

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2006**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on April 24, 2006 in the Council Chambers of City Hall; 420 N. 6th Street; Rochelle, IL 61068.

Present on Roll Call were Councilmembers Colwill, Hayden, Berg, Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, and Hayes. Absent: Mayor Olson. Also present were City Attorney Cooper and City Clerk McKinney.

Councilman Berg moved and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **“I move the Council appoint Councilman Colwill as Mayor Pro-tem for the April 24th Council meeting.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayden, Berg, Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, and Hayes. Nays: None. Abstain: Councilman Colwill. Motion passed 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilwoman Hollonbeck moved and seconded by Councilman Berg, **“I move the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of April 10, 2006 and the minutes of the Committee of the Whole, April 3, 2006 be approved.”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Councilman Hayden moved and seconded by Councilman Hayes, **“I move the Council accept and place on file the report of the Airport Advisory Commission Meeting of February 27, 2006.”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

BILLS & PAYROLL: Councilwoman Hollonbeck moved and seconded by Councilman Berg, **“I move the bills and payroll for the second half of April 2006 be allowed and paid when checked over and found correct.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Colwill, Hayden, Berg, Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, and Hayes. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS:

- *Council:* Councilman Colwill read the proclamation for Municipal Clerks Week. Bruce McKinney, City Clerk, accepted the proclamation.
- Clerk McKinney read the proclamation for International Association of Administrative Professional (IAAP) week. Judy Schermerhorn, a member of IAAP, accepted the proclamation.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: None.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1) **FY 2006-07 Budget – Hearing** Councilman Berg moved and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **“I move the Council recess into Public Hearing for the FY 2006-07 Budget.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Colwill, Hayden, Berg, Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, and Hayes. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0. The Preliminary Budget had been prepared and submitted to the City Council. The date for the Public Hearing required by State law was set for April 24th. Final action on the Budget is required on or before April 30th. The Preliminary 2006-07 Budget has been available for public inspection since April 10th. The City Council is required to conduct a Public Hearing before considering action on the Budget. The City Council may modify or adopt the Budget, as it deems appropriate. A work session on the Preliminary Budget was held April 17th. As a result of that work session, the following changes have been made (Power Point presentation presented by Bob Withrow, Administrative Services Director):

General Fund

Increased General Fund Balance from \$481,075 to \$678,745 or 9.2% of General Fund Expenditures.

Increases: Increase transfer from Railroad Fund \$20,000; Reduce Building Department by 1 staff member \$50,270; Eliminated planning studies \$125,000; Increased Telecom Tax \$14,000; Increased Road and Bridge tax \$10,000; Eliminated one police vehicle \$25,000; Other small reductions \$53,100;

Reductions: Reduction of transfer from Solid Waste \$50,000; Increase City Manager budget for merit increases \$20,000; Increased Street Department staff \$29,700

Railroad Fund Increased revenues from sale of switches to DP Partners & IRE \$70,000; Increased engineering fees \$30,000; Included payment to Gredco for land purchase \$20,000; Increased transfer to General Fund \$20,000

Solid Waste Fund Increased professional expenses for siting \$200,000; Included closing/post closing fees (Contingency) \$1,440,000; Transfer to General Fund reduced to \$75,000.

Councilman Hayden asked that the Budget approval be approved only with a wage and hiring freeze. Deputy Police Chief Buck and Fire Chief McDermott asked that a hiring freeze not be a stipulation to the budget. Chief Buck stated that the Council had already authorized the addition to the Police Force and the department has spent over \$1,000 to test candidates plus he has already reserved a date for two new officers to enroll in the Police Academy School.

Councilwoman Hollonbeck moved and seconded by Councilman Berg, **“I move the Council close the Public Hearing for the FY 2006-07 Budget.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Colwill, Hayden, Berg, Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, and Hayes. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0. As a result of the outcome of the Public Hearing and Council deliberations, final action on the revised Preliminary Budget was recommended.

