

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2007**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 22, 2007 in the Council Chambers of City Hall; 420 N. 6th Street; Rochelle, IL 61068.

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Boy Scout Troop 312.

Present on Roll Call were Councilmembers Hayden, Colwill, Hayes, Berg, Hollonbeck, Eckhardt and Mayor Olson. Absent: None. Also present were City Manager Alberts, City Attorney Cooper, and City Clerk McKinney.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilman Eckhardt moved and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **“I move the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of January 8, 2007 be approved.”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman Hayden, **“I move the Council accept and place on file the reports of the Stormwater Advisory Commission meeting of November 15, 2006.”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

BILLS & PAYROLL: Councilman Colwill moved and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **“I move the bills and payroll for the second half of January 2007 be allowed and paid when checked over and found correct.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayden, Hayes, Hollonbeck, Berg, Colwill, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS:

- Mayor: None
- Council Members: None
- Employee Introduction: Tim Tyszka was introduced by Ryan Alderks, as the City’s new Network Support Specialist for the Advanced Communications Division. Tim has nine years experience in computers and IT customer service. Tim is originally from Woodridge and he and his wife, Angie, and two children now reside in Rochelle.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: None.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

- 1) **Preliminary Plat/PUD Plat for Planned Unit Development Kings Crossing:** Wyndham Foxford, LLC requested annexation of 493 acres located north of Flagg Road between Queens Road and the High School Property for the Kings Crossing Development. Council approved the annexation agreement at the April 10, 2006 City Council Meeting. On July 17, 2006 and August 21, 2006 the City of Rochelle Plan Commission held a public hearing to review the proposed development. The Plan Commission voted to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Planned Unit Development for the Kings Crossing Subdivision subject to the resolution of staff comments 5-2 and to approve the Preliminary Plat/PUD Plat for the Kings Crossing Subdivision subject to the resolution of staff comments. On December 4, 2006 staff met with the developer to resolve any outstanding items. One unresolved staff concern dealt with the radius of some roadway sections in the subdivision along minor streets having a radius of less than 200 feet as required by City code. On January 3, 2007 the developer submitted a revised plan, plat, engineering and landscape plan that addressed this concern. These plans have been reviewed and have met the intent of the Plan Commission recommendation. Rich Girard (Developer), Sam Tesreau (City Engineer), and Chris Limas (Community Development Director) were present to answer questions. Councilman Hayden had concerns on minimum size of homes. This will be worked out between development and management. Sam Tesreau proposed that there be 5-foot sidewalks for the three schools. After much discussion, Councilman Berg suggested that they put in 4-foot sidewalks unless where 5-foot sidewalks are needed. Moved by Councilman Colwill and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **“Subject to square footage being worked out between developer and management, I move Plat 07-3512, A Preliminary Plat/PUD Plat for Planned Unit Development for Kings Crossing, be approved.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayden, Hayes, Hollonbeck, Berg, Colwill, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

2) Resolution Appointing an Authorized Agent for the Illinois Municipal Retirement System:

The Illinois Municipal Retirement System requires that the City, by resolution, designate an authorized agent to conduct business with IMRF. Due to the departure of the previously appointed IMRF authorized agent, a new agent needs to be appointed. The recommendation is to appoint Bob Withrow, Director of Administrative Services, until the Human Resources position is filled. Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **“I move Resolution R07-02, A Resolution Appointing Bob Withrow as the Authorized Agent for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, be approved.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayden, Hayes, Hollonbeck, Berg, Colwill, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

