

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2007**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 8, 2007 in the Council Chambers of City Hall; 420 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street; Rochelle, IL 61068.

The Council was lead in the Pledge to the Flag by Brownie Troop 295.

Present on Roll Call were Councilmembers Hayden, Colwill, Hayes, Berg, Hollonbeck, Eckhardt and Mayor Olson. Absent: None. Also present were City Manager Alberts, City Attorney Cooper, and City Clerk McKinney.

*APPROVAL OF MINUTES:* Councilman Eckhardt moved and seconded by Councilman Colwill, **“I move the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of December 11, 2006 be approved.”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Councilman Berg moved and seconded by Councilman Hayden, **“I move the Council accept and place on file the reports of the Plan Commission meeting of November 20, 2006 and the Airport Advisory Board meeting of October 23, 2006.”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

*BILLS & PAYROLL:* Councilman Colwill moved and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **“I move the bills and payroll for the first half of January 2007 be allowed and paid when checked over and found correct.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayden, Hayes, Hollonbeck, Berg, Colwill, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

*REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS:*

- Mayor: Proclamation for *Midwest Senior Bowler Days* was read by City Clerk McKinney. It will be presented by the Mayor to Mike Pullin on Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at the opening of the tournament.
- Council Members: Councilman Hayes reminded those present of the Illinois Main Street Program on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers.

*PUBLIC COMMENTARY:* None.

*BUSINESS ITEMS:*

- 1) **Resolution – Appropriating MFT and Other Funds for the Jack Dame Road Project:** A state/local joint Economic Development/TARP agreement was approved by council on November 13, 2006 for Jack Dame Road improvements. The division of cost in that agreement totaled \$4,760,000.00. Approval of the Resolution for Improvement by Municipality will allow the City to move forward with the Jack Dame Road Project by providing funding for engineering and construction. This resolution provides for appropriation of both Motor Fuel Tax funds and other non-MFT funds. Sam Tesreau, City Engineer, was present to answer any questions. Moved by Councilman Colwill and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **“I move Resolution R07-01, A Resolution Appropriating MFT and Other Funds for the Jack Dame Road Project, be approved.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayden, Hayes, Hollonbeck, Berg, Colwill, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

- 2) Ordinance Amending Non-Home Rule Municipal Retailers' Occupation Tax and Service Occupation Tax ("Sales Tax") Ordinance: The City is authorized by State statute, if approved by referendum, to impose certain "sales" taxes on the transfer of tangible personal property within the City. Following passage of the sales tax referendum the City Council approved an ordinance on 11/27/06 authorizing the increase. As required, this ordinance No. 06-3497 was filed with the Illinois Department of Revenue. The City has been notified by the Illinois Department of Revenue that a change is required in regard to the effective date indicated on the original ordinance. The original ordinance indicated that it was effective after its passage, approval and publication. The State has requested that the effective date of the ordinance be amended by adding the phrase "provided that the tax imposed under this Section is effective July 1, 2007." Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, "**I move Ordinance 07-3502, An Amended Ordinance adopting Non-Home Rule Municipal Retailers' Occupation Tax and Service Occupation Tax ("SALES TAX") And Amending Chapter 90 of the Rochelle Municipal Code, be approved.**" Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayden, Hayes, Hollonbeck, Berg, Colwill, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
- 3) Fire Fighters Agreement 2006-2008: The current agreement with Fire Fighters Association Local #3455 was due to expire on April 30, 2006. It was extended subject to negotiations and ratification of a new agreement. A tentative agreement, retroactive to May 1, 2006, has been reached for a new two year contract that will expire on April 30, 2008 and was ratified by members of the bargaining group on December 14, 2006. A summary of the tentative agreement is attached. It contains many of the same provisions as the previous agreement, but incorporates language changes as well as wage and benefit enhancements negotiated over the past several months. Some of the more significant changes include:
- Article 15 – Pay Grade Schedule:
    - Effective 5-1-06, across the board increase of 3.5%.
    - Effective 5-1-07, across the board increase of 3.75%.
  - Article 17 - Vacations: Amend the vacation schedule to seven (7) 24 hour days after five years.
    - Add one personal day per contract year.
  - Article 18 – Health and Welfare Benefits:
    - Effective 5-1-07 Health insurance cost sharing as follows:
      - Single coverage employees will pay 2% of the single premium.
      - Dependent coverage employees will pay 22% of the dependent premium.
  - Add language setting residency at 15 miles.
- Chief Tom McDermott was present at the meeting to answer any questions. Moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilwoman Hollenbeck, "**I move the Council approve Ratification of Agreement (07-3503) between the City of Rochelle and Fire Fighters Association Local #3455.**" Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayden, Hayes, Hollonbeck, Berg, Colwill, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
- 4) Intergovernmental Agreement City of Rochelle and Flagg Township: The City of Rochelle and Flagg Township entered into an agreement in 1971 which resulted in the Township occupying office space in the City Municipal Building. The original agreement was modified by a letter on November 13, 1996. Due to space constraints in the Police Department the City has requested that an agreement be negotiated with Flagg Township to vacate the current office space. The City of Rochelle and Flagg Township have mutually decided to enter into an agreement whereby the Township relinquishes their office space in the City Municipal Building effective April 1, 2007. Subsequent to the Township vacating the current office