Councilwoman Hollonbeck moved and Councilman Berg seconded, **“I move the Council approve 06-3424, the FY 2006-07 Budget (with the stipulation that the budget be re-presented once collective bargaining contracts are completed.)”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Hollonbeck, Hayes, and Colwill. Nays: Councilmen Hayden and Eckhardt. Motion passed 4-2.

2) **Resolution – Pay Plan (FY06-07)** In 1996, the City Council adopted a formal Pay Plan for non-union employees based upon Personnel Rules and Regulations. The Pay Plan became effective May 1, 1996 and it has been revised each year since. The Pay Plan is based upon an annual review by the City Manager and approval by the City Council of any changes deemed appropriate. The plan establishes a maximum salary or hourly rate for non-union classifications. The specific pay rates for each employee are determined by management based upon the employee’s performance evaluation and the availability of funds in the annual Budget. The attached revised Pay Plan includes all non-union positions, excluding seasonal positions. Entrance level salaries or hourly rates are determined based upon the employee’s qualifications for a specific position, but in no event, greater than the maximum rate established for the position. Generally, the maximum salary and wage rates have been adjusted by 3% above levels approved for FY 2005-06. Councilman Hayden asked that in the future, the figures shown be put in annual salary and not monthly salary. Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **I move Resolution R06-06, A Resolution Establishing Salary 2006-07 Maximum Rates, be approved.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Hollonbeck, Hayes, Eckhardt, and Colwill. Nays: Councilmen Hayden. Motion passed 5-1.

3) **Ordinance Amendment – No Parking Zone 400 Block North Ninth Street:** Central School Principal, Neil Swanson contacted Officer Chet Smith on 3/1/06 regarding his concern with the parking situation in the 400 block of North Ninth Street. Principal Swanson subsequently sent a letter to Chief Woolbright addressing his safety concerns involving cars parked north of 4th Avenue on the east side of 9th Street. He feels that cars parked there obstruct the view of the crossing guard and the southbound traffic. Many students cross at this intersection and with the amount of traffic on 9th Street he feels that parking needs to be restricted. The school has sent notes home to the parents advising them of the safety issues but the parking problems continue. After being contacted by the Central School Principal, Officer Smith observed the intersection in question and sent Chief Woolbright a report. The safety issue that Officer Smith observed was that vehicles legally parked on the east side of the 400 block of North 9th Street block the view of the crossing guard and the southbound traffic’s field of vision. The officer shortened his height (child’s perspective) and saw the view of the southbound traffic was completely obscured by the parked vehicles. He continued to watch traffic from this perspective and estimated that by the time a child, walking westbound would be seen by the oncoming traffic (southbound) it would be approx. 2 car lengths. Officer Smith felt this was an unacceptable risk for a child or an adult assigned as a crossing guard. Chief Woolbright observed the area and discussed the proposed “no parking” ordinance with Dennis Sims. They concurred with a prohibition of parking on North 9th Street on the east side between 4th Avenue and 5th Avenue between the hours of 7AM and 4PM while school is in session. Moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilman Hayden, **“I move Ordinance 06-3425, An Ordinance Amending Section 10.45.130 of the Municipal Code of the City of Rochelle Establishing No Parking Zone on East Side of Ninth Street between 4th and 5th Avenues, be approved.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Hollonbeck, Hayes, Eckhardt, Hayden and Colwill. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

4) **Ordinance Amendment – Handicapped Parking Minimum Fine:** Effective January 1, 2006, the section of the Illinois Vehicle Code (IVC) dealing with parking spaces reserved for disabled persons was amended in certain respects, including an increase in the fine amount for illegally parking in such spaces to a \$250 minimum. Local authorities may choose to adopt a fine in excess of the minimum. Per Attorney Alan Cooper these provisions of the IVC are incorporated by reference in our City Code, and we do not need to have our own code provisions relating to the same subject. In fact, we should be careful not to have such provisions, as they may be inconsistent with the IVC. In reviewing the City Code, Alan Cooper discovered that there are two sections which purport to deal with "handicapped parking spaces". Section 10.45.190 designates one (and only one) parking space within the City as a "handicapped parking space". Section 10.145.170 sets the fine for parking in that space at \$100, without distinguishing between vehicles which are legally and illegally parked there. Alan Cooper discussed this matter with

