

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
July 30, 2018**

The Rochelle City Council met in Special Session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 30, 2018 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 Deputy Clerk Huéramo.

**ROLL CALL:** Present on Roll Call was Councilmembers Bearrows, Burke, Hayes, D. McDermott, and Shaw-Dickey. Absent: Councilman T. McDermott and Mayor Olson. A quorum of five was present. Also present were City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh, Deputy Clerk Rose Huéramo.

Councilor D. McDermott moved and second by Councilor Shaw-Dickey, **"I move the Council appoint Councilman Bearrows as Mayor Pro Tem for tonight's meeting."** A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilor Burke, Hayes, D. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Pro Tem Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 5-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** Local citizens/employees spoke on concerns/complaints of the Americold Expansion Project/Subcontractor Southern Mechanic & Construction, Inc (SMC). Pastor Rob Hamilton brought to the Council's attention the safety concerns, mistreatment of employees. Luis Castro spoke on unhealthy environments, unsafe equipment provided, unpaid wages/overtime and bounced checks. Jorge Mujica, spoke on behalf of Rev. C.J.Hawking of Arise Chicago, letter was provided and read to the Council. Vince DiDonato provided Appeal for Justice at Southern Mechanic & Construction, Inc. form for unpaid wages, climate safety, equipment safety, harassment. They are asking the Council, Government Officials to meet with Representatives of Americold.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

- 1) **Amendment to Power Purchase Agreement between the City of Rochelle and NextEra Energy Marketing, LLC.** Last year the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a power purchase agreement with Nextera Energy for electric usage above our 30 Megawatt baseload with Prairie State Generating Company. The contract is a three-year contract that went into effect June 1, 2018. At the time of the contract execution, the City was able to lock in rates of \$29.40 a Megawatt hour, which was well below the previous contract of \$44 a Megawatt hour price. Since the contract execution, power prices have continued to decrease. At the recent APPA conference, Jason and I met with our Nextera representative about extending our contract to lock in the prices for a longer term. Currently, the prices are approximately \$28.55 a Megawatt hour, which is slightly lower than our three-year rate. Staff would like authorization to work with Nextera to extend the contract for up to 8 additional years at the lower price. This will guarantee our customers receive a lower energy price for all power over 30 Megawatts. Jason Bird was present to answer questions. Councilwoman Shaw-Dickey existed the meeting at 6:22pm. Councilor D. McDermott moved and seconded by Councilor Hayes, **"I move Resolution R18-25, a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Amended Power Purchase Agreement with Nextera Energy Marketing, LLC for up to 8 additional years for a price not to exceed the current agreed prices per megawatt hour. be approved."** A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Hayes, D. McDermott, and Mayor Pro Tem Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 4-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 6:26 PM, moved by Councilor D. McDermott and second by Councilor Burke, **"I move the Council adjourn."** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

  
John Bearrows  
Mayor Pro Tem

  
Rosemary Huéramo  
Deputy City Clerk, City of Rochelle