

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
December 14, 2020**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 2020 in the Council Chambers of City Hall; 420 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street; Rochelle, IL 61068.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG & PRAYER:** The pledge was led by Mayor Bearrows and prayer was said by Pastor Williams.

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor - On March 16th, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Pritzker suspended the in-person attendance requirement for public meetings allowing public bodies to conduct meetings electronically without having to comply with the physical quorum requirements or the conditions for participating electronically in a meeting. On March 31st Governor Pritzker extended the order until April 30th. On May 29th Governor Pritzker extended the order until June 27th. On June 26th Governor Pritzker extended the order through July 25th. On July 24th Governor Pritzker extended the order through August 22nd. On August 21st Governor Pritzker extended the order through September 19, 2020. On September 18th Governor Pritzker extended the order through October 17, 2020. On October 16th Governor Pritzker extended the order through November 14th. On November 13th Governor Pritzker extended the order through December 12th. On December 11th Governor Pritzker extended the order through January 9, 2021. As a result, Councilman Bil Hayes has notified the City Clerk of his desire to participate remotely. Unless there is a motion objecting to his attendance, the request of the council member will be deemed approve. Present on Roll Call were Councilmembers Gruben, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Bearrows and Councilmember Burke and Hayes attended remotely. Absent: None. A quorum of seven were present. City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh, Deputy Clerk Rose Huéramo, and City Attorney Dominick Lanzito were also present.

**PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC:**

- Recognition of Santa's Helper, Steve Strain for all the hard worker for Santa's Helper for many years. Reminder of a virtual event held 12/18/2020.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Mayor's Report – Thanked the staff for the year of 2020, for a supportive Council and for a beautiful Christmas Décor Downtown. Condolences to the family of Todd Smith.
  - Accept the resignation of Joe Orlikowski from the Utility Advisory Board. Motion made by Councilor T. McDermott and seconded by Councilor D. McDermott, **“I move the council accept the resignation of Joe Orlikowski from the Utility Advisory Board.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0
  - Appoint Thomas Byro to the Utility Advisory Board as a voting member with a term of December 14, 2020-June 30, 2022. Motion made by Councilor D. McDermott and seconded Councilor T. McDermott, **“I move the council approve the Mayor's appoint Thomas Byro to the Utility Advisory Board as a voting member with a term of December 14, 2020-June 30, 2022.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
- Council Members
- Good News
  - 2020 Census Local Complete Count Committee
  - Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Award

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** None.

Motion made by Councilor D. McDermott and seconded by Councilor Shaw-Dickey, **“I move items #15 & 17 on tonight's agenda be moved to a new position following item #2.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

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

- a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – 11/23/20
- b) Accept and Place on File Minutes of Planning & Zoning Commission – 11/02/20
- c) Approve Exceptions – 11/25/20-12/8/20
- d) Approve Payroll – 11/16/20-11/29/20
- e) Resolution Retaining Jeff Fiegenschuh as Primary Board Member and Appointing Blake Toliver as Alternate Board Member to NIMPA

Motion made by Councilor Gruben and seconded by Councilor T. McDermott, “**I move Consent Agenda Items (a) through (e) be approved by Omnibus Vote as recommended.**” Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

- 2) **Amendment to Expand Incentives in the Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone (Public Hearing).** Pursuant to requirements in the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act, a hearing is being held for transparency and input regarding an upcoming application to change the incentives for certain projects in the Enterprise Zone. This public hearing was advertised in Rochelle News Leader and the Dixon Telegraph on December 9th. The zone advisory board has directed Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone Administrator Andy Shaw to seek the concurrence of the designating units of government through amending ordinances and an amended intergovernmental agreement as allowed by State statute (Chapter 20 Illinois Compiled Statutes 655, also known as the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act). This public hearing comes prior to these ordinance and intergovernmental agreement changes. A key benefit of investing in an Enterprise Zone is local property tax abatement on project improvements. This is accomplished by municipal and county ordinances, and other taxing district resolutions. This abatement is uniform across our Enterprise Zone, for participating taxing districts. At present, for qualifying projects, improvements are abated at 50% for 6 years. Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone Administrator Andy Shaw attended the meeting to share the proposed amendment to the local zone incentives which adds new tiers of property tax abatement for larger projects. Economic Director, Jason Anderson was also available for questions. Motion made by Councilor D. McDermott and seconded by Councilor Shaw-Dickey, “**I move the Council recess into a Public Hearing for an Amendment to Expand Incentives in the Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone.**” Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. There were no public comments made. Motion passed 7-0. Motion made Councilor Shaw-Dickey and seconded by Councilor T. McDermott, “**I move the Council return to open session.**” Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