Chief Woolbright, Dennis Hewitt and John Spurgeon. They all agreed that it would be best to delete the obsolete and inconsistent provisions from the City Code. Tickets written for parking in such spaces will then be written under Section 10.10.010 (the section which adopts the Illinois Vehicle Code by reference) with a reference to the Illinois Vehicle Code section which has been violated. Staff also does not recommend an increase in the fine above that set in the Illinois Vehicle Code. Moved by Councilman Hayes and seconded by Councilman Berg, **“I move Ordinance 06-3426, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10.45 of the Municipal Code of the City of Rochelle to Delete Inconsistent and Obsolete References to Handicapped Parking Spaces, be approved.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Hollonbeck, Hayes, Eckhardt, Hayden, and Colwill. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

5) **Ordinance Amendment – Landfill Siting Procedures:** Attorney Don Moran has proposed amendments to Title 13 of the Municipal Code. Per Alan Cooper, City Attorney, these changes are procedural only. This item was held over at the April 17, 2006 City Council Meeting in order to add language providing that a free copy of the application could be provided to the CCOC. Don Moran provided some language to accomplish this, without specifying the CCOC only, but still limiting it to a citizens' group either in the City or located so as to be affected by the facility. Alan Cooper has added this same language to the provisions related to copies of the transcript of the hearing, which could also be expensive. Attached is a revised version of the proposed amendments. The new language is found at 13.05.040(C) and 13.060(G). The Council was to note the language at 13.10.080, which provides that "[i]n order to ensure fundamental fairness...the City Council may waive any of these Rules or Articles." This would seem to give the City Council authority to provide a free copy whenever it deems it fair to do so. Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **“I move Ordinance 06-3416, An Ordinance Amending Title 13 of the Municipal Code of the City of Rochelle (Landfill Siting Procedures), be approved.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Hollonbeck, Hayes, Eckhardt, Hayden, and Colwill. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

6) **Ordinance Amendment – Lee County Enterprise Zone:**

7) **Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment – Enterprise Zone:** On December 23, 1986 the City of Dixon and County of Lee entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement to provide for the administration of an enterprise zone encompassing contiguous portions of the City of Dixon and County of Lee. The agreement was subsequently amended to include the City of Amboy, Village of Ashton, Village of Franklin Grove, and Village of Paw Paw, City of Rochelle and Ogle County. As part of the intergovernmental agreement the government units included have indicated their willingness and desire to extend the boundaries of the Lee County Enterprise Zone #9 to include certain property in the County of Lee, alter incentives, and alter the termination date of the zone. This item was held over at the April 17, 2006 City Council Meeting pending additional information. After conversations with John Thompson and Ken Alberts, Attorney Cooper has provided the following additional information: Any project which is already under the existing abatement scheme will remain under that scheme, but new projects would come under the new scheme. This means that the existing Union Pacific project would remain under the old abatement schedule, but if the UP initiated a new project, it would come under the new abatement schedule. If and when the property south of Rochelle and north of Elva Road were to come into the zone, new projects within that district would come under the new schedule. That property is not presently scheduled to come into the zone because it is not within Rochelle's FPA (at least not completely). DCEO will not approve the addition of property into the zone until it is within the FPA. Ken Alberts advises that the IEPA has not yet given us their answer on our FPA application in question. What the City has at this point is a recommendation from the Agriculture Department to the IEPA to deny the FPA request for all but the 100 ft strip of land along the railroad. Mr. Alberts expects the IEPA will adopt the recommendation from the Ag Dept. but that has not yet actually occurred (to his knowledge). The Department of Agriculture took the position that the farmland should not be included in the FPA until there was an actual project imminent which involved that land. Mr. John Thompson, Administrator of the Enterprise Zone for Lee County was present to answer questions. Moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **“I move Ordinance 06-3421, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #01-3051 Enterprise Zone, be approved.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Hollonbeck, Hayes, Eckhardt, Hayden, and Colwill. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **“I move Agreement #06-3422, An Agreement amending Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Dixon, City of Amboy, Village of Ashton, Village of Franklin Grove, Village of Paw Paw, City of Rochelle and Counties of Lee and Ogle Regarding Administration of an Enterprise zone Dated December 23, 1986 be approved.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Hollonbeck, Hayes, Eckhardt, Hayden, and Colwill. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

