilor Bearrows, Burke, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
- 6) **Ordinance Amending Certain Sections of Chapter 2 of the Rochelle Municipal Code Pertaining to the Oath of Office.** Due to scheduling conflicts on May 1st, the swearing in of the Mayor and Council members will not take place on the first business day in the month of May as defined in the Rochelle Municipal Code. The proposed changes in this ordinance allow for the swearing in on the first business day in May "or at a time that is reasonably practical without undue delay." Motion made by Councilor Burke and second by Councilor Shaw-Dickey, **"I move Ordinance 19-4994, an Ordinance Amending Certain Sections of Chapter 2 of the Rochelle Municipal Code Pertaining to the Oath of Office, be approved."** Roll call was taken. Ayes: Councilor Bearrows, Burke, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:05 PM, moved by Councilor D. McDermott and seconded by Councilor Bearrows. **"I move the Council adjourn."** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Chet Olson, Mayor

Susan L. Messer
City Clerk of Rochelle