

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 26, 2009 in the Council Chambers of City Hall; 420 N. 6th Street; Rochelle, IL 61068.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG & PRAYER

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

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC: "Career and Technical Education Month"; February 2009; read by Bruce McKinney; proclamation accepted by Bruce Griffith and five RTHS students who are in career and technical classes at Kishwaukee College.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- **Mayor:**
 - Presented check for \$20,000 to Bruce Peterson of the Rochelle Community Hospital. This is the 5th (final) installment for the City's pledge for the Helipad.
- **Council Members:** None

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1) **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE** with Recommendations:

- a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – January 12, 2009.
- b) Accept and Place on File Semi-Annual Police Department Report.
- c) Accept and Place on File Audit Report Motor Fuel Tax Funds 1/1/06-12/31/07
- d) Approve Bills and payrolls
- e) Resolution Regarding the Release of Executive Session Minutes.

Clerk McKinney stated that one item (c) needed to be pulled in order and to present at a future meeting. Moved by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **"I move item 1(c), to Accept and Place on File the Audit Report Motor Fuel Tax Funds, be removed from the agenda."** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **"I move Consent Agenda Items a, b, d, & e be approved by Omnibus Vote as Recommended."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayes, Berg, Hayden, Eckhardt, Colwill, Hollonbeck and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

2) **Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation – Southwest Rochelle Truck Loop:**

Approximately \$98,490 of Federal Highway funds were appropriated through the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for preliminary engineering of the Southwest Rochelle Truck Route. The truck route will be designed as a 120,000 lb. road and will extend from the Union Pacific Global III intermodal facility entrance southwesterly along Intermodal Drive, Brush Grove Road and Gurler Road to the intersection of Thorpe and Gurler Roads. The project will include drainage improvements as well as pavement widening and surfacing. The Mayor and City Council approved an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Rochelle and Ogle County on November 24, 2008 for the preliminary engineering services related to this project. Ogle County, as the lead agency for this project, has been working with IDOT and the Federal Highway Administration to complete the Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation. The agreement contains two addendums. Addendum number one requires a location map. Addendum number two requires each of the agencies (Ogle County, Lee County, and the City of Rochelle) to agree to the implementation of the improvement, to retain jurisdiction of the completed improvement, and to maintain the completed improvement within each agency's jurisdiction. Sam Tesreau was present to give further information, including a visual map, and to answer any questions. The truck loop will be designed for 120,000 pounds. Moved by Councilman Colwill and seconded by Councilman Hayes, **"I move Agreement 09-3779, A Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for the Southwest Rochelle Truck Loop, be approved."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayes, Berg, Hayden, Eckhardt, Colwill, Hollonbeck and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

3) **City Manager's Report:**

- **Budget Calendar – FY 2009-10** – Chris Frye presented information and handed out a copy of the budget calendar to the Council members. Department/Division heads have received an instruction memo, budget forms and financial data with a deadline for submittal to the Finance Manager of February 9, 2009. The preliminary proposed fiscal year 2009-10 budget is scheduled to be submitted to the Mayor and City Council on March 1, 2009. A Committee of the Whole Meeting will be scheduled between March 15 and April 17 to review the proposed budget. The required Public Hearing on the budget is expected to be held on April 27, 2009. State statute requires the budget to be adopted on or before April 30th.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 1) **Chamber of Commerce/Retail Alliance Consolidation:** Representatives from the Chamber of Commerce and the Retail Alliance have been meeting for the past couple of months to discuss the possibility of consolidating the two entities. The Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce voted on December 1, 2008 to consolidate the Chamber of Commerce with the Retail Alliance. These changes are subject to the approval of an agreement between the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Rochelle. Jim Beardin, representing the Chamber of Commerce, and Doug Creason, representing the Retail Alliance, provided further information and answered questions related to the planned consolidation:
 - Keep Chamber Viable
 - Alliance and Chamber doing a lot of the same things
 - 60% of time spent on fund raising
 - Nine members on the Board (Chamber Board - will be in charge)
 - Taking care of local business / no money to develop new business
 - Peggy Friday to become executive director
 - Developer friendly
 - 204 chamber members; capital campaign
 - Table of 10 – non-voting members
 - Cost to the City not determined as yet
- 2) **8th Street, Jones Road, and Carrie Avenue Improvements – Illinois Route 251 Phase II:** Route 251 Phase II Improvements are expected to begin in early 2012, providing state funding is available for the project. This phase will include improvements which will begin south of the Route 38 intersection and extend north to Fairview Drive. As a result of input received at stakeholder meetings held in 2007 and 2008, IDOT is incorporating pedestrian paths and sidewalks into the project. The current plan being discussed includes the delineation of bike-path lanes along 8th Street between Carrie Avenue and Jones Road with associated improvements. Sam Tesreau, City Engineer, provided additional information and responded to questions from the Mayor and Council. Sam presented “Complete the Streets Project.” Using a map, he was able to show the multi uses for the project. There will be no sidewalks or bike paths along Hwy. 251. They will, instead go along the back of Wal-Mart, etc.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:08 p.m., moved by Councilman Berg 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