8) **Ordinance – Rezoning South Side of Veteran’s Parkway (Emerald Terrace):** The petitioner, Rochelle Investment Partnership 1, LLC, requests rezoning this area from I-1 Light Industry District to R-5 Multi-Family Residential District for the future development of workforce housing. Several meetings have been held individually with City Council members, City Manager, Tony Graff and District #231 Superintendent Prusator to introduce the conceptual plan for Emerald Terrace. Staff finds the zoning to be compatible with the surrounding uses in the area to

the North, South and West. The proposed development will provide a link between the residential areas on the North and the South. This multifamily workforce housing development will be close to employment opportunities and allow potential residents/employees to walk and bike to work. At the April 17, 2006 meeting of the City of Rochelle Plan Commission a public hearing was held with regard to a petition for rezoning approximately 53 acres on the south side of Veteran's parkway one-quarter mile east of Illinois 251. Upon completion of the public hearing the Plan Commission made a recommendation for approval of the rezoning by a vote of 5-1. Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **"I move Ordinance #06-3427, An Ordinance Amending Boundaries of I-1 and R-5 Zoning Districts and Amending Official Zoning map of the City of Rochelle Rezoning 53 Acres South of Veteran's Parkway and ¼ mile East of Route 251 from I-1 to R-5, be approved."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Hollonbeck, Hayes, Eckhardt, Hayden, and Colwill. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

9) **Ogle County Variance – 17557 Twombly Road:** A petition for a variance has been filed with the Ogle County Planning and Zoning Department by the Rosemary Rainwater Trust and the Archie Rainwater Residuary Trust. The request is to allow a grain bin to be constructed with a setback of 24 feet from the Twombly Road Right-of-Way; a setback of 40 feet is required. Staff has reviewed the request and finds the variance will not alter the essential character of the area and will not create a safety hazard or be detrimental to the overall safety and general welfare of the surrounding area. The City Manager concurs with the staff recommendation and requests the City Council support approval of the variance with no conditions. Council Hayden stated that there should be a waiver by the applicant in the event that Twombly Road is ever widen, that the governing body would not have to pay the cost of removing the grain bin. Moved by Councilman Colwill, and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **"I move the Council support the County Board Approval of Ogle County Variance at 17557 Twombly Road with the condition that the County will not have to pay for the grain bin located within the variance in any future eminent domain proceeding."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Hollonbeck, Hayes, Eckhardt, Hayden, and Colwill. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

10) **Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival:** The Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival Committee is proceeding with their plans for an event on August 24th-27th similar to the festival held the last eight years with the inclusion of a parade. The 6th Annual parade on Sunday afternoon, August 27th will start near Holcomb State Bank, proceed on Hwy 38 to Lincoln Highway, and end at Cherry Avenue. The Committee requests that a 'zone' be established in the downtown area between 1st Ave. to 6th Ave., and 3rd St. to 7th St. for activities during the Festival as designated. In the designated zone, the Festival Committee would be the arbiter on matters regarding vendors, booths, sidewalk sales, street use, etc. As set out in the attached letter, the Committee is requesting the closure of several streets and parking lots in the Central Business District during the festival period; permission to sponsor the carnival; establishing a Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival zone; and the parade. The Illinois Department of Transportation requires the City to approve a standardized resolution which sets out the time and route of temporary closure of Hwy 38 for the parade, and the level of liability insurance. Naomi Baldwin, President of the Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival was present to answer questions. Ms Baldwin also invited all to attend the Festival this year. Moved by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilman Hayden, **"I move the Council Approve the Request of the Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival Committee for Closures, Carnival, and Festival Zone for the August 24-27 Festival."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Hollonbeck, Hayes, Eckhardt, Hayden, and Colwill. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0. Councilwoman Hollonbeck then moved and seconded by Councilman Hayes, **"I move Resolution R06-07, Authorizing Lincoln Heritage Festival Parade, be approved."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Hollonbeck, Hayes, Eckhardt, Hayden, and Colwill. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