3&4) Public Art Agreements for Public Mural: The City of Rochelle is dedicated to the revitalization of its downtown area, in part through the promotion of tourism. The Illinois Lincoln Highway Coalition was created to promote tourism along the Lincoln Highway which runs through the City’s downtown. Downtown representatives and the Illinois Lincoln Highway Coalition (ILHC) would like to promote their mutual goals by the construction of a mural located in downtown Rochelle. This mural is expected to be attached to the north wall of the building located at 429 Lincoln Highway owned by Earl Andracke. ILHC will select an artist to create the mural which will depict an event or place historically related to the City and Lincoln Highway at their cost. The City will prepare the wall for the mural attachment, or pay for the cost of the preparation, and will be responsible for the maintenance of the mural. Diane McNeilly was present to answer questions. Moved by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilman Colwill, **“I move Agreement 07-3513, A Public Art Agreement between the City and Illinois Lincoln Highway Coalition, be approved.”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent. Moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **“I move Agreement 07-3514, A Public Art Agreement between the City and Earl Andracke, be approved.”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

5) City Manager’s Report:

• **Budget Calendar – FY 2007-08**

Department/Division heads will receive an instruction memo, budget forms and financial data by January 22nd with a deadline for submittal to Administrative Services of February 7, 2007. The preliminary proposed fiscal year 2007-08 budget is scheduled to be submitted to City Council on March 19, 2007. A Committee of the Whole Meeting will be scheduled between March 19 and April 16 to review the proposed budget. The required Public Hearing on the budget is expected to be held on April 23, 2007. State statute requires the budget to be adopted on or before April 30th. A copy of the budget calendar was provided.

• **Rochelle Police Department Fourth Quarter Report and 2006 Annual Report**

The Rochelle Police Department received 2,988 calls for service in the fourth quarter of 2006. The total calls for service were up by 245 calls when compared to the same period last year. A copy of the quarterly report was provided to Council. The Police Department Annual Report lists several highlights for the year 2006. These highlights are in the areas of personnel, training, community relations, investigations, patrol, communications and administration. Detailed statistics are also included in the report prepared by Chief Buck and provided to the Mayor and Council Members. Moved by Councilman Colwill and seconded by Councilman Berg, **“I move the Council accept and place on file the Rochelle Police Department 2006 Annual Report (07-3515).”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

• **Power Supply 2008**

The calendar year 2008 capacity and energy requirements for all RMU customers were finalized on January 9, 2007. A request for proposals was sent to all the major power producers with a due date of October 12, 2006. Proposals were received from six vendors with the lowest cost proposal from Exelon Generation Company totaling \$13,727,422. After some analysis, RMU chose not to accept this proposal with the expectation that energy markets were moving lower. Subsequently with assistance from a NIMPA consultant, RMU requested new quotations on January 9, 2007. Exelon again provided the lowest bid which totaled \$13,472,437 or \$254,985 less than the October 12th price. Management accepted this proposal in view of the volatility of energy prices, the importance of a reliable supplier and the competitive price of \$46.98 per MWh.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 1) United Transportation Infrastructure Plan. The City of Rochelle, GREDCO, the Greater Rochelle Area Planning Council, representing Alto, Dement, Flagg and Reynolds Townships, and the communities of Hillcrest, Creston, Steward, and Rochelle, the Village of Ashton, along with the planners and highway engineers from Ogle and Lee Counties have come together with the purpose of collaborating efforts to maximize the economic development potential of the region. On February 2, 2007 the City of Rochelle will host the **2007 Regional Transportation Summit** from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The purpose of the summit will be to update our elected officials about the regional economic development that has occurred since 2003 when the Union Pacific Railroad opened their Global III facility. Secondly the focus will be to educate elected officials about the transportation projects, including the scope and cost of each project, that our region needs to build to capitalize on the tremendous potential we have to expand our manufacturing, transportation, bio-energy and technology based industries. Jason Anderson, Economic Development Director, provided additional information. Included on the list of those invited to the 2007 Regional Transportation Summit, and expected to be represented, are all of our State and Federal officials. Both U.S. Senators will be represented; Congressman Hastert and Manzullo will be represented; as well as Senators Burzynski and Todd Stevens; and Representative Pritchard and Representative Mitchell. Along with these it is anticipated representatives from IDOT and representatives from the Department of Commerce. Sam Tesreau, City Engineer, talked a little about the concept map for future transportation projects.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

At 8:10 p.m., Councilman Colwill 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

Chet Olson
Mayor, City of Rochelle