

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2007**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 9, 2007 in the Council Chambers of City Hall; 420 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street; Rochelle, IL 61068.

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 Berg moved and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **“I move the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of March 26, 2007 be approved.”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Moved by Councilman Colwill and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **“I move the Council accept and place on file the reports of the Stormwater Advisory Commission meeting of November 15, 2006; Plan Commission meeting of December 18, 2006; Airport Advisory Board meeting of January 22, 2007; and the Special Plan Commission meeting of March 5, 2007.”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

**BILLS & PAYROLL:** Councilman Eckhardt moved and seconded by Councilman Colwill, **“I move the bills and payroll for the first half of April 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 the National Telecommunicator’s Week was read by Clerk McKinney and a copy was presented to the City of Rochelle Dispatchers present at the meeting.
  - Mayor Olson gave a report on his recent visit to Washington, D.C. to discuss the Airport and Telecommunications
- Council Members: None
- Employee Introduction: Lynette Fisher, the new Human Resources Supervisor, was introduced by Bob Withrow, and then she told about her training and experience. She will begin her duties on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** Bruce McKinney read a letter from the landfill Attorney Don Moran, stating that the hearing is closed and that there will not be any more public commentary. The last date for public commentary was March 10<sup>th</sup>. When public commentary was opened up to audience, there was none.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

1. **2007-08 Budget – Public Hearing and Adoption** The Preliminary Budget has been prepared and was submitted to the City Council on March 20, 2007. A Committee of the Whole Budget Workshop was held on March 27<sup>th</sup> to review the budget. The date for the Public Hearing, required by State law, was set for April 9<sup>th</sup>. Final action on the Budget is required on or before April 30<sup>th</sup>. The Preliminary 2007-08 Budget has been available for public inspection since March 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 final overview of total expenses and revenues was handed out. Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **“I move the Council recess into a Public Hearing for the 2007-08 Budget”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayden, Hayes, Hollonbeck, Berg, Colwill, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0. Bob Withrow, Administration Services Director, was present to answer any questions. After staff answered a few questions from the Council. There were no comments from the public. Councilman Berg moved and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **“I move the Council return to Open Session.”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent. It was then moved by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilman Colwill, **“I move the Budget 07-3531 for Fiscal Year 2007-08 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 Sections 82-45 and 86-205 of the Municipal Code (Upgrade Construction Standards for Streets and Sidewalks)** Staff has received a suggestion from a local citizen that we consider some changes to our current construction standards relating to sidewalk and street curb construction. The intended benefit is to reduce the City's exposure to maintenance or replacement costs, especially in view of our current sidewalk replacement program. These suggested changes include the use of reinforcement bars in both the sidewalks and curb as well as ensuring a proper aggregate base under the sidewalk. City Staff reviewed these suggestions and believes that making these modifications will reduce future failures. The additional cost of materials and labor to add the reinforcement bar is estimated to range from 50¢ to 75¢ additional per lineal foot for sidewalks and slightly less for street curbs. Requirements relating to accessibility ramp construction are also included which are consistent with our residential sidewalk replacement program. Arnold Boudreau was present to make some comments. Moved by Councilman Colwill and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **"I move Ordinance 07-3532, An Ordinance Amending Sections 82-45 and 86-205 of the Municipal Code of the City of Rochelle to Upgrade Construction Standards for Streets and Sidewalks, be approved."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayden, Hayes, Hollonbeck, Berg, Colwill, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0. Council thanked Mr. Boudreau for his suggestions.
  
3. **Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map, Rezoning Certain Property from R-1 to I-1 (Southwest Corner of Veterans Parkway and South Main)** The petitioners, Rochelle Main Street LLC, request approval to rezone property located at the southwest corner of Veterans Parkway and South Main Street totaling approximately 3.3 acres of land from R-1 Single Family Low Density to I-1 Light Industry District. Staff found that while the comprehensive plan indicates this area as Recreation Open Space, an industrial zoning classification may also be appropriate for the following reasons: adjacent property to the south is zoned I-1, most of the property on the west side of Main Street is zoned I-1, and 50 foot buffer yards will be required to buffer this use from those of different zoning districts. At the March 19, 2007 meeting of the City of Rochelle Plan Commission a public hearing was held with regard to the petition for rezoning. Upon completion of the public hearing the Plan Commission made a recommendation for approval of the rezoning from R-2 Single Family Low Density to I-1, Light Industry by a vote of 6-0. Chris Limas, Community Development Director, was present to answer questions. After some discussion it was moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilman Hayden, **"I move Ordinance 07-3533, An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map for the City of Rochelle Rezoning Certain Property from R-1 to I-1, be approved."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayden, Hayes, Hollonbeck, Berg, Colwill, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
  
