

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2006**

The Rochelle City Council met in Special Session at 7:00 p.m. on August 31, 2006 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 420 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Rochelle, IL 61068.

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

Councilman Berg moved and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **"I move the Council appoints Councilman Colwill as Mayor Pro-tem for the Special Council meeting of August 31, 2006."** A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Berg, Eckhardt, Hayden, Hayes and Hollonbeck. Nays: None. Abstain: Colwill. Motion passed 5-0 with one abstaining.

***Business Items:***

1. Authorizing a Referendum question of Adoption of Sales Tax increase. City Manager Alberts presented the need to increase sales tax. City Manager Alberts recommends a ½% increase in the sales tax. The General Fund Operating Margins over the last 5 years are as follows:

Actual FYE 2003	\$(383,220)
Actual FYE 2004	132,950
Actual FYE 2005	(468,913)
Actual FYE 2006	(468,913)
Budgeted FYE 2007	(521,255)

City Manager Alberts stated that the General Fund Current Priorities are Public Safety, Administration, Optional Services and Economic Development. Current priorities under funded are Infrastructure Maintenance, replacement and Construction. The projected revenue deficiencies are as follows:

FYE 2008	\$(374,669)
FYE 2009	(305,478)
FYE 2010	(421,287)
FYE 2011	(537,362)
FYE 2012	(653,872)

City Manager Alberts recommends that the City provide financial resources for an infrastructure management program through a modest increase in the current sales tax rate of 1/2 %. Councilman Eckhardt stated that the Council should increase the tax by ¾%. He stated that the ½% would not be enough for the city to get the infrastructure up to date.

Exemptions from the proposed sales tax increase are Tangible personal property that is titled or registered, Food for human consumption that is to be consumed off the premises and Prescription and non-prescription medicines.

Councilman Eckhardt moved and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **"I move Resolution R06-17, A Resolution Authorizing Referendum Question on Adoption of Sales Tax of ¾%, be approved."** A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Berg, Colwill, Eckhardt, Hayden, Hayes and Hollonbeck. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0/

***ADJOURNMENT:*** With no further business, Councilman Berg moved and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **"I move the Council adjourn."** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Bruce W. McKinney, CMC  
City Clerk, City of Rochelle

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Wendell Colwill  
Mayor Pro-tem, City of Rochelle