

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 22, 2021**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 22, 2021 in the Council Chambers of City Hall; 420 N. 6th Street; Rochelle, IL 61068.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG & PRAYER: The pledge and prayer by Deputy Clerk Rose Huéramo.

ROLL CALL: 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 9th. On January 8th Governor Pritzker extended the order through February 6th. On February 5th Governor Pritzker extended the order through March 6th. On March 5th Governor Pritzker extended the order through April 3rd. 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 approved. Present on Roll Call were Councilmembers Burke, Gruben, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, and Councilman Hayes attended remotely. Absent: Councilwoman Shaw-Dickey and Mayor Bearrows. A quorum of five were present. City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh, Deputy City Clerk Rose Huéramo were also present.

Motion made Councilor Burke and seconded by Councilor Hayes, “**I move the Council appoint Councilman Tom McDermott as Mayor Pro Tem for tonight’s meeting.**” Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, and T. McDermott. Nays: None. Motion passed 5-0.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC: None.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- Mayor’s Report- Mayor Pro-Tem Tom McDermott reminded the citizens of Rochelle to educate and vote for the City Council elections on April 6th.
- Council Members

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: None.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE with Recommendations:

- a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – 3/8/21
- b) Approve Exceptions – 3/2/21-3/8/21, 3/9/21-3/15/21
- c) Approve Payroll – 02/22/21-3/7/21
- d) Approve Can Request to hold a Food Truck Fair – 4/24/21 & 10/16/21
- e) Accept and Place on File Financial Statement – February 2021
- f) Approve Resolution Regarding the Release of Executive Session Minutes

Motion made by Councilor D. McDermott and seconded by Councilor Gruben, “**I move Consent Agenda Items (a) through (f) be approved by Omnibus Vote as recommended.**” Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, and Mayor Pro-Tem Tom McDermott. Nays: None. Motion passed 5-0.

- 2) Ordinance Amending Section 6-46 of the Municipal Code to Create One Class B Liquor License for Rusty’s Slots.** Russ Stevens has submitted an application for a Class B liquor license for Rusty’s Slots at 901 South 7th Street, the former Hub Shuttle facility. 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 creation of a Class B liquor license for Rusty’s Slots. This action will result in a total of eleven Class B liquor licenses in the City of Rochelle. City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh and Russell Stevens were available for questions. Motion made by Councilor Burke and seconded by Councilor D. McDermott, “**I move Ordinance 21-5225, an Ordinance Amending Section 6-46 of the Municipal Code to Create One Class B Liquor License for Rusty’s Slots, be approved.**” Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, D. McDermott, and Mayor Pro-Tem Tom McDermott. Nays: Councilman Hayes. Motion passed 4-1.