11) **Resolution Authorizing Representative to Sign Grant Documents:** Application provisions for State grants require that the City authorize a representative to sign the grant application forms and supporting documents as well as the grant agreement. A resolution was passed on November 27, 2000 that authorized Joseph H. Salitros, City Manager to sign all grant forms and documents. A Grant Agreement for Illinois First Grant/DECO Grant #C173324 was signed by Mayor Olson on 3/6/06. The approved grant amount is \$200,000. The project associated with this grant is construction of a 12-inch diameter watermain on 20th Street and Flag Road to serve the new High School facility, and on 4th Avenue and 14th Street to serve Silgan Manufacturing Corporation's expansion. On 4/19/06 RMU was notified that the IEPA was unable to use the original documents since both the Mayor and the City Manager have changed. The IEPA has requested that we resubmit the forms as soon as possible with Mayor Chet Olson designated as the authorized representative. Moved by Councilman Hayden and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **"I move Resolution R06-08, Authorizing A Representative to Sign Grant Documents, be approved."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Hollonbeck, Hayes, Eckhardt, Hayden, and Colwill. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

12) **City Manager Report:**

- **2006 First Quarter Report Rochelle Police Department** The Rochelle Police Department received 2529 calls for service in the first quarter of 2006. Although total calls for service were down by almost 200 calls, when compared to the same period last year, arrests in almost all categories were up. More than 1700 hours of training was provided for officers during the first quarter. The department had two officers at the Police Training Institute, two sergeants enrolled at Northwestern University Staff and Command and two detectives attending the Southern Police Institute Homicide Investigation class, in addition other officers attended less time consuming training classes. Due to this training, officer initiated activity was down and the department was below the typical manpower allocation desired for minimum staffing.
- **2006 First Quarter Permit Tally** The Public Works Division provided the Permit Tally for the first quarter of 2006. A total of 58 permits were issued with a combined construction value of \$11,771,902. Both the number of permits and associated construction value show an increase when compared to the same period last year.
- **Tourism Board Appointment** Lisa Cowley has accepted an appointment to the Rochelle Tourism Board. She replaces Bruce McKinney who will now function as a liaison between the Tourism Board and the City of Rochelle. Lisa's background includes involvement with community activities and local organizations making her an excellent addition to the board.
- **Focus House Workers** A group from Focus House assisted with spring clean-up the week of March 27-31. Each day 5-8 workers, accompanied by staff supervision, picked up ditches and City right of ways. They completed several miles of litter clean-up on major routes in and around Rochelle.
- **Cinco de Mayo Celebration** The City has received a request to hold a Cinco de Mayo Celebration. Organizers would like to hold the event at the Rochelle Fresh Market on Saturday, May 6, 2006 from 12:00PM – 4:00PM in the parking lot of 144 May Mart Drive. Hot dogs, hamburgers, tacos, soda and water will be available. A DJ or band may also be providing entertainment during this time. The request and details regarding the event were forwarded to the Police and Fire Departments. Subsequently, Chief Woolbright met with Mr. Guzman to discuss the details of the celebration and recommends that the City approve the event as outlined. Mr. Guzman has received permission from his landlord and discussed the event with neighboring businesses. Council had no objection
- **Employee Retirement** Joe Wyatt will retire from the City of Rochelle on 5/1/06 after more than 28 years. Joe has been employed in the Street and Cemetery Division as an operator since he started with the City on 8/18/77. At his request there will not be an open house or other public recognition.
- **Spring Clean-Up Week** As stated in a previous council meeting, May 8th-12th has been scheduled for the City's annual non-hazardous clean-up week. The City has received confirmation from the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department that our grant application has been approved up to \$2000, which must be matched 50/50 by the City of Rochelle.
- **Water Tower Grant** The City Manager received a letter from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity regarding grant #00-121471 which was used to fund the new water tower. The letter, dated 4/5/06, states "The Department is in receipt of the close-out package you submitted in connection with the above referenced grant. Based upon the information provided in your close-out package, we have determined that you are in compliance with the close-out requirements of your grant agreement."
- **Wall Street Journal Article** On April 14, 2006 the Wall Street Journal included an article about Rochelle written by Ilan Brat titled "The Middle of Somewhere". The article focuses on the Union Pacific Global III facility and the changes that Rochelle is experiencing as a result of being part of the intermodal system. Those changes include new distribution centers being built, an increase in land prices as out of state developers purchase land, and a jump in Rochelle's assessed valuations of 27%. The article concludes with Aldo Barone discussing the increase he has seen at his business in downtown Rochelle.
- **Caron Road Improvement Project Update** Sam Tesreau provided the following update on the Caron Road Improvement Project "We are currently in the process of determining the earliest time for letting and receiving bids for the Caron Road improvements. This project will be posted in the IDOT bulletin and they have specific dates when new projects are added to that bulletin. It will run in the bulletin for a minimum of 15 calendar days. After we receive bids IDOT requires 8 calendar days for protests...this is before council approval or contract. The Tollway will also evaluate the bids per our intergovernmental agreement. Assuming that the revisions are signed off and approved by IDOT by the end of next week, and taking into account the advertisement and review days, were looking at the last week of May 29, 2006 before we can award the project. The completion date for this project will be the 1st full week of September 2006. The project could be before council on May 22nd or June 12 for approval."
- **Memorial Day Parade** A request has been received from the Rochelle VFW Post to conduct the annual Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 29th, which will be followed by a memorial service at the St. Patrick Cemetery. Line up will start around 9:30 a.m. on 6th Street in front of City Hall. The parade will start at 10:00 proceeding north on 6th Street to 6th Avenue; east on 6th Avenue to Lincoln Hwy; south on Lincoln Hwy to 1st Avenue; east on 1st Avenue to Main Street; south on Main Street to St. Patrick Cemetery. Council had no objection.

