

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
February 24, 2020**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 24, 2020 in the Council Chambers of City Hall; 420 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street; Rochelle, IL 61068.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG & PRAYER:** The Prayer was said by Pastor Doug Cowan.

**ROLL CALL:** Present on Roll Call was Councilmembers Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, and Mayor Bearrows. Absent: None. A quorum of seven were present. Also present was Deputy City Clerk Rose Huéramo.

**PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC:** Irish-American Heritage Month - March 2020.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Mayor - Madi Gonzalez, 8-year-old, was named as Deputy Mayor on February 7, 2020.
- Council Members

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** Claudia Meath-Spoke on behalf of residents of Comfort Inn, requesting during demolition clean-up will be taken in consideration, reducing dust pollution.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

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

- a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – February 10, 2020
- b) Approve Exceptions – 2/5/20-2/17/20
- c) Approve Bills – 2/18/20
- d) Approve Payroll – 1/27/20-2/9/20
- e) Accept and Place on File Financial Statement – January 2020

Motion made by Councilor T. McDermott and seconded by Councilor Gruben, “**I move Consent Agenda Items (a) through (e) 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 Approving the Purchase of the Hickory Grove Property.** The attached purchase agreement with OCCCA (Ogle County Civic Center Authority) contains the following provisions:

- Purchase price for the Hickory Grove facility is \$1.00.
- OCCCA’s liabilities (which the City will assume) include City of Rochelle, \$6,600, Anderson Plumbing, \$3,234.85 and Fearer, Nye & Chadwick, \$2,500.
- Due Diligence Period is 30 days from the execution of the agreement.
- The purchaser, at our expense, will obtain a boundary survey prepared according to ALTA/ACSM standards within 7 business days of the execution of the agreement (this is already underway).
- Purchaser shall, at our expense, shall furnish not less than ten (10) days prior to the closing, a title commitment for an owner’s title insurance company issued by Kinzley Title Group, Inc.
- Because OCCCA does not have any funds, the City will be responsible for all closing costs.

Although it is not included in the purchase agreement, all funds generated by the facility while in the ownership of the City, either through lease rent or auctioning of equipment will be used to either pay for the demolition of the facility or pay off the outstanding City utility bills. Mayor Bearrows was available for questions. Motion made by Councilor Gruben and seconded by Councilor D. McDermott, “**I move Ordinance 20-5099, an Ordinance Approving the Purchase of the Hickory Grove Property, 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) **Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Dark Fiber License Agreement with Digital Network Access Communications, Inc.** Digital Network Access (DNA) Communications would like to enter into an agreement with Rochelle Municipal Utilities to lease one point to point dark fiber connection. This connection will run from the Frontier building, to the DNA Communications building. Adam Lanning, Utilities Superintendent was available to answer questions. Motion made by Councilor D. McDermott and seconded by Councilor Shaw-Dickey, “**I move Resolution R20-10, a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Dark Fiber License Agreement with Digital Network Access Communications, Inc., be approved.**” Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Bearrows. Abstain: Councilor Burke. Nays: None. Motion passed 6 with 1 abstain.

- 4) **Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Collocation License Agreement with Surf Air Wireless, LLC.** Per Enter into an agreement with Surf Air Wireless, LLC to provide ½ rack space collocation within the RMU Datacenter. Adam Lanning was available to answer questions. Motion made by Councilor Shaw-Dickey and seconded by Councilor Burke, **“I move Resolution R20-11, a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Collocation License Agreement with Surf Air Wireless, LLC, 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.
- 5) **Construction Contract Change Order for Well 8 Rehabilitation.** Well 8 (located on Caron Road) suffered an equipment failure in 2019 and requires a new pump, motor and cable along with repairing a damaged casing. A bid was awarded to Water Well Solutions in November. Since then, Water Well Solutions brushed and televised the well for a second time and found approximately 30 feet of casing that needs repair. The change in cost to repair the additional 30 feet is \$43,042. Adam Lanning was present to answer any questions. Motion made by Councilor Burke and seconded by Councilor Gruben, **“I move the Council approve a change order with Water Well Solutions, LLC for Well 8 rehabilitation in the amount of \$43,042.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
- 6) **Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase Order and Financing Agreement for the Purchase of One (1) Cardiac Monitor Capable of Defibrillation and the Disposal of One (1) Malfunction Cardiac Monitor for Trade-In Value.** The Fire Department is requesting permission to purchase a Zoll 12-Lead Cardiac Monitor. This purchase will replace a Physio-Control Lifepak 12 4-Lead cardiac monitor that has several issues, including that the parent company, Stryker has discontinued service, parts, and accessories as the device will no longer be approved for use by the FDA. This 15-year-old device also is only a 4-Lead monitor and therefore is unable to conduct and transmit 12-Lead assessments to Rochelle Community Hospital Emergency Department and other provider hospital as dictated by our Illinois Department of Public Health Region 1 Standard Medical Orders. This will complete the Cardiac Monitor upgrade program for the fire department with each of the three ambulances outfitted with a Zoll 12-Lead Cardiac Monitor. Our Zoll sales representative is willing to extend us terms that will allow us to make a moderate payment in this budget year, with the remaining portion of the purchase price in the 2021 budget year. They are also willing to take our non-functional cardiac monitor as a trade-in. This purchase was anticipated and budgeted, with \$5,000 in the FY2020 budget for the FY2020 portion of the device. Fire Chief Dave Sawlsville was present to answer any questions. Motion made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor Burke, **“I move Ordinance 20-5100, an Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase Order and Financing Agreement for the Purchase of One (1) Cardiac Monitor Capable of Defibrillation and the Disposal of One (1) Malfunction Cardiac Monitor for Trade-In Value, 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: Residential Customer Assistance Program.** The RMU Residential Utility Assistance Program provides monetary assistance for qualifying RMU residential utility customers in the amount of \$300/household each calendar year. RMU started the program in 2019 and will continue to provide assistance in 2020. Barbara Bell provide an update on the program.

**Number of Liquor Licenses Allowed in the City of Rochelle.** Mayor Bearrows discussed the amount of liquor license, that have been issued. Councilmembers considered setting a number to limit liquor/gaming license.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 7:17PM, moved by Councilor D. McDermott and seconded by Councilor Burke, **“I move the Council adjourn.”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

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John Bearrows, Mayor

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RoseMary Huéramo  
Deputy City Clerk, City of Rochelle