

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
May 27, 2014**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 in the Council Chambers of City Hall; 420 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street; Rochelle, IL 61068.

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

**ROLL CALL:** Present on Roll Call were Councilmembers McDermott, Hollenbeck, Berg, and Mayor Olson. Absent: Councilmembers Eckhardt, Hayes and Rice. Quorum was present. Also present were City Manager Plyman and City Clerk McKinney.

**PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.:** None

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Mayor:
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- Council Members: Councilmembers Hollenbeck, Berg and Rice will be absent at the next Council meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** None

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**1) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE with Recommendations:**

- a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – May 12, 2014
- b) Approve Bills – 05/02/14-05/08/14=\$143,633; 05/09/14-05/15/14=\$421,409
- c) Approve Payroll – 04/28/14-05/11/14=\$215,765
- d) Approve Ordinance Establishing Prevailing Wage Rates
- e) Approve Ordinance Amending the Rochelle Municipal Code to Allow for Three Deputy City Clerks
- f) Approve City Manager Contract Renewal

Councilwoman Hollonbeck asked to remove item f from the Consent Agenda and delay action until a future date.

Moved by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilman McDermott, **“I move Consent Agenda Items (a) through (e) be approved by Omnibus Vote as recommended.”** A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hollonbeck, McDermott, Berg, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 4-0.


2. **Acceptance of Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation Grant for a 230 kW Solar Plant at the Water Reclamation Plant:** Last year Rochelle Municipal Utilities (RMU) applied for a grant through the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation (ICECF) to fund \$2 per watt or 60% of a 230 kW solar plant, whichever is less. In March the Mayor and Council approved proceeding with the second phase of the application process which included providing a letter of commitment. On May 1<sup>st</sup> the ICECF issued a letter awarding RMU up to \$500,000 for the solar plant at the water reclamation plant. Based on an analysis by Dan Westin, which included the cost to construct the plant, value of energy produced, value of energy credits and capacity savings, the plant will pay for itself in 4.2 years. This would mean, based on a life expectancy of twenty years, that the plant would produce essentially free energy for nearly sixteen years. The RMU Transmission and Distribution Capital Outlay Budget includes the remaining 40% required to construct the plant. Dan Westin was present to answer questions. Also present was Chet Kotodziej, Executive Director of Freedom Field. Councilman Berg moved and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **"I move the Council Approve Accepting a Grant from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation for the Installation of a 233KW solar Plant at the Water Reclamation Plant."** A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hollonbeck, McDermott, Berg, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 4-0.


DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 7:35 p.m., Councilwoman Hollonbeck moved and seconded by Councilman McDermott, **"I move the Council recess into Executive Session to discuss: The appointment, Employment, compensation, discipline, performance and/or dismissal of specific employee(s), Section (c) (1); 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)."** A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hollonbeck, McDermott, Berg, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 4-0

At 7:41 p.m. Councilwoman Hollonbeck moved and seconded by Councilman McDermott, **"I move the Council return to Open Session."** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 7:41 p.m., moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman McDermott, **"I move the Council adjourn."** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

  
Chet Olson, Mayor  
City of Rochelle

  
Bruce McKinney, CMC  
City Clerk, City of Rochelle