

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 23, 2020**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 23, 2020 in the Council Chambers of City Hall; 420 N. 6th Street; Rochelle, IL 61068.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG & PRAYER: The pledge was led by Mayor Bearrows and prayer was said by Pastor Williams.

ROLL CALL: 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. On June 26th Governor Pritzker extended the order through July 25th. On July 24th Governor Pritzker extended the order through August 22nd. On August 21st Governor Pritzker extended the order through September 19, 2020. On September 18th Governor Pritzker extended the order through October 17, 2020. On October 16th Governor Pritzker extended the order through November 14th. On November 13th Governor Pritzker extended the order through December 12th. As a result, Councilmembers Bil Hayes and Kate Shaw-Dickey 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, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, and Mayor Bearrows and Councilmember Hayes and Shaw-Dickey attended remotely. Absent: Councilmen Gruben. A quorum of six were present. City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh and Deputy Clerk Rose Huéramo were present.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC:

- Recognize Retirees -Ken Daughtery-Diesel Plant, Carol Elliott- RMU Customer Service, Phil Orlikowski – Electric Dept., and Sandy Sullivan- Police Department.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- Mayor’s Report – Encourage all citizens of Rochelle to wear masks, practice social distancing and wash hands help slow the spread of COVID. Met with Kyle Auman, Public Health Administrator for Ogle County Health Dept. He is very concerned about bed space in our local hospital and hospitals within the region.
- Council Members-Councilman Hayes reiterates the importance to wear masks. Councilwoman Shaw-Dickey wanted to publicly say thank you to school administrators, teachers, and board members of the school district working so hard in the last three months to keep our kids safe while in school.
- Deputy City Clerk – We had 6 candidates submit their petitions, Rosie Arteaga, Don Burke, Juan Martinez Jr, Dan McDermott, Cassondra Losoya, and Kate Shaw-Dickey. There will not be a primary election. A press release was sent out for the lottery for ballot position for the April 6, 2021 City of Rochelle General Election. The lottery will be held Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020 at 8:00 AM in the City Clerk’s office.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: None.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

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

- a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – 11/09/20
- b) Approve Minutes of Committee of the Whole Budget Workshop – 11/16/20
- c) Approve Exceptions – 11/4/20-11/17/20
- d) Approve Payroll – 11/2/20-11/15/20
- e) Accept and Place on File Financial Statement – October 2020
- f) Approve City of Rochelle Meeting Dates for 2021
- g) Approve City of Rochelle Holidays for 2021
- h) Formally Set the Date for the Public Hearing on the 2021 City of Rochelle Budget as 12/14/20
(A Copy of the Budget is available in the City Clerk’s Office)

Motion made by Councilor Burke and seconded by Councilor T. McDermott, “**I move Consent Agenda Items (a) through (h) be approved by Omnibus Vote as recommended.**” Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

- 1. Ordinance Amending Section 6-46 of the Municipal Code of the City of Rochelle to Delete One Class B Liquor License for The Wine Barrel.** The Wine Barrel at 306 Lincoln Highway in Rochelle has notified the City that they wish to surrender their liquor license effective immediately. The Mayor and Council approved the license in October of 2019, and it has never been issued. The Liquor Commissioner, Mayor Bearrows, has no objection to the deletion of a Class B liquor license for The Wine Barrel. This action will result in a total of ten Class B liquor licenses in the City of Rochelle. Jeff Fiegenschuh was available for questions. Motion made by Councilor D. McDermott and seconded by Councilor Burke, **“I move Ordinance 20-5181, an Ordinance Amending Section 6-46 of the Municipal Code of the City of Rochelle to Delete One Class B Liquor License for The Wine Barrel, be approved.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 6 -0.

DISCUSSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: At 6:46 PM, moved by Councilor Burke and seconded by Councilor D. McDermott, **“I move the Council adjourn.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

John Bearrows, Mayor

Rose Huéramo
Deputy City Clerk, City of Rochelle