- 4-7 **Ordinance Annexing Certain Surrounded Territory to the City of Rochelle (Hayden Property)**  
**Ordinances Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Rochelle (Akesson Park Lift Station, Koritz Field, and former Atwood Property)** As property is developed and annexed into the City, certain parcels become surrounded by the City. In other cases, we have identified property that is contiguous to the City, and owned by the City. It is important that this property is annexed so that owners of other contiguous properties may annex to the City, if they wish. All the required legal notices have been published for the parcels involved in this action. The Community Development Department recommends annexing the identified properties into the City of Rochelle in an RD zoning classification per code. These annexations will subsequently update the City zoning map which is an important development tool. Chris Limas was present to answer any questions. Moved by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilman Colwill, **"I move Ordinance 07-3534, An Ordinance Annexing Certain Surrounded Territory to the City of Rochelle (Hayden Property), be approved."** As Spencer Hayden owns the property, he abstained. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayes, Hollonbeck, Berg, Colwill, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Abstain: Councilman Hayden. Motion passed 6-0. Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **"I move Ordinance 07-3535, An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Rochelle (Akesson Park Lift Station), be approved."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayes, Hollonbeck, Berg, Colwill, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Abstain: Hayden. Motion passed 6-0. Moved by Councilman Colwill and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **"I move Ordinance 07-3536, An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Rochelle (Koritz Field), be approved."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayes, Hollonbeck, Berg, Colwill, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Abstain: Councilman Hayden. Motion passed 6-0. Moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilman Berg, **"I move Ordinance 07-3537, An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Rochelle (Atwood Property), be approved."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayes, Hollonbeck, Berg, Colwill, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Abstain: Councilman Hayden. Motion passed 6-0.

8. **Ordinance Amending Chapters 26 and 70 of the Municipal Code of the City of Rochelle (Regulate Peddlers)** City Clerk, Bruce McKinney, has proposed modifications to the City Code governing the issuance of Peddlers Permits. The proposed modifications will facilitate the City's ability to conduct background investigations and regulate the activities of peddlers and solicitors in the community. Police Chief Buck has reviewed the modifications and provided input. Fees associated with the permits have also been restructured and increased. Bruce McKinney and Rob Buck, Police Chief, were both present to answer questions. Moved by Councilman Colwill and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **"I move Ordinance 07-3538, An Ordinance Amending Chapters 26 and 70 of the Municipal Code of the City of Rochelle to Improve the Regulation of Peddlers, Itinerant Merchants, Canvassers and Solicitors, be approved."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayden, Hayes, Hollonbeck, Berg, Colwill, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
9. **Ordinance – Adopting Emergency Operations Plan for the City of Rochelle** Chief McDermott and his staff, along with the assistance of the Police Department, have been reengineering the 1988 City of Rochelle Disaster Plan to ensure that proper procedures outlined by the United States Department of Homeland Security are followed. The revised Emergency Operations Plan will utilize the National Incident Management System (NIMS) in managing a disaster or large-scale emergency. A discussion was held regarding the Emergency Operations Plan at the March 12, 2007 City Council Meeting. The purpose of this plan is to anticipate possible large-scale emergencies and set forth basic and broad considerations and operating guidelines for their management. The discussion outlined required training and associated deadlines as well as the roles and responsibilities of a broad number of staff and elected officials. Tom McDermott was present to answer any questions. Moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilman Berg, **"I move Ordinance 07-3539, An Ordinance Adopting the City of Rochelle Emergency Operations Plan, be approved."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayden, Hayes, Hollonbeck, Berg, Colwill, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
- 10 & 11. **Enterprise Zone – Lee County Enterprise Zone #9** 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 to include certain property in the County of Lee, alter incentives, and alter the termination date of the zone. The Lee County Enterprise Zone plans to submit an application to the State of Illinois for Zone Changes. Changes included in the ordinance amendment are territory expansion of 237.91 to include Illinois River Energy, Industrial Developments International and Big Sky Wind Project. John Thompson representing the Lee County Enterprise Zone was in attendance to give information and answer any questions. Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman Hayden, **"I move Ordinance 07-3540, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 01-3051, be approved."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayden, Hayes, Hollonbeck, Berg, Colwill, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0. Moved by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **"I move Amendment #12 to an 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 Hayden, Hayes, Hollonbeck, Berg, Colwill, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
12. **City Manager's Report**
- **Rochelle Police Department Blood Drive:** The Rochelle Police Department sponsored a Blood Drive in cooperation with the Rock River Valley Blood Center on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-7:00 p.m. The blood drive was a success with 40 units of blood collected. The Blood Center reported that each unit of blood has the potential of saving 3 lives, which means the 40 units has the potential of helping 120 lives.
  - **Prairie State Update Meeting:** A meeting has been scheduled for April 10, 2007 in the Batavia City Council Chambers (100 N. Island Ave.) at 7:00 p.m. in which recent developments related to the Prairie State Generation project will be discussed. Elected officials from Batavia, Geneva and Rochelle are invited to the meeting.
  - **Downtown Harvest Market:** Staff has received a letter from the Flagg Township Historical Society to continue with the downtown Harvest Market for the 2007 season. The plan is to go from June through September on Thursdays from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. Last year's Market was a well received program. There were no objections from the Council.

- **Annual Day of Prayer:** Staff received a request from the Hand-In-Hand organization for the Annual National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from noon-1:30 p.m. The intent is to expand on what they have had in the past. There is a desire to make this a much larger event and have it at City Hall. The VFW has agreed to present the colors. They have contacted the RTHS band and are still waiting for a confirmation. That combined with the area pastors and church leaders, they look for a much larger crowd this year. They would like to close one block of Sixth Street from 11:30 (for set-up) to 1:30. The Police Department and the Fire Department have been contacted and there is no problem foreseen. If there is a funeral that morning, there will be some adjustments made. Council had no objections.
- **Askvig Addition Street Improvements:** Street improvements have started.

*EXECUTIVE SESSION:* None

At 8:32 p.m., Councilman Berg moved and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **“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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Chet Olson, Mayor  
City of Rochelle