

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 26, 2018**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 26, 2018 in the Council Chambers of City Hall; 420 N. 6th Street; Rochelle, IL 61068.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG & PRAYER: The Prayer was said by Deputy Clerk Rose Huéramo.

ROLL CALL: Present on Roll Call were Councilmembers Bearrows, Burke, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Absent: Councilor Shaw-Dickey. A quorum of six was present. Also present were City Manager Fiegenschuh and City Clerk McKinney.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC: National Vietnam War Veterans Day

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- Mayor
- Council Members
- Employee Introduction – Jay Mulholland
John Beck
- Retirements
- Good News –Water Department-Illinois Department of Public Health recognizes and commends the RMU Water Department for maintaining perfect compliance in 2017.
Street Department-Won a 2017 Safe and Sustainable Snowfighting award from the Salt Institute for excellence in environmental consciousness and effective management in the storage of winter road salt.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY. None

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE with Recommendations:

- a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – 3/12/18
- b) Approve Minutes of Strategic Planning Retreat – 2/13/18 & 2/15/18
- c) Accept and Place on File Minutes of Rochelle Police and Fire Commissioners – 12/12/17
- d) Accept and Place on File Police Pension Board Annual Treasurer's Report
- e) Accept and Place on File Annual Fire Department Report 2017
- f) Approve Exceptions – 03/07/18-03/19/18
- g) Approve Bills – 03/20/18
- h) Approve Payroll – 02/26/18-03/11/18
- i) Accept and Place on File Financial Statement February 2018

Motion made by Councilor Bearrows and seconded by Councilor Burke, **“I move consent agenda items (a) through (i) be approved by Omnibus vote as recommended.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Bearrows, Burke, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

2) First Amendment to Power Purchase Agreement between the City of Rochelle and Rochelle Energy LLC.

Item was tabled for Council Meeting 4/09/2018. No motion was needed.

- 3) **Notice of State Award – Project Co-Op.** In October of 2016, the City was awarded a \$3.4 million grant from the EDA for “Project Co-Op” which will expand the City’s railroad system. The overall project cost is estimated at \$7.0 million, and the City has been pursuing additional funding sources to help offset the local match of \$3.6 million. After an extensive period of research and numerous meetings with IDOT and the Governor’s office, the City was notified of a funding opportunity through the Bureau of Railroads in the amount of \$2.58 million. The funding opportunity was unique in that the City of Rochelle was the only eligible applicant. Subsequent to the funding notification, the City prepared and submitted the required grant application and supplemental information. The Bureau of Railroads has reviewed the application and has provided the City a “Notice of State Award”. Upon receipt of the executed “Notice of State Award,” IDOT will draft the formal grant agreement and provide it to the City for Council action. With the addition of the Bureau of Railroads award, the City will have secured \$5.98 million (85%) in grants to offset the costs associated with Project Co-Op. Motion made by D. McDermott and second Burke, **“Approve the “Notice of State Award” for Project Co-Op in the amount of \$2.58 million and authorize the Mayor to execute said notice.”** Roll call was taken. Ayes: Burke, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Bearrows and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:14 PM, moved by Councilor Bearrows and seconded by Councilor Burke. **“I move the Council adjourn.”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Chet Olson, Mayor

Rose Huéramo
Deputy Clerk of Rochelle