- 3) **Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Quigg Engineering, Inc. for Preliminary Assessment and Schematic Design and Design Phase Services.** Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics (IDOT) has determined through pavement evaluation studies in relation to type and weight of aircraft and land at the Rochelle Municipal Airport, that a portion of the center ramp asphalt is in need of replacement with concrete. To move forward with this project, the City Council must authorize the City Manager to execute an Agreement with Quigg Engineering, Inc. and authorize the Preliminary Assessment and Schematic Design & Design Phase Services. The 2021 Capital Outlay Summary for the Airport includes funding for the center ramp improvements. Mike Hudetz, Airport Manager and Economic Developer Director, Jason Anderson were available for questions. Motion made by Councilor D. McDermott and seconded by Councilor Burke, **“I move Resolution R21-07, a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Quigg Engineering, Inc. for Preliminary Assessment and Schematic Design and Design Phase Services, be approved.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, and Mayor Pro-Tem Tom McDermott. Nays: None. Motion passed 5-0.
- 4) **Ordinance Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements and Awarding Wesco Distribution the Purchase Order for the Purchase of Cyclone Streetlights.** Under the 2010 Lighthouse Pointe Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District Redevelopment Plan a variety of programs and strategies have been implemented to promote economic development by improving the infrastructure in the area; this included replacing the streetlights in front the Walmart shopping center. We are requesting the purchase of 40 Cyclone streetlights to comply with the terms of the agreement. These lights will be installed in accordance with IDOT specifications since Illinois Route 38 is a state road. Wesco Distribution is an authorized dealer in our area and the only supplier of this type of lighting product; therefore, we request to bypass the bidding process. The Lighthouse Pointe TIF has sufficient funds to cover the proposed expenditure of \$369,880 significant bandwidth capacity for a reasonable amount. Adam Lanning, Utilities Superintendent was available for questions. Motion made by Councilor Gruben and seconded by Councilor Burke, **“I move Ordinance 21-5227, an Ordinance Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements and Awarding Wesco Distribution the Purchase Order for the Purchase of Cyclone Streetlights at a cost of \$369,880, be approved.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, and Mayor Pro-Tem Tom McDermott. Nays: None. Motion passed 5-0.
- 5) **Ordinance Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements and Authorizing the City Manager to Accept Fairbanks Morse’s Estimate for the Repairs of Peaker Engine Number 1.** On June 2020 Peaker Engine Number 1 suffered a catastrophic mechanical failure where the crankshaft and block suffered significant damage. We have confirmed coverage through our insurance carrier under the mechanical breakdown coverage. The total cost of repairs is \$1,042,144.23, this includes a bid to lift the engine with a crane from Parker Fabrication, Inc. All repair cost will be covered by the insurance company minus the \$5,000 insurance deductible. Repairs will begin once we have received the insurance settlement check. Peaker Engine Number 1 is a Fairbanks Morse model therefore it is prudent to have the proprietor manufacturer complete the needed repairs. Currently the engine generates approximately 2 MW of power. It is anticipated that after the repairs are done the output capacity will increase about 400 KW. We conducted a repair cost analysis and based on conservative assumptions Peaker Number 1 generates approximately \$100,000 per year in net savings to the City. Adam Lanning was available for questions. Motion made by Councilor Burke and seconded by Councilor D. McDermott, **“I move Ordinance 21-5228, an Ordinance Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements and Authorizing the City Manager to Accept Fairbanks Morse’s Estimate for the Repairs of Peaker Engine Number 1 at a total cost of \$1,042,144.23, be approved.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, and Mayor Pro-Tem Tom McDermott. Nays: None. Motion passed 5-0.
- 6) **Resolution Authorizing the Retention of BHMGM Engineers, Inc. to Supervise the Repairs to Peaker Engine Number 1.** Due to the significant repairs needed to Peaker Engine Number 1 we reached out to BHMGM consultants to supervise the rebuild process of Peaker Engine Number 1. Their long history with these types of generators will provide technical and administrative support during the complex process. BHMGM will act as the owner’s representative and manage and inspect the process of the manufacturer rebuilding the Peaker plant generator for \$25,000. This expense will be covered under the insurance settlement. Adam Lanning was available for questions. Motion made by Councilor D. McDermott and seconded by Councilor Burke, **“I move Resolution R21-08, a Resolution Authorizing the Retention of BHMGM Engineers, Inc. to Supervise the Repairs to Peaker Engine Number 1 at a cost of \$25,000, be approved.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, and Mayor Pro-Tem Tom McDermott. Nays: None. Motion passed 5-0.

- 7) **Ordinance Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements and Authorizing the City Manager to Accept Fairbanks Morse's Quote for the Replacement of Two Turbochargers for Peaker Engine Number 2.** Due to the significant repairs needed to Peaker Engine Number 1 we reached out to BHMG consultants to supervise the rebuild process of Peaker Engine Number 1. Their long history with these types of generators will provide technical and administrative support during the complex process. BHMG will act as the owner's representative and manage and inspect the process of the manufacturer rebuilding the Peaker plant generator for \$25,000. This expense will be covered under the insurance settlement. Adam Lanning was available for questions. Motion made by Councilor Gruben and seconded by Councilor D. McDermott, "**I move Ordinance 21-5229, an Ordinance Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements and Authorizing the City Manager to Accept Fairbanks Morse's Quote for the Replacement of Two Turbochargers for Peaker Engine Number 2 at a cost of \$84,738, be approved.**" Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, and Mayor Pro-Tem Tom McDermott. Nays: None. Motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:05 PM, moved by Councilor Burke and seconded by Councilor D. McDermott, "**I move the Council adjourn.**" Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Burke, Gruben, Hayes, D. McDermott, and Mayor Pro-Tem Tom McDermott. Nays: None. Motion passed 5-0.

Tom McDermott, Mayor Pro-Tem

Rose Huéramo
Deputy City Clerk, City of Rochelle