

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2008**

The Rochelle City Council met in a Special Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1, 2008 in the Conference Center of City Hall; 420 N. 6th Street; Rochelle, IL 61068.

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

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. **Ordinance Authorizing Purchase of Real Estate (19 Acres Rochelle Business and Technology Park Phase 2).** On August 27, 2007 Mayor and Council approved the annexation and zoning of 160 acres of land located east of Dement Road and North of Petro Truck Stop to facilitate the future development of the Rochelle Business and Technology Park. To date council has approved the purchase of 20.33 acres of land, which included Right-of-Way along Dement Road and property to be incorporated into phase II of the park development, and 25 acres of land, which was sold to Allstate Insurance Company. The proposed subdivision for phase II of the Rochelle Business and Technology Park includes 36.29 acres of property. This is a seven lot subdivision which will include four buildable lots, a fifth lot reserved for detention purposes and two other non-buildable lots which will be incorporated into a future phase of the park. The purchase of three of the four buildable lots is anticipated by Project David, Rochelle Municipal Utilities and Ogle County. To supplement property obtained in the initial purchase of 20.33 acres, the City will need to exercise its option on an additional 19 acres of land from Reed Harris and Corliss Baer. Councilman Colwill moved and seconded by Councilman Berg, **“I move Ordinance 08-3659, An Ordinance Authorizing Purchase of Real Estate (19 Acres-Technology Park Phase 2), be adopted.** A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Berg, Colwill, Hayden, Hayes, Hollonbeck and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Absent: Eckhardt. Motion passed 6-0.

2. **Resolution Authorizing Sale of Real Estate (13 Acres-Rochelle Business and Technology Park Phase 2).** A corporation has expressed an interest in constructing a 52,800 square foot data center on a 13 acre parcel of land within the Rochelle Business and Technology Park. Based on the Mayor and City Council approval of the option to purchase 19 acres for Phase II of the park, the City is seeking authorization to resell 13 acres of the property. The property has been appraised to insure that the sale is in compliance with Illinois Statutes for the sale of public property. Councilwoman Hollonbeck moved and seconded by Councilman Hayden, **“I move Resolution R08-11, A Resolution Authorizing Sale of Real Estate (13 Acres-Technology Park Phase 2), be adopted.** A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Berg, Colwill, Hayden, Hayes, Hollonbeck and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Absent: Eckhardt. Motion passed 6-0.

3. **Ordinance Approving Dedication of Right of Way for Public Road Purposes.** On June 11, 2007 the Mayor and City Council approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with Ogle County relating to the future construction of an extension of Caron Road and an overpass over the City and Burlington Northern Sante Fe railroads. Since that time the City of Rochelle and Ogle County have worked jointly towards acquiring right-of-ways and funding through various sources including the Illinois Commerce Commission and Economic Development Administration. The proposed Dedication of Right of Way dedicates 0.263 acres of land from the City to Ogle County for public road purposes to facilitate the Steward Road Overpass. The City will reserve easements necessary to install and maintain railroad and utility facilities. Councilman Colwill moved and seconded by Councilman Berg, **“I move Ordinance 08-3666, An Ordinance Approving Dedication of Right-of-Way for Public Road Purposes (Steward Road Overpass), be adopted.”** A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Berg, Colwill, Hayden, Hayes, Hollonbeck and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Absent: Eckhardt. Motion passed 6-0.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

1. 2008-2009 Budget Workshop. Director of Administrative Services Bob Withrow and Chris Frye presented the 2008 – 2009 Proposed Budget. The proposed expenditure is \$71,554,808. There will be 122 full-time employees (65-General Fund; 6-Internal Service; and 51-Enterprise Fund). There will be a 3% general increase for labor expenses. Proposed Capital Expense projects were highlighted.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:33 pm Councilwoman Hollonbeck moved and seconded by Councilman Colwill, “**I move the Council adjourn.**” Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Chet Olson
Mayor, City of Rochelle

Bruce McKinney, CMC
City Clerk, City of Rochelle