

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 25, 2019**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 25, 2019 in the Council Chambers of City Hall; 420 N. 6th Street; Rochelle, IL 61068.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG & PRAYER: Prayer was said by Pastor Cowan.

ROLL CALL: Present on Roll Call was Councilmembers Bearrows, Burke, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, and Mayor Olson. A quorum of seven were present. Also present were City Manager Fiegenschuh, Deputy Clerk Huéramo and City Attorney Lanzito.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC: None.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- Mayor
- Council Members – Councilman Hayes - Thanked the Street Department and all other City Staff for keeping the Community safe and running in the recent weather conditions.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: None.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE with Recommendations:

- a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – February 11, 2019
- b) Accept and Place on File Minutes of Utility Advisory Board – November 14, 2018
- c) Approve Exceptions – 0/06/19-02/18/19
- d) Approve Bills – 02/19/19
- e) Approve Payroll – 1/28/19-2/10/19
- f) Accept and Place on File Budget Summary Month Ending 1/31/19
- g) Approve Closure of City Street for the 102.3 Coyote Lucky Hub Dash 5K – March 16, 2019
- h) Authorize Closure of 10th Avenue between Illinois 251 and 8th Street – 2019 Outdoor Markets

Motion made by Councilor Burke and seconded by Councilor Bearrows **“I move consent agenda items (a) through (h) be approved by Omnibus vote was recommended.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilor Bearrows, Burke, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

- 2) **Ordinance to Set the Date for a Public Hearing in Connection with Proposed Amendments to the Redevelopment Plan for, and the Proposed Addition of Additional Properties to, the City of Rochelle Northern Gateway Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area.** Ordinance to set the Date for a Public Hearing in Connection with Proposed Amendments to the Redevelopment Plan for, and the Proposed Addition of Additional Properties to, the City of Rochelle Northern Gateway Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area. City Manager, Jeff Fiegenschuh was available to answer questions. Motion made by Councilor Hayes and seconded by Councilor D. McDermott, **“I move Ordinance 19-4969, an Ordinance to Set the Date for a Public Hearing in Connection with Proposed Amendments to the Redevelopment Plan for, and the Proposed Addition of Additional Properties to, the City of Rochelle Northern Gateway Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area, be approved.”** Roll call was taken. Ayes: Councilor Bearrows, Burke, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