- 15) **Proposal for Professional Services for Rochelle Transloading Center Expansion.** The City of Rochelle purchased ~20 acres east of the Rochelle Transloading Center (RTC) last year for the dual purpose of expanding the RTC and the City Industrial Rail (CIR) system. The demand for transloading is increasing with the prospect of windmill components and a number of other transloading opportunities. In order for the City to realize the full potential of the RTC it is necessary to expand the RTC’s footprint to incorporate the additional land east of the current operation. Fehr Graham has provided the City with a proposal to perform the following services that will facilitate the expansion

- 1) Topographic Survey of site
- 2) Detailed Engineering Plans for the expansion of the rail and transloading yard
- 3) Detailed structural engineering plans for drainage structures
- 4) NPDES Permitting for Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan
- 5) Submit a Permit Application to Federal & State agencies to construct stormwater detention structures
- 6) Design Stormwater detention structures in accordance with Rochelle’s Stormwater Ordinance

Jason Anderson was available for questions. Motion made by Councilor D. McDermott and seconded by Councilor T. McDermott, “**I move the council approve the Professional Services agreement between the City and Fehr-Graham Engineering and Environmental to expand the Rochelle Transloading Center at a cost of \$74,000 and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement.**” Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

- 17) **Ordinance Authorizing Lease of Property at 8764 South Highway 251.** In 2009 the City purchased a parcel of property, including a residential dwelling, located north of the airport at 8764 South Highway 251. This parcel was identified in the Airport Layout Plan as property the City needed to either purchase or acquire an avigation easement over in order to extend the runway to 5,000 feet. In the past City staff members have rented the residential dwelling on a month to month basis. Per statute, the City Council may authorize a municipal officer to sign leases with a term of less than two years. The proposed ordinance would allow the City Manager to sign a new lease and future leases for this property. The City has negotiated a month to month lease beginning on January 1, 2021 with a monthly rental payment of \$800. This is an increase of \$50 over the previous lease due to maintenance expense incurred in the last two years. Jason Anderson was available for questions. Motion made by Councilor T. McDermott and seconded by Councilor Shaw-Dickey, **“I move Ordinance 20-5196, an Ordinance Authorizing Lease of Property at 8764 South Highway 251, be approved.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
- 3) **Budget Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Hearing and Adoption).** The City of Rochelle held a Committee of the Whole meeting on November 16th. to discuss the upcoming 2021 budget. During the meeting, the City Manager presented a PowerPoint highlighting the 2021 budget and answered specific questions on various line items. The City Clerk published a Public Hearing Notice, as required by State law, to consider adoption of the budget at the December 14th City Council Meeting. Final action on the 2021 Budget is required on or before December 30, 2019 to be filed with Ogle and Lee Counties. The final Proposed 2021 General Fund revenues are budgeted at \$11,020,148. This represents a decrease of approximately 10% compared to the original approved 2020 budget. Budgeted expenses total \$11,019,849 which is approximately 10% lower than the 2020 budget. This results in a budget surplus of \$299. The combination of the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds, Internal Service Funds, Trust and Agency Funds, and Capital Project Funds results in budgeted revenues of \$75,645,544 and budgeted expenses of \$85,751,822. Illinois statutes require that the City conduct a public hearing on the proposed budget to allow citizens the opportunity to provide comments. After the Council returns to regular session, members of the Council can propose modifications to the proposed budget, each of which will be voted on by the Council. The proposed budget as amended will then be subject to a final Council vote for approval. Jeff Fiegenschuh was available for questions. Motion made by Councilor D. McDermott and seconded by Councilor Gruben, **“I move the Council recess into a Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0. There were no public comments made. Motion made by Councilor D. McDermott and seconded by Councilor T. McDermott, **“I move the Council return to open session.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0. Motion made by Councilor T. McDermott and seconded by Councilor Shaw-Dickey, **“I move the Council approve the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
- 4) **2021-2035 Capital Improvement Plan.** The City’s Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a multi-year planning instrument for the valuation and identification of the capital infrastructure projects in need of renovation, repair, and/or construction along with the equipment or vehicle replacement over the next fifteen years. The CIP relates these projected capital needs to the financial sources that will support their realization and the timeframe in which the financing and work will take place. Capital improvement programming is the process by which these capital projects are identified, prioritized, and selected, and thus are incorporated into the long-range fiscal and strategic planning of the City. The Capital Improvement Plan document is different from the annual budget as it sets forth a fifteen-year program. The first year’s program contains projects that are included in the 2021 City of Rochelle Budget. The remaining fourteen years reflect staff’s recommended priorities for the future. Jeff Fiegenschuh was available for questions. Motion made by Councilor T. McDermott and seconded by Councilor Gruben, **“I move the Council approve the 2021-2035 Capital Improvement Plan.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

