

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 14, 2015**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 2015 in the Council Chambers of City Hall; 420 N. 6th Street; Rochelle, IL 61068.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG & PRAYER: The Prayer was said by Clerk McKinney.

ROLL CALL: Present on Roll Call were Councilmembers Eckhardt, Hayes, Hollenbeck, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, and Mayor Olson. Absent: Burke. Quorum of six present. Also present were City Manager Plyman and City Clerk McKinney.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.:

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor:

Motion made by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilman D. McDermott: **"I move the Council approve the Mayor's appointments of Roy Jones to the Airport Advisory Board as a Voting Member for a term to expire July 1, 2016 and appoint John "Skip" Kenny to the Airport Advisory Board as a Member at Large for a term to expire July 1, 2018."** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Mayor thanked everyone involved in the Christmas Walk.

Council Members: None

Dan Schlaach, Director of Theater Operatiks, updated the Council on the re-modeling of theater. Plan for completion is June 17, 2017 or sooner.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: None.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE with Recommendations:

- a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – November 23, 2015
- b) Approve Bills –111315-111915, 112015-112615, 112715-120315
- c) Approve Payroll – 110915-112215
- d) Approve City of Rochelle Meeting Dates for 2016
- e) Approve City of Rochelle Legal Holidays for 2016
- f) Accept and Place on File Minutes of TIF Public Hearing – November 19, 2015
- g) Approve Use of Rochelle Municipal Airport for Rochelle Area Chamber of Commerce Summer Country Jam Concert – August 13, 2016
- h) Authorize St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival – March 12, 2016
- i) Approve Closure of City Street for the Lucky Hub Dash – March 12, 2016

Moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilman D. McDermott, **"I move Consent Agenda Items (a) through (i) be approved by Omnibus Vote as recommended."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Eckhardt, Hayes, Hollenbeck, D. McDermott, T. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

2. **This Ordinance Adopting 2015 Tax Levy.** The State of Illinois requires the City annually to adopt and file a Property Tax Levy Ordinance on or before the last Tuesday in December. Last year the City's Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) was \$211,439,971 and its property tax rate was \$1.053650 per \$100 of EAV, which allowed the City to collect \$2,168,253.47 in property taxes. For the upcoming year, Ogle County has estimated the City's EAV at \$237,869,359. Finance Manager Chris Cardott led a discussion on the 2015 Tax Levy at the November 23rd City Council meeting. The Fire and Police Pension Boards have requested that council fully fund their recommendations based on actuarial studies. The Fire Pension Board is seeking a contribution from property taxes of \$284,203. The Police Pension Board is seeking a contribution of \$319,397. The proposed levy calculations would result in the City collecting \$2,276,386 in property taxes, an increase of 4.99% over 2014. Based on the estimated EAV, the tax rate would decrease by .070004 per \$100 EAV, compared to 2014, to a rate of 0.983646. The proposed 2015 levy includes funding the Police and Fire Pension Funds as recommended by the boards. Motion made by Councilman Hayes and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **"I move Ordinance 15-4502, An Ordinance Levying Property Taxes for the City of Rochelle for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016, be approved."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Eckhardt, Hayes, Hollenbeck, D. McDermott, T. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.
- 3) **Ordinance Abating the Tax Levied for 2015 – Taxable Ordinance Bonds.** The State of Illinois requires the City annually to adopt and file a Property Tax Levy Ordinance on or before the last Tuesday in December. Last year the City's Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) was \$211,439,971 and its property tax rate was \$1.053650 per \$100 of EAV, which allowed the City to collect \$2,168,253.47 in property taxes. For the upcoming year, Ogle County has estimated the City's EAV at \$237,869,359. Finance Manager Chris Cardott led a discussion on the 2015 Tax Levy at the November 23rd City Council meeting. The Fire and Police Pension Boards have requested that council fully fund their recommendations based on actuarial studies. The Fire Pension Board is seeking a contribution from property taxes of \$284,203. The Police Pension Board is seeking a contribution of \$319,397. The proposed levy calculations would result in the City collecting \$2,276,386 in property taxes, an increase of 4.99% over 2014. Based on the estimated EAV, the tax rate would decrease by .070004 per \$100 EAV, compared to 2014, to a rate of 0.983646. The proposed 2015 levy includes funding the Police and Fire Pension Funds as recommended by the boards. Motion made by Councilman Eckhart and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **"I move Ordinance 15-4503, An Ordinance Abating the Taxes Levied for 2015 to Pay Debt Service on Taxable General Obligation Bonds, be approved."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Eckhardt, Hayes, Hollenbeck, D. McDermott, T. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.
- 4) **Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone Intergovernmental Agreement.** The State of Illinois requires the City annually to adopt and file a Property Tax Levy Ordinance on or before the last Tuesday in December. Last year the City's Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) was \$211,439,971 and its property tax rate was \$1.053650 per \$100 of EAV, which allowed the City to collect \$2,168,253.47 in property taxes. For the upcoming year, Ogle County has estimated the City's EAV at \$237,869,359. Finance Manager Chris Cardott led a discussion on the 2015 Tax Levy at the November 23rd City Council meeting. The Fire and Police Pension Boards have requested that council fully fund their recommendations based on actuarial studies. The Fire Pension Board is seeking a contribution from property taxes of \$284,203. The Police Pension Board is seeking a contribution of \$319,397. The proposed levy calculations would result in the City collecting \$2,276,386 in property taxes, an increase of 4.99% over 2014. Based on the estimated EAV, the tax rate would decrease by .070004 per \$100 EAV, compared to 2014, to a rate of 0.983646. The proposed 2015 levy includes funding the Police and Fire Pension Funds as recommended by the boards. Jason Anderson answered questions. Motion made by Councilman Hayes and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **"I move Ordinance 15-4504, An Ordinance Establishing Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone City of Rochelle-Enterprise Zone Designation – Property Tax Abatement, be approved."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Eckhardt, Hayes, Hollenbeck, D. McDermott, T. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

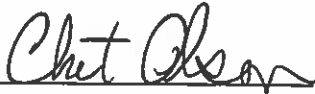
5) **IOSC Operations Agreement - Control Room Services RMU Electric.** The City of Rochelle entered into an Operating Services Agreement with the Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA) on January 1, 2006 for a term of ten years. As a result ISC, the service arm of IMPA, has acted on RMU's behalf in making energy purchases on a daily basis during that time period. IMPA recently reviewed its business model and has decided to discontinue this service to entities outside of Indiana. As a result, RMU staff recommend going through an RFQ process to select a new service provider. During this transition, Director of Utilities Business Management and Energy Production Dan Westin recommends that the City enter into the proposed agreement with ISC for the next four months for a flat fee of \$20,900 per month. Dan Westin was present to answer questions. Motion made by Councilman Eckhart and seconded by Councilman Hayes, **"I move Agreement 15-4505, An Operating Service Agreement with ISC for Control room services for RMU Electric, be approved."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Eckhardt, Hayes, Hollenbeck, D. McDermott, T. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: City of Rochelle Strategic Plan. Council will meet as a Committee of the whole to discuss the Strategic Plan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:11 p.m. Councilman Eckhart moved and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **"I move Council recess into Executive Session to discuss: Purchase or Lease of Real Property for City Use. Section (c) (5); and Setting of a Price for Sale or Lease of property owned by City. Section (c) (6)"**

Council returned to open session at 9:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: At the 9:00 p.m., moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilman D. McDermott, **"I move the Council adjourn."** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.



Chet Olson, Mayor



Bruce W. McKinney, CMC
City Clerk, City of Rochelle