space the City will pay \$125,000 in five annual installments of \$25,000 with the first payment due June 1, 2007 and the remaining payments due each year on June 1st through June 1, 2011 without interest. This agreement is contingent on both government units, Flagg Township and the Rochelle City Council, approving it. Susan Plumley and Joanne Patrick of the Township office have been working with the City Manager in resolving this issue and the Township has approved the agreement. Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman Colwill, **“I move Agreement 07-3505, An Intergovernmental Agreement for the Relinquishing of Township Office Space in City Municipal Building, be approved.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayden, Hayes, Hollonbeck, Berg, Colwill, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

5) City Manager’s Report

• **Rochelle Area Chamber of Commerce Business Expo**

The Rochelle Area Chamber of Commerce Business Expo will be held on Friday, February 16 and Saturday, February 17 at the Rochelle Middle School. Friday night hours will be from 6-9pm and Saturday from 10am-2pm. Rochelle Municipal Utilities plans to host a booth at this event with a utility conservation theme.

• **Rochelle & Ogle-Lee Fire Departments 2006 Annual Report**

Chief Tom McDermott reported that in 2006 the Rochelle Fire Department responded to 1,981 calls for assistance; 511 were fire related and 1,470 were medical calls. This is down from 2190 calls in 2005. During the same period the Ogle-Lee Fire District responded to 338 calls for assistance; 103 were fire related and 235 were medical in nature. Detailed statistics are included in the report prepared by Chief McDermott and provided to the Mayor and Council Members. Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **“I move the Council accept and place on file the Rochelle & Ogle-Lee Fire Department 2006 Annual Report (07-3504).”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

• **Performance Reviews**

In December all supervisors were requested to complete performance reviews for their employees by the end of 2006. The primary purpose of the review is to help the employees be successful in their current job and prepare for advancements. In the future consideration will be given to linking the evaluation process more closely with the pay plan.

• **Tourism Lease for Standard Oil Facility:** The lease and agreement with the Rochelle Tourism Board expires 4/30/07. The Council has no objection to extending the agreement.

• **Hotel/Motel Unpaid Tax Fees:** There has been difficulty with one of the hotels here in Rochelle not paying the tax owed the City on fees they have received. Staff will begin legal action to collect the money.

*DISCUSSION ITEMS:* None

*EXECUTIVE SESSION:* None

At 7:26 p.m., Councilman Colwill moved and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **“I move the Council adjourn.”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

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Bruce McKinney, CMC  
City Clerk, City of Rochelle

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Mayor, City of Rochelle