

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
August 27, 2018**

The Rochelle City Council met in Special Session at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, August 27, 2018 in the Council Chambers of City Hall; 420 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street; Rochelle, IL 61068.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** None

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

- 1) Public Hearing on Community Development Block Grant for Electrical Infrastructure to Support the Expansion of the MightyVine Commercial Growing Operation on Centerpoint Drive.** On or about September 1, 2018, the City of Rochelle intends to apply to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant from the State CDBG program. This program is funded by Title 1 of the federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. These funds are to be used for a community development project that will include the following activities: electrical infrastructure including poles and conductors to support the \$17,000,000 expansion of the MightyVine commercial growing operation located on Centerpoint Drive in Rochelle, Illinois. The expansion will create a minimum 60 jobs. The total amount of CDBG funds to be request is \$900,000. The amount of CDBG funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit low-to-moderate income persons is \$459,000. The City of Rochelle also proposed to expend \$2,100,000 in non-CDGB funds on the project. These non-CDBG funds will be derived from the following sources: Rochelle Municipal Utility Electrical Fund. City Manager provided an overview of the grant program. Motion made by Councilor D. McDermott moved and seconded by Councilor Shaw-Dickey, "**I move the Council recess into a Public Hearing on a Community Development Block Grant for Electrical Infrastructure to Support the Expansion of MightyVine Commercial Growing Operation on Centerpoint Drive.**" Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 5-0. Councilman Hayes entered at 6:45pm. There were no questions from the audience. Motion made by Councilor T. McDermott and seconded by Councilor T. McDermott, "**I move the Council return to open session.**" Roll call was taken. Ayes: Burke, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Olson. Nays: None Motion passed 6-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 6:50 PM, moved by Councilor Hayes and second by Councilor T. McDermott, "**I move the Council adjourn.**" Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.



Chet Olson  
Mayor



Susan L. Messer  
City Clerk, City of Rochelle