

**TRUCKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2013
MINUTES**

The Rochelle Trucking Advisory Committee met at 2:30 p.m. August 6, 2013 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 420 N. 6th Street, Rochelle, IL 61068.

Present on Roll Call were Committee members: Jim Black, Joel Thompson, and KC McCann. Also present were City Engineer Sam Tesreau, Administrative Assistant Michelle Knight, and Mayor Chet Olson.

Business Items:

1.) **Committee to select a Chairman.** Each committee member introduced themselves and stated what experience they had before appointing a chairman. KC McCann works with Central Refrigeration. He has been with them for ten years and has worked in transportation for 16 years. Joel Thompson is a pilot who also works in the trucking industry with Queen's trucking, who owns nine trucks. Joel also owns warehouses in Rochelle. Jim Black is the General Manager of Maplehurst. He is involved with trucking for various local companies. He has been in Rochelle for 14 years. Joel Thompson made a motion for KC McCann to be the chairman. Jim Black seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously. KC McCann will be the Chairman.

2.) **Review TAC Ordinance Sec. 94-542.** Michelle Knight read ordinance Sec. 94-542 and gave a report stating that from May 1, 2013 to August 6, 2013 there have been 86 annual permits and 159 daily permits, totaling 245 permits issued. Total revenue from annual permits is \$29,401 and daily permits is \$6,080.00, totaling \$35,481.00. All City fees collected, less any costs of administering the permit process, will be accounted for separately to be used to fund the maintenance, repair and improvement of truck routes within the jurisdiction of the City of Rochelle.

Discussion Items: Jim Black asked how the current permitting process was going. Sam Tesreau stated the website is up and running. It has had some challenges but we are working through those. Sam also stated that Michelle is the staff liaison in charge of the permit process and refers to the Engineering Department from time to time for approval for loads over 120,000 lbs. or to determine a modified route for such overweights. The overweight permit program has showed that there were a number of overweight vehicles, far above that which was expected, travelling over City streets on a daily basis. Jim Black inquired if we have informed trucking companies and industries of the ordinance requiring Overweight Truck Permits. Chet recommended contacting the local businesses to notify them of the overweight permit process. It was explained that the City Manager's office had in fact notified multiple businesses and industries along with a posting to the local media and the City website informing those companies and of the overweight ordinance. It's difficult to contact every trucking company that may apply for an overweight permit within Rochelle. Sam suggested that Jason Anderson, Economic Development Director, be contacted for a list of Industries and Trucking companies so that an additional letter could be sent by the business and industry manager. Scott Rozanas once held this position within the Economic Development office to coordinate issues with industry and business. Jim suggested looking into putting signs up with a notice of overweight permits being required. Sam stated that IDOT has certain sign restrictions which may not allow such signs on State routes but Engineering would work with the Street Dept. to see if such signage could be posted at a few locations on the primary local road truck routes under the City jurisdiction. KC suggested a notice sign be put up near the UPRR intermodal facility as well regarding the overweight permit ordinance.

1.) **Future meeting dates/time/place.** It was decided at this time to meet twice a year with the option to add more meetings if the need should arise. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 2:30 at City Hall Council Chambers.

2.) **Future meeting agenda items.** Pat Burch wanted the committee to know there will be a chassis charge starting September 16. This is not a City fee but it will affect the trucking industry doing work with the intermodal and/or chassis. Mayor Olson requested a Public commentary item to be added to the agenda. Mayor Olson thanked the committee members for their time on the Trucking Advisory Committee.

Joel Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Black seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.