

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2006**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 23, 2006 in the Council Chambers of City Hall; 420 N. 6th Street; Rochelle, IL 61068.

Present on Roll Call were Councilmembers Hayden, Colwill, Hayes, Berg, and Eckhardt. Absent: Councilwoman Hollonbeck and Mayor Olson. Also present were City Manager Alberts and City Clerk McKinney.

Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **“I move the Council appoint Councilman Colwill as Mayor Protem for the October 23rd meeting.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayden, Hayes, Eckhardt, and Berg. Nays: None. Abstain: Councilman Colwill. Motion passed 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilman Hayden moved and seconded by Councilman Berg, **“I move the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of October 10, 2006 be approved.”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

BILLS & PAYROLL: Councilman Eckhardt moved and seconded by Councilman Hayes, **“I move the bills and payroll for the second half of October 2006 be allowed and paid when checked over and found correct.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayden, Hayes, Eckhardt, Berg and Colwill. Nays: None. Motion passed 5-0.

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS:

- Mayor: Proclamation – Make a Difference Day – presented to RTHS students, Doug Issichopoulos and Roxanne Maliszewski.
- Councilmen: None
- Employee Introduction: Brad Schabacker, who is an operator in the Streets and Cemetery divisions. Brad is a graduate of RTHS, has an Associates Degree in Agribusiness Management, and prior experience in construction work that will be very beneficial in his position here for the City. He and his wife, Emily and son, Brady reside in Rochelle.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: None

BUSINESS ITEMS:

- 1) Retention of Hearing Officer (Landfill Application)
- 2) Retention of Environmental Consultant (Landfill Application)
- 3) Date for Landfill Hearing

An application for expansion of the Rochelle City Landfill was filed on Monday, October 16, 2006. The application calls for an expanded landfill allowing for receipt of up to 1,000 tons of solid waste per day, and an increased useful life of approximately 23 years. Section 78-73 of the City's Local Siting Ordinance provides that the City Council shall select by a majority vote a hearing officer to conduct the public hearing. Section 78-74(b)(2) provides that the City Council may retain a consultant to review the siting application. City Council's special environmental counsel, Don Moran, recommends that the City Council select John McCarthy of Canton as hearing officer. He also recommends that the City Council retain Patrick Engineering, Inc. of Lisle as its consultant to review the site location application. Per Attorney Moran "both Mr. McCarthy and Patrick Engineering have substantial experience in the local siting process". Don Moran was present to answer any questions. Moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilman Berg, **“I move the City Council approve the selection of John J. McCarthy as hearing officer for the public hearings to be held concerning the local siting application filed October 16, 2006, to expand the Rochelle Municipal Landfill No. 2.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayden, Hayes, Eckhardt, Berg and Colwill. Nays: None. Motion passed 5-0.

6) Audit Report Fiscal Year 2005/2006. The City Council retained Virchow, Krause and Co. LLP to perform an audit for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2006. The engagement of the Virchow, Krause and Company firm was for the sole purpose of performing an audit of the financial statements for the City, including all the City Enterprise funds. The comprehensive financial statements include financial activities of all funds, but separate statements were also prepared for RMU and the Police and Fire Pension Board. The audit contract did not include any analysis of the adequacy of operating revenues and thus does not address recommendations for eliminating the drain on previously accumulated cash reserves. The auditor's opinion, as noted on page i of the Audit Report, indicates that the City's financial statements for the year ending April 2006 presented fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the City and that its operations and cash flows are in conformance with generally accepted accounting principles. Heather Acker, CPA, Senior Manager of the Virchow, Krause audit team was present and presented the 2006 Audit Report and answered any questions. Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman Hayden, **"I move that the Council accept and place on file the Audit Report (06-3489) for FY 2005/2006 as prepared and presented by Vichow Krause & Company."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayden, Hayes, Eckhardt, Berg and Colwill. Nays: None. Motion passed 5-0.

7) **City Manager's Report:**

- **Rochelle & Ogle-Lee Fire Departments 3rd Quarter Report** Chief Tom McDermott reported that from January-September 2006, the Rochelle Fire Department responded to 1,440 calls for assistance; 343 were fire related and 1,097 were medical calls. During the same period the Ogle-Lee Fire District responded to 253 calls for assistance; 131 were fire related and 122 were medical in nature. Detailed statistics was prepared by Chief McDermott and provided to the Mayor and Council Members. Moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilman Hayden, **"I move the Council accept and place on file the 3rd quarter report (06-3490) of activities of the Rochelle and Ogle-Lee Fire Departments for the year 2006."** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.
- **927 N 7th Street** The property at 927 N 7th Street has been evaluated in terms of appropriate use by Community Development Director, Chris Limas. Mr. Limas is recommending that the property (currently zoned R-3) be rezoned R-O (Residential Office) which will allow residential as well as limited commercial activity. It has been proposed that there be a 35 foot setback for this site. This will be put on the next Plan Commission agenda for their review and recommendation.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:23 p.m. it was moved by Councilman Eckhardt, and seconded by Councilman Berg, **"I move the Council recess into Executive Session to discuss pending or imminent litigation." Section (c), (11).** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayden, Hayes, Eckhardt, Berg and Colwill. Nays: None. Motion passed 5-0.

At 9:10 p.m., Councilman Berg moved and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **"I move Council return to Open Session."** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

At 9:10 p.m., Councilman Berg moved and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **"I move the Council adjourn."** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Bruce McKinney, CMC
City Clerk, City of Rochelle

Wendell Colwill
Mayor Pro-tem, City of Rochelle