

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2010**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 22, 2010 in the Council Chambers of City Hall; 420 N. 6th Street; Rochelle, IL 61068.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

PRAYER: The Prayer was said by City Clerk McKinney.

ROLL CALL: Present on Roll Call were Councilmembers, Eckhardt, Hayes, Hollonbeck, T. McDermott, Berg, and Mayor Olson. Absent: Councilman D. McDermott. Also present were City Manager Alberts and City Clerk McKinney.

PROCLAMATION: 90th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote & Formation of League of Women Voters: Read by City Clerk McKinney. The Mayor read information about our Rochelle area League of Women Voters and presented the proclamation to members present.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- **Mayor:** Thanked staff for the way they handled the last snow event.
- **Council Members:**
 - Councilmen Hayes commended the Police Department on the excellent job they are doing with the PD Citizens Academy, which he is attending; highly recommend for both council and citizens to attend in the future. Councilman Eckhardt had also heard good things about the academy.
- **Financial Statements for January 2010:** included in Council Packets
- **Rochelle Area Chamber of Commerce & Business Development:** Peggy Friday, Director, was present to update the council on the accomplishments and goals of the Chamber since the changes almost a year ago.
- **2010 Census Presentation:** by Chris Limas. The Council was given an update of the 2010 Census

BUSINESS ITEMS:

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

- a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – February 8, 2010;
- b) Approve Bills 1/29/10-2/04/10 and 2/05/10-2/11/10;
- c) Approve Payroll 1/25/2010-2/07/2010;
- d) Approve the use of the Gazebo by the Rochelle United Methodist for a concert on July 10th;
- e) Approve the use of the Rochelle Airport for the “30 Men Who Cook” event;

Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman Hayes, **“I move Consent Agenda Items (a) through (e) be approved by Omnibus Vote as Recommended.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Eckhardt, Hayes, Hollonbeck, T. McDermott, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

- 2) **Northwest Illinois Major Case Squad Law Enforcement Agreement Amendment #1:** The Mayor and City Council approved an ordinance on February 9, 2009 which authorized the Chief of Police to enter into the Northwest Illinois Major Squad Intergovernmental Law Enforcement Agreement. This agreement provides for the establishment of a regional squad, made up of member departments in northwestern Illinois, to assist with major cases when deemed necessary. Through this agreement member departments can broaden the resources available by requesting or providing assistance related to major, time-consuming cases in our region. On January 1, 2010 several changes went into effect related to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) in the State of Illinois. These changes provide Illinois residents with a broader access to public records and increase the accountability of public entities responding to FOIA requests. As a result of the FOIA changes, the law enforcement agencies that make up the Northwest Illinois Major Squad have proposed an amendment to their agreement which clearly defines the ownership of the documents and the procedures related to the distribution of those records. Police Chief Higby and City Clerk McKinney were present to answer any questions. Moved by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **“I move Agreement 10-3895, Northwest Illinois Major Case Squad Intergovernmental Law Enforcement Agreement Amendment #1, be approved.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Eckhardt, Hayes, Hollonbeck, T. McDermott, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

- 3) **Installation of Well #10 Generator Interconnect:** The Water Division owns a 480 hp, 300 kW generator which was purchased in 2007 to maintain well operations in the event of a power outage. Only Well #11 is currently equipped with the proper electrical connections to take advantage of this emergency backup. The 2009-10 Water Capital Budget includes \$30,000 to install the electrical modifications necessary so that Well #10 can also take advantage of the backup generator when necessary. Subsequent to the required public notice, bids for the generator interconnect were opened on February 10, 2010, with three contractors submitting bids. Staff, along with their consultant Robert Branch of Siemens, have reviewed all of the bids and recommends the acceptance of the apparent low bidder, Mascal Electric of DeKalb, with a bid of \$13,950. Mascal Electric expects to complete the project within one week of receiving the supplies required for the job. Once installed the availability of an additional generator interconnect will significantly enhance the reliability of the City's water system. Kathy Cooper was present to answer questions. Moved by Councilman Hayes and seconded by Councilman T. McDermott, **"I move Council approve bid C10-04 for the installation of a generator interconnect for Well #10 from Mascal Electric of DeKalb, IL in the amount of \$13,950 and reject all other bids."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: **Councilmembers Berg, Eckhardt, Hayes, Hollonbeck, T. McDermott,** and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

- Ken Alberts was invited by Northern Trust to attend a celebration last Friday for the new Western Data Processing Center in Chicago.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:40 pm, moved by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilman T. McDermott, **"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