

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2007**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 26, 2007 in the Council Chambers of City Hall; 420 N. 6th Street; Rochelle, IL 61068.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilwoman Hollonbeck moved and seconded by Councilman Hayes, "**I move the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of February 12, 2007 be approved.**" Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

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

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS:

- Mayor: Mayor Olson praised and thanked the staff for a great job with the past weekend snow events.
- Council Members: None

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: Representative Robert Pritchard updated the council on current