- 5) **Ordinance Further Amending the Annual Budget for the Calendar Year Beginning January 1, 2020.** The City Council approved the 2020 Budget at the December 9, 2019 meeting. Due to the Covid-19 crisis and the uncertainty surround the State's budget issues and local tax collections, City Council approved an amended budget on May 11, 2020. Since that time, the City finalized the sale of the transmission assets and the Council approved defeasing the 2014 and 2015 Electric Revenue Bonds. The following revenue and expenditure budget changes account for these transactions.
- General Fund revenue increase of \$3,730,000 due to a contribution by ComEd
  - General Fund expenditure increase of City Manager Public Relations by \$250,000 for COVID Small
  - Business Grants General Fund expenditure increase in Police for new hires, backfill for COVID time off, and unexpected maintenance of squad cars
  - Electric Fund revenue increase of \$25,727,848 for tariff revenue, payment by ComEd, gain on sale of fixed asset, and a transfer in from the bond restricted accounts
  - Electric Fund expenditure increase of transmission expenses and cost of defeasing the bonds
- Jeff Fiegenschuh was available for questions. Motion made Councilor Shaw-Dickey and seconded Councilor D. McDermott, **"I move Ordinance 20-5184, an Ordinance Further Amending the Annual Budget for the Calendar Year Beginning January 1, 2020, be approved."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
- 6) **Resolution Establishing Minimum/Maximum Wage Rates for Fiscal Year 2021.** The Municipal Code of the City of Rochelle requires that the City Council annually approve a resolution establishing the minimum/maximum wage rates for all position classifications within the City. The proposed resolution applies to all employees and is based on job categories as defined by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. The rates included in this resolution are consistent with those that were incorporated into the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2021. Nancy Bingham was available for questions. Motion made Councilor T. McDermott and seconded Councilor Gruben, **"I move Resolution 20-42, a Resolution Establishing Minimum/Maximum Wage Rates for Fiscal Year 2021, be approved."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
- 7) **Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Personnel Manual (City of Rochelle Employee Handbook).** The City of Rochelle "Handbook" Personnel Policies Manual was revised in October of 2018. The Personnel Policies Manual is in constant review and revisions shall be made periodically to be consistent with all applicable laws, employment policies and current technology. Add a new chapter; Chapter 9 – Safety The new policies for the handbook are recommendations from Illinois Public Risk Fund (IPRF the workers' compensation carrier). There are several safety policies we will start adding to the handbook for the general employees. Currently, the APPA safety manual that the City adopted is in use for the Utilities and will continue, as it is job specific. Slips, trips, and falls have been the largest claims for the last several years, mostly due the extreme weather conditions in the winter. These policies will include training and ongoing inspections for potential hazards. See the attached supporting documents for the full policies.
- Slips, Trip and Fall Prevention Policy  
Safe Lifting Policy
- The changes are:
- Updating: Sick Leave, Chapter 3, Article D on Page 23  
Updating: Dating, Chapter 5, Article M on Page 39  
Sick Leave: Chapter 3, Article D established as paragraph 6 (six).
- Upon resignation, any sick time used will require a physician's statement, if no physician's statement is submitted, the time off will be considered vacation time or unpaid time and recorded as such. Any time used in the prior month to resignation may be reviewed and require a physician's statement or time used will the reverted to vacation time used.
- Dating: Chapter 5, Article M established as paragraph 2 and 3 (two and three).
- Co-workers who do not manage and/or supervise each other may continue in the dating relationship, however both parties must inform their direct supervisor and/or the department head of the relationship. The department head may consult with Human Resources or City Manager, if there is any concern regarding the existence of the relationship. Being involved in a dating and/or physical relationship with a co-worker may severely impact the employees' opportunities for promotion to supervisory positions within the department. Employees who fail to inform their supervisor and their department head of their dating and/or physical relationship will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination. Human Resource, Nancy Bingham was available for questions. Motion made Councilor Gruben and seconded Councilor T. McDermott, **"I move Resolution 20-43, a Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Personnel Manual (City of Rochelle Handbook), be approved."** Roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

