

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 8, 2020**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2020 in the Council Chambers of City Hall; 420 N. 6th Street; Rochelle, IL 61068.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG & PRAYER: The pledge and prayer was led by Deputy Clerk Rose Huéramo.

ROLL CALL: Mayor - Mayor - On March 16th, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Pritzker suspended the in-person attendance requirement for public meetings allowing public bodies to conduct meetings electronically without having to comply with the physical quorum requirements or the conditions for participating electronically in a meeting. On March 31st Governor Pritzker extended the order until April 30th. On May 29th Governor Pritzker extended the order until June 27th. As a result, Councilwoman Kate Shaw-Dickey, Councilman John Gruben and Councilman Bil Hayes have notified the City Clerk of their desire to participate remotely. Unless there is a motion objecting to their attendance, the request of the council members will be deemed approved. Present on Roll Call were Councilmembers Burke, T. McDermott, D. McDermott, and Mayor Bearrows and Councilmembers Shaw-Dickey, Hayes and Gruben attended remotely. Absent: None. A quorum of seven were present. Also present were City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh and Deputy Clerk Rose Huéramo.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC: Recognition of 25 year of Service by Dr. Joe Thiele on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- Mayor – Parade celebration took place on Sunday, June 7th for Josh Adams as he was signing up for US Army. City of Freeport thanked Rochelle Police Dept. for their assistance on their Freeport’s protest 5/31/2020 & 6/1/2020. Also thanked Jackie Ohlinger, Park District and City staff helping with providing equipment and creating the outside dining.
 - Appointment of Sue Messer to the Police and Fire Pension Boards for a Term to Expire April 30, 2022. Motion made by Councilor T. McDermott and seconded D. McDermott, **“I move the council approve the Mayor’s appointment of Sue Messer to the Police and Fire Pension Boards for a term of June 8, 2020 – April 30, 2022.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0
- Council Member

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: None.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1) **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE with Recommendations:**

- a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – May 26, 2020
- b) Approve Exceptions – 05/20/20-06/02/20

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

- 2) **Ordinance Establishing the Small Business Assistance Grant Program by the City of Rochelle - Restart Rochelle.** The purpose of the proposed Restart Rochelle Small Business Assistance Program is to help small businesses deemed “non-essential” survive Governor Pritzker’s “Stay at Home” Executive Order through this COVID-19 pandemic. The City will provide the funding for the grant and will work with the Downtown Rochelle Association (DRA), the Rochelle Area Chamber of Commerce and the Rochelle Retail Advisory Board to promote the grant. We believe small businesses are an essential part of our culture and business community. For the purposes of this grant, a deemed non-essential small business is defined as a business who employs 15 or less employees, including the owner, but not including independent contractors. The business must have a physical commercial business address within the City limits that is a separate location than the primary residence of the business owner. Homebased businesses do not qualify. These small businesses are owned by our friends and neighbors. We must do everything we can to support our local businesses through this financial crisis. This grant program is intended to pay for qualifying expenses not covered by the federal government’s Paycheck Protection Program or other sources of State or Federal COVID-19 relief funding. The maximum grant amount a business can received is \$5,000 for qualifying expenses. Eligible expenses may include rent or mortgage payment, insurance, personal protection equipment and utilities. Jeff Fiegenschuh was available to answer questions. Motion made by Councilor Burke and seconded by Councilor D. McDermott, **“I move Ordinance 20-5129, an Ordinance Establishing the Small Business Assistance Grant Program, Restart Rochelle, by the City of Rochelle, be approved.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
- 3) **Change Order #1 for the 6th Street Watermain Project.** The 6th street restoration project was bid with the intention RMU would install approximately 600 feet of watermain in-house. With some recent developments, and additional work coming with the well 12 radium removal plant RMU does not have enough time to install the watermain and would be best to hire the current contractor to perform this work. Well 12 is set to start up around the same time this project will begin, and the new radium removal plant will require approximately 20 hours per week of additional work. We negotiated the terms of this change order with the contractor to get good pricing and in order to keep the project on schedule this was the best route to install the main. RMU will provide the construction management and the design/permitting was also completed in-house. Jeff Fiegenschuh was available to answer questions. Motion made by Councilor D. McDermott and seconded by Councilor Burke, **“I move Council approve Change Order #1 for the 6th Street watermain project in the amount of \$49,150 with N-TRAK.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
- 4) **Ordinance Amending Section 6-46 of the Municipal Code of the City of Rochelle to Delete One R-3 Liquor License for R.G&G Baldwin Inc. d/b/a Hickory Grove Banquet & Conference Center.** R.G&G Baldwin Inc. d/b/a Hickory Grove Banquet & Conference Center at 1127 North 7th Street in Rochelle has notified the City that they will surrender their liquor license effective June 1, 2020. This action will result in a total of seven Class R-3 liquor licenses in the City of Rochelle. Jeff Fiegenschuh was available to answer questions. Motion made by Councilor Burke and seconded by Councilor T. McDermott, **“I move Ordinance 20-5130, an Ordinance Amending Section 6-46 of the Municipal Code of the City of Rochelle to Delete One R-3 Liquor License for R.G&G Baldwin Inc. d/b/a Hickory Grove Banquet & Conference Center, be approved.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:31PM, moved by Councilor D. McDermott and seconded by Councilor Burke, **“I move the Council adjourn.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

John Bearrows, Mayor

RoseMary Huéramo
Deputy Clerk, City of Rochelle