- 3) **Ordinance Amending Certain Sections of Chapter 38 of the Rochelle Municipal Code Pertaining to Emergency Services – Alarm Systems.** Chapter 38 of the Rochelle Municipal Code pertaining to Emergency Systems includes a section for Alarm Systems. In the past, the City charged an annual fee of \$25 for residences and businesses that had alarm systems installed that were connected directly to the Rochelle Police Department Dispatch Center. With the advances in technology, residences and businesses have contracts with alarm billing companies that have their own monitoring centers. The amended Alarm System Code eliminates the annual charge, updates the definitions, and lists new rates for false alarm fees. Once passed, the Code will be mailed to the residential and business customers who were billed in 2018 notifying them of the change in false alarm fees and the discontinuation of the annual fee. The Police Department will monitor the false alarms. Finance Director, Chris Cardott and Police Chief were available to answer questions. Motion made by Councilor D. McDermott and seconded by Councilor Burke, **“I move Ordinance 19-4970, an Ordinance Amending Certain Sections of Chapter 38 of the Rochelle Municipal Code Pertaining to Emergency Services, Alarm Systems, be approved.”** Roll call was taken. Ayes: Councilor Bearrows, Burke, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
- 4) **Resolution Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements and Authorizing the Purchase of Two (2) Dump Trucks from CIT Trucks, LLC.** Over the past two years Street Department staff have driven, tested, and inspected several different dump truck options to find the most efficient, reliable and cost-effective vehicles that best fit the daily requirements of the Street Department. After a final review of these vehicles and taking into consideration the vehicle costs, efficiencies, and reliability staff concluded that the Kenworth T370 cab & chassis with a Bonnell dump body and snow plow package to be in the City’s best interest. The 2019 Street Department budget includes funds to finance the 2019 annual payment for the purchase of two new single axle dump trucks equipped with hydraulic dump bodies and snow plow packages. Plow truck 1 is priced at \$166,174.00 and plow truck 2 including a wing plow is priced at \$177,724.00 for a combined total cost of \$343,898.00. These vehicles will be financed through a local bank not to exceed a 4-year term and at an interest rate not too exceed 4.75 percent. Each year the cost of these vehicles including the dump body and plow packages increase 3 to 5 percent on average. By financing two of these vehicles at the same time we can eliminate the annual increase of cost for one of these vehicles and this savings may be considered as offsetting the financed interest rate. These new vehicles will be replacing an existing 2002 and 2003 dump trucks. Replacing these existing dump trucks will reduce maintenance costs as well road salt costs by incorporating new technology. The proposed vehicles are to be purchased through CIT Trucks LLC in Rockford, IL under Sourcewell procurement contracts (081716-KTC) and (080818 BNL). Sourcewell is a governmental unit providing competitively solicited cooperative contracts ready for use by governmental entities. Sourcewell’s rigorous procurement process meets or exceeds all local and state purchasing requirements. (30 ILCS 525 /2). Tim Isle was available to answer questions. Motion made by Councilor Hayes and second by Councilor Bearrows, **“I move Resolution 19-16, a Resolution Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements and Authorizing the Purchase of Two (2) Dump Trucks from CIT Trucks at a combined cost of \$343,898, be approved.”** Roll call was taken. Ayes: Councilor Bearrows, Burke, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Olson. Nays: None.
- 5) **Ordinance Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements and Awarding a Contract to Exceleron Software, LLC - Prepaid Meters.** A pre-pay meter program allows customers to pay for utility services prior to delivery. As customers use their utilities, the credit balance is reduced. Customer benefits include no late charges, deposits and past due balances paid over time, better control over their budget and tracking their usage in dollars versus kWh. The utility benefits include avoiding field visits associated with disconnects, reducing credit-related costs (collections, employee costs), and reducing energy consumption to achieve energy efficiency goals. Exceleron Software, LLC provides a pre-pay metering program which is compatible with the Elster meters and the Caselle billing software. The company is PCI compliant and maintains a secure data warehouse. The agreement with Exceleron Software, LLC is for 3 years which will allow time for implementation, testing, and customer involvement. Barbara Bell was available to answer questions. Item was tabled until further notice.
- 6) **Engineering Agreement – Northeast Area Sanitary Sewer Lining Project.** In 2018 RMU rehabilitated approximately 4,500 feet of sanitary sewer in the Meadowbrook area along with 16 manholes by installing a cure in place liner. This area experiences frequent flooding and sewer backups partially due to the condition of the sanitary sewer. RMU intends to line approximately 7,000 feet of sewer in that area using the same technology as a continued effort to reduce infiltration in our system. Adam Lanning was available to answer questions. Motion made by Councilor Bearrows and second by Councilor Shaw-Dickey, **“I move Council approve an engineering agreement with Willett Hofmann for the Northeast Area Sanitary Sewer Lining Project, Meadowbrook Phase 2, at a cost of \$56,100 for design and construction management services.”** Roll call was taken. Ayes: Councilor Bearrows, Burke, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

DISCUSSION ITEM: Professor David Malone from Illinois State University Geology department. He is the main point of contact regarding the radium investigation he and his team are conducting for Rochelle. Professor Malone presented a presentation to discuss some preliminary findings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:58 PM, Councilor Hayes moved and seconded by Councilor T. McDermott, **“I move the Council recess into executive session to discuss setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the City, Section (c) (6), and discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated, Section (c) (21).”** Roll call was taken. Ayes: Councilor Bearrows, Burke, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

At 8: 27 PM, Councilor Bearrows moved and seconded by Councilor Hayes, **“I move the Council return to open session.”** Motion passes by voice vote without dissent.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:28 PM, moved by Councilor Shaw-Dickey and seconded by Councilor Bearrows. **“I move the Council adjourn.”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Chet Olson, Mayor

RoseMary Huéramo
Deputy Clerk of Rochelle