- 8) **Ordinance Granting Variation Related to Signage for Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District.** (Tabled for future meeting.) The petitioner is seeking a variance of signs in order to construct a proposed electronic message board, located at 802 Jones Road, which is zoned B-2, Commercial Highway. Per Section 110-674 Prohibited Signs (5) Any flashing sign, subject to the provisions relating to non-conforming signs. Per Section 110-661 Flashing sign means any directly or indirectly illuminated sign, either stationary or animated, which exhibits changing natural or artificial light or color by any means whatsoever. A public hearing was held on Monday, December 7, 2020. The Planning and Zoning Commission voted to approve the Variance of signage by a vote of 6 to 0. Motion made by Councilor D. McDermott and seconded by Councilor Shaw-Dickey, **“I would like to make a motion to table item #8 until a time in the future.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
- 9) **Ordinance Further Amending the Shop Local RMU Credit Program.** The proposed RMU Shop Local Credit Program was designed to be an economic tool by the City of Rochelle to encourage our residents to patronize local businesses who were forced to close during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Program provides a \$60 reimbursement in the form of a credit on a future Rochelle Municipal Utility (RMU) bill for qualifying minimum \$300 purchases spent at local retail/service shop and restaurant/bar establishments located within the RMU Service Territory. Amendments to the existing Program are proposed:
- Residential households, commercial/retail and industrial businesses within RMU Service Territory
  - Unlimited submissions
  - Purchases made at qualifying businesses, August 15 through December 31, 2021
- Community Development Director, Michelle Pease was available for questions. Motion made by Councilor T. McDermott and seconded by Councilor Gruben, **“I move Ordinance 20-5186, an Ordinance Further Amending the Shop Local RMU Credit Program, be approved.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
- 10) **Ordinance Amending the Restart Rochelle Program by the City of Rochelle.** The purpose of the proposed Restart Rochelle Small Business Assistance Program is to help small businesses deemed “non-essential” survive Governor Pritzker’s Executive Order through this COVID-19 pandemic. For the purposes of this ROUND 3 Grant, restaurants and bars must have a physical business within the City limits that is a separate location than the primary residence of the business owner. Homebased businesses do not qualify. Businesses with drive-thru service are not eligible. Restaurants that are exempt from the Governor’s Order and allowed to stay open are not eligible. Businesses are required to close indoor service and comply with Governor’s mitigation rules. Business must close on or before December 15, 2020. The business must generate sales tax or property tax. The maximum grant amount a business can received is \$10,000 for qualifying expenses. Eligible expenses may include rent or mortgage payment, insurance and utilities. Grant funds will be paid out at the end of each qualifying month. Michelle Pease was available to answer questions. Motion made by Councilor Shaw-Dickey and seconded by Councilor D. McDermott, **“I move Ordinance 20-5187, an Ordinance Amending the Restart Rochelle Program by the City of Rochelle, be approved.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
- 11) **Ordinance Accepting and Approving the Proposal of Foster Coach Sales, Inc. Pursuant to the Request for Proposal and the Disposal of One Used Ambulance as Surplus Property.** The Fire Department is requesting permission to purchase a Horton ambulance from Foster Coach Inc. Ambulance Sales. This ambulance will replace a 2010 ambulance with approximately 80,000 miles. This purchase was anticipated and budgeted for FY2020. A detailed specification was created along with three additional requirements, detailed below. The “Notice to Bidders” was published on October 20th, 2020 with responses required by November 20th, 2020. A bid opening was conducted at City Hall on November 20th. Only one bid was received, from Foster Coach. The bid met all of the specifications and additional requirements.
- Performance Bond  
A performance bond is included in the purchase price (\$693), guaranteeing the amount of the prepayment against contractor failure to deliver.
- A Description Of The Pre-Payment Discount  
The prepayment discount pays 3% annualized interest on the entire prepaid amount until delivery.
- A Trade in Offer for a 2010 Ambulance.  
Foster Coach has offered to take the 2010 ambulance on trade for \$9,500 reducing the purchase price of this new ambulance to \$228,913.
- Fire Chief Dave Sawlsville was available for questions. Motion made by Councilor T. McDermott and seconded by Councilor Gruben, **“I move Ordinance 20-5188, an Ordinance Accepting and Approving the Proposal f Foster**