- **Veterans Parkway Sanitary Sewer Lining** At the 12/27/05 City Council Meeting a bid was awarded to Visu-Sewer Clean & Seal for the installation of a “Cast In Place Pipe” sewer lining with new fiberglass manholes from the Waste Water Treatment Plant to Veterans Parkway. Per Kathy Cooper the fiberglass manholes are scheduled to be delivered Friday, April 21. Gilbert is planning to start the manhole replacement on Monday, April 24. Water Reclamation operators will be prepared to start by-pass pumping then.
- **Appointment of Acting City Manager** As stated within the City Manager Ordinance Chapter 2.15, Section O “In the event the City Manager shall be absent from the City or incapacitated from performing the duties of City Manager, he/she shall designate a qualified department head to act as Manager during his absence or incapacity.” City Manager, Tony Graff has appointed Dennis Sims, Public Works Director, as Acting City Manager to act in this capacity when he is incapacitated from performing the duties of City Manager or absent from the City such as vacation, personal leave, etc.
- **Ogle County Text Amendments** A petition for text amendments has been filed with the Ogle County Planning and Zoning Department by Michael Reibel the Ogle County Planning and Zoning Administrator. Suzan Stickle, Planner suggests the review of these proposed text amendments for informational purposes only. Staff recommends and the Manager concurs that the Council take no action on this petition. Moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **“I move the Council take no action on the Ogle County Text Amendments filed with the Ogle County Planning and Zoning Department.”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.
- **Rail Fan Park** A termination agreement has been entered into with the current licensees (Mirandas) of the gift shop building effective Friday, May 5, 2006 at 5:00PM. The City Manager will negotiate an agreement with the Rochelle Tourism Board which will be presented within the next two weeks. The Tourism Board has been requested to provide their intended use of the gift shop and business plan.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:51 pm, Councilman Eckhardt moved and seconded by Councilman Berg, **“I move the Council adjourn.”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Bruce McKinney, CMC
City Clerk, City of Rochelle

Chet Olson
Mayor, City of Rochelle