

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 2016 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 Burke, Eckhart, Hayes, Hollonbeck, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, and Mayor Olson. Absent: None. A quorum of seven was present. Also present were City Manager Plyman and City Clerk McKinney.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC: Constitution week – September 17 – 23, 2016.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor: Sam Tesreau reported that 20th St. will be opening on Monday. He thanked the street department for their work.

Council: Councilwoman Hollonbeck encouraged everyone to read the study on the school consolidation.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE with Recommendations:

- a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – August 22, 2016
- b) Accept and in place on file minutes of golf course advisory committee July 25, 2016.
- c) Approve Bills – 081916-082516, 082616-090116
- d) Approve Payroll – 080116-08142016, 082816
- e) authorize Rochelle Township high school homecoming September 29, 2016

Moved by Councilor Eckhart and seconded by Councilor Hollonbeck, "**I move Consent Agenda Items (a) through (e) be approved by Omnibus Vote as recommended.**" Roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Burke, Eckhart, Hayes, Hollonbeck, D. McDermott, T. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

- 2) **Track unit agreement between Ryder Integrated Logistics, LLC & the City of Rochelle – City Industrial Railroad.** The City and Ryder had an operating agreement for many years which governed the switching and maintenance of the City Industrial Railroad (CIR). During that time Ryder subcontracted the switching operations to the Burlington Junction Railway (BJRY). In early 2015 the City's agreement with Ryder expired and the council approved a five year agreement with the BJRY for the switching and maintenance services. Since the time in which Ryder handled the CIR's switching needs, volumes of railcars have increased from 3,200 railcars per year (of which 2,800 cars were bound for the Ryder facility) to more than 10,000 railcars per year. The increase is due to non-Ryder traffic. Expansion of the CIR has not been able to keep up with the increasing demand for space to switch and store the increasing volume of railcars. A temporary solution has been to continue to utilize the Ryder yard for storing and switching non-Ryder railcars bound for other industries. The City and the Ryder Company have come to an agreement that would allow the CIR to continue to operate within the Ryder yard for the purposes of switching non-Ryder railcars. The CIR will compensate Ryder by designating \$90 per Ryder railcar from the switch absorption fees which are paid to the CIR from the Class I- Railroads. The term of the proposed three year agreement is April 16, 2015 through April 15, 2018. Compensation for the rail cars that have been switched through the CIR to Ryder from April 16, 2015 to the present has been calculated and will be paid upon approval of this contact. Going forward the CIR will compensate Ryder on a monthly basis. The long term solution for additional space is being addressed through the expansion of the CIR to the south. Economic Development Director Jason Anderson recommends that the City Council approve the Track Use Agreement. Moved by Councilor Hollenbeck and seconded by Councilor D. McDermott, **"I move Agreement 16-4605, A Track use agreement between Ryder Integrated Logistics, LLC and the City of Rochelle, be approved."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Eckhart, Hayes, Hollonbeck, D. McDermott, T. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:14 PM, moved by Counselor Eckhart and seconded by Counselor 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