**Coach Sales, Inc. Pursuant to the Request for Proposal and the Disposal of One Used Ambulance as Surplus Property, be approved.**” Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

- 12) **Ordinance Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into Agreement for the Purchase of a Sewer Jetter Truck.** The new Environmental Protection Agency guidelines for the issuance of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit entails discharge limitations, monitoring, and reporting requirements. Under these guidelines we are required to implement a Capacity Management Operations and Maintenance (CMOM) program which includes a strategy to prevent discharges from sanitary sewer overflows or basement back-ups and ensuring that overflows or back-ups, when they do occur, do not cause or contribute to violations or cause impairment in any adjacent receiving water. As part of the process to achieve compliance, through the elimination of and mitigating the adverse impacts of any such overflows event, we must consistently jet and televise sewer lines. The old, existing Vactor jetter truck will be shared by the Water, Streets and Electric departments to hydro excavate and to jet storm systems. Utilities Superintendent, Adam Lanning was available for questions. Motion made by Councilor Gruben and seconded by Councilor Shaw-Dickey, **“I move Ordinance 20-5189, an Ordinance Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for the purchase of a Sewer Jetter Truck, be approved.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
- 13) **New Vehicle Lease Agreements for Water and Electric Departments.** The Water and Electric departments each plan to lease new trucks through the Enterprise Fleet Management Leasing program. Both trucks will be delivered in January 2021 with a lease term of 60 months. Under the program the City has a cost-effective way to maintain a reliable fleet without a huge upfront investment. The lease agreement includes bumper-to-bumper maintenance coverage significantly reducing repair costs and down time. Adam Lanning and Jeff Fiegenschuh were available for questions. Motion made by Councilor T. McDermott and seconded by Councilor D. McDermott, **“I move the Council approve a lease agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management for a 2021 Chevy Silverado for the Electric Department at a monthly rate of \$466.37 and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0. Motion made by Councilor T. McDermott and seconded by Councilor D. McDermott, **“I move the Council approve a lease agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management for a 2021 Ford F-250 for the Water Department at a monthly rate of \$657.08 and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
- 14) **Renewal of Maintenance Service Program for Caterpillar Engines and New Radiator for Caterpillar Engine #16.** The five-year maintenance service program that covers six (6) Caterpillar engines at the Caron Rd. substation, that are used for peak shaving, is set to expire at the end of 2020. The quote for parts and labor coverage is for 60 months for engines 13,15,16, 17 and 18 and 48 months for engine 14 totaling \$103,580. By participating in the maintenance service program, we have been able to save significant money in repairs and parts. This year Caterpillar engine #16 had a catastrophic failure that ended up cracking the engine block and the total cost of the repairs covered through the program was \$300,000. These engines produce approximately 11 MW per day during peak shaving season. During the service call it was determined that Caterpillar engine #16 needs to be upgraded from a single stage radiator to a dual stage radiator. This will increase the engine’s performance. The current capacity will go from 1300 kilowatts to 1800 kilowatts with the new radiator adding ½ MW load capacity. The cost to upgrade the radiator is \$76,305.62. Adam Lanning was available for questions. Motion made by Councilor D. McDermott and seconded by Councilor Shaw-Dickey, **“I move the Council approve a five-year maintenance service agreement with Altorfer for six Caterpillar engines at a cost of \$103,580 and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0. Motion made by Councilor T. McDermott and seconded by Councilor D. McDermott, **“I move the Council approve the purchase of a new radiator from Altorfer at a cost of \$76,305.62.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

- 16) **Ordinance Amending Section 6-46 of the Municipal Code of the City of Rochelle to Delete One Class B Liquor License for T. J. Lounge, Inc. d/b/a T. J.'s and Ordinance Amending Section 6-46 of the Municipal Code of the City of Rochelle to Create One Class B Liquor License for Sissy's Wild Card Saloon.** Ken Rosencrans has notified the City that he is in the process of purchasing T.J.'s bar, located at 417 Cherry Avenue. The owner of T.J.'s has verbally acknowledged that she plans to surrender the Class B liquor license effective upon the consummation of the sale transaction scheduled for December 15, 2020. Rosencrans has submitted an application for a Class B liquor license for Sissy's Wild Card Saloon at the same location effective upon the purchase of the business. The Class B liquor license allows for the retail sale on the premises specified of alcoholic liquor for consumption on the premises as well as other packaged retail sale of such liquor. The Liquor Commissioner, Mayor Bearrows, has reviewed the application and has no objection to the deletion of a Class B liquor license for T.J.'s and the creation of a Class B liquor license for Sissy's Wild Card Saloon. These actions will result in a total of ten Class B liquor licenses in the City of Rochelle. City Clerk, Sue Messer was available to answer questions. Motion was made by Councilor Shaw-Dickey and seconded by Councilor D. McDermott, **"I move Ordinance 20-5194, an Ordinance Amending Section 6-46 of the Municipal Code of the City of Rochelle to Delete One Class B Liquor License for T.J. Lounge, Inc. d/b/a T.J.'s, be approved."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0. Motion made by Councilor Shaw-Dickey and seconded by Councilor D. McDermott, **"I move Ordinance 20-5195, an Ordinance Amending Section 6-46 of the Municipal Code of the City or Rochelle to Create One Class B Liquor License for Sissy's Wild Card Saloon, be approved."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
- 18) **Illinois Municipal Insurance Cooperative Risk Insurance Renewal December 31, 2020.** The Illinois Municipal Insurance Cooperative (IMIC) risk insurance policy managed by AJ Gallagher is set to renew on December 31, 2020. During the quarterly meeting on December 8th the IMIC Co- Op was presented with 4 options. The group as whole opted for the lowest premium option 1. The total premium for the whole IMIC group increased 20%. Due to current challenging times (COVID 19, current law enforcement landscape, Sexual Abuse, Employment Practice, etc.) insurance companies are not able to provide the same limits or capacity as they have in the past. These social inflations and growing catastrophic verdicts continue to affect the excess liability marketplace making it very challenging to maintain the cost of insurance down. The renewal amount for the City of Rochelle for the 2021 risk insurance premium is \$ 688,544 which is an approximately 21% increase from last year. The coverage includes property, excess liability, cyber liability and workers compensation insurance. Through our Worker's Compensation carrier IPRF, the City received a safety grant in the amount of \$13,458 for safety equipment and/or training for 2021. The award amount varies from year to year based on the total worker's compensation losses and payroll amounts from the previous year. Risk Manager & Safety Coordinator, Adriana Milan was available for questions. Motion made by Councilor D. McDermott and seconded by Councilor Shaw-Dickey, **"I the Council approve and place on file the 2020 Risk Insurance Premium for 2021 from the Illinois Municipal Insurance Cooperative at a cost of \$688,544."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
- 19) **Ordinance Further Continuing the Temporary Suspension of Late Fees as Identified in Chapter 98 Article I of the Rochelle Municipal Code.** Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and the effects it is having on our local economy, I am requesting that you approve an ordinance further extending the waiver of late fees for RMU customers through July 31, 2021. Jeff Fiegenschuh was available for questions. Motion made by Councilor T. McDermott and seconded by Councilor Shaw-Dickey, **"I move Ordinance 20-5198, an Ordinance Further Continuing the Temporary Suspension of Late Fees as Identified in Chapter 98 Article I of the Rochelle Municipal Code, be approved."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 7:55 PM, moved by Councilor T. McDermott and seconded by Councilor Shaw-Dickey, **"I move the Council adjourn."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

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John Bearrows, Mayor

RoseMary Huéramo  
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