

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2008**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2008 in the Council Chambers of City Hall; 420 N. 6th Street; Rochelle, IL 61068.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG & PRAYER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilman Eckhardt moved and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **“I move the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of April 28, 2008 be approved.”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Moved by Councilman Hayden and seconded by Councilman Berg, **“I move the Council accept and place on file the reports of the Rochelle Airport Advisory Board meeting of January 28, 2008.”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

BILLS & PAYROLL: Councilman Colwill and seconded by Councilman Hayes, **“I move the bills and payroll for the first half of May 2008 be allowed and paid when checked over and found correct.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayden, Berg, Hollonbeck, Colwill, Hayes, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS:

- Mayor:
 - Proclamation for Police Week – May 11-17, 2008. Read by City Clerk; accepted by Deputy Chief Higby, Sergeant Frankenberry and Officer Anderson.
 - Appointment to Police and Fire Pension Boards: Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman Colwill, **“I move the Council approve the Mayor’s appointment of Sue Messer to the Police and Fire Pension Boards with term expiring May 1, 2010.”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: None

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. **Ordinance Amending Chapter 74 (Combination of Boards and Commissions)** A task force was created to study the possibility of consolidating existing boards and commissions with the goal of increasing efficiencies and effectiveness. On April 28, 2008 a Public Forum was held to present the findings of the task force. Along with the public invitation, members of various boards and commissions were encouraged to attend the forum and provide input. The combination of Certain Boards and Commissions was also a topic of discussion at the Regular City Council Meeting later that evening. There are several factors which support the consolidation of certain boards and commissions at this time. These include reoccurring vacancies and the difficulty in finding qualified members, the delays caused when applicants are required to appear before multiple boards and commissions, the fact that many communities in Illinois have joint Planning and Zoning Commissions, and terms expiring for many of the Board and Commission members on July 1, 2008. Attorney Cooper has provided a memo addressing the proposed combination of the Plan Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Stormwater Advisory Commission from a legal standpoint. It is his opinion that “In light of the statutes and ordinances that presently confer conflicting and overlapping jurisdiction with respect to certain areas related to stormwater management, there would appear to be some merit...to combine the commissions”. Alan Cooper was present to answer any questions. The existing Plan Commission and Zoning Board will be terminated, effective July 1, 2008. The present members are able to go through the application/interview process. Moved by Councilman Colwill and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **“I move Ordinance 08-3676, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 74 of the Rochelle Municipal Code to Combine the Plan Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals and Provide for Non-voting members, and Making Conforming Amendments to other sections, be adopted.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayden, Berg, Hollonbeck, Colwill, Hayes, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

2. **Ordinance Amending Chapter 106 (Vehicles for Hire)** The Municipal Code of the City of Rochelle governs Vehicles for Hire in Chapter 206. Section 26 of the Code establishes fees associated with those vehicles for hire. This code was established in 1996 and currently regulates only taxicabs. By definition of the licensing regulations of the Illinois Secretary of State a limousine service is currently operating in the City of Rochelle. The proposed amendments to Chapter 106 incorporate the State's definitions of limousines and taxicabs and provide regulations to govern both services. Regulations include applications for license, vehicle equipment and maintenance, and registration of drivers. Russ Stevens, Hub Shuttle, was present to talk to council. Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **"I move Ordinance 08-3677, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 106 (Vehicles for Hire) of the Municipal Code of the City of Rochelle to Provide for Licensing of Limousines and to Revise other Provisions, be adopted."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayden, Berg, Hollonbeck, Colwill, Hayes, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
3. **Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement (Ogle County)** Representatives from Ogle County approached the City of Rochelle several months ago regarding the purchase of property in the Rochelle Business and Technology Park for the future development of an Ogle County Emergency Operations Center. On April 15, 2008 the Ogle County Board voted to approve the purchase of four acres in the Technology Park. At the City Council Meeting on April 28, 2008 the Mayor and Council authorized the future sale of 4 acres to Ogle County. The City has negotiated a purchase and sale agreement with Ogle County for 4 acres south of Technology Parkway and east of Dement Road in the Rochelle Business and Technology Park phase 2. The total purchase price of \$392,040, including property and associated stormwater facilities, exceeds the statutory requirement for the sale of public property. Moved by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilman Hayden, **"I move Agreement 08-3678, A Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement between Ogle County and the City of Rochelle, be approved."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayden, Berg, Hollonbeck, Colwill, Hayes, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
4. **Transmission Analysis Proposal:** Due to the anticipated load growth in our service area and the reliability needs of the Rochelle Business and Technology Park, RMU has requested a proposal from Sargent & Lundy to perform a transmission analysis. This analysis would include evaluation of our current system as well as the identification of alternatives to meet future needs for a ten year planning period, including the possible incorporation of proposed Wind Turbines. The expansion of transmission facilities above 100 kV are regulated by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation and require careful planning and implementations that can span multiple years. The attached engineering agreement is the first step in preparing to meet the electrical needs of RMU's customers for the next ten to fifteen years. The cost of the proposed Transmission Analysis is \$43,500, which will be funded through the 2008-09 RMU Electric Operations Budget under Contractual Services Engineering. Gary Larsen, Director of RMU, was present to answer questions. Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman Colwill, **"I move Agreement 08-3679, An Engineering Services Agreement with Sargent & Lundy for a Transmission System Analysis, be approved."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayden, Berg, Hollonbeck, Colwill, Hayes, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
5. **City Manager's Report:**
 - **Memorial Day Parade** A request has been received from the Rochelle VFW Post to conduct the annual Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 26th, which will be followed by a memorial service at the Saint Patrick's 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. As Council had no objections, management will authorize the parade.
 - **Days of Evangelization** The Rochelle Church of God and Iglesia Evangelical Pentecostal are organizing the second annual evangelism event May 22-25 in the City of Rochelle. As part of this event they have requested the use of the gazebo located at North Main and 5th Avenue for an outdoor service on Friday, May 23 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. As Council had no objections, management will authorize the use of the gazebo as requested for the event.
 - **Public Water Supply Fluoridation:** The City of Rochelle Water Division received a certificate of commendation from the Illinois Department of Public Health for achieving the highest standard of compliance with the Illinois Fluoridation Act for at least five consecutive years. Fluoride is added to the water supply to protect the dental health of all citizens, especially children.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **Discussion Item 1 - Consent Agenda:** Illinois State Statutes allow municipalities to streamline their voting procedures through the use of an omnibus vote. By unanimous consent the City Council may agree to take a single vote on the passage of two or more ordinances, resolutions, or motions. These agenda items are then placed together for voting purposes with the designation of “omnibus vote” or “consent agenda”. Although the vote to establish the omnibus vote must be unanimous, the single vote on the items themselves does not need to be unanimous. City Clerk Bruce McKinney provided additional information on the use of a Consent Agenda. The consensus is to try it on a limited basis.
2. **Discussion Item 2 - Public Transportation:** Since September of 2006 several local representatives have been working on the development of a public transportation system to serve residents in Ogle County. Diane McNeilly, Chairman of the Public Outreach Committee, presented general information on the benefits and current development status of the anticipated transportation system.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:21 p.m., Councilman Colwill moved and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **“I move the Council adjourn.”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

s/ Chet Olson

Chet Olson
Mayor, City of Rochelle

s/ Bruce W. McKinney

Bruce McKinney, CMC
City Clerk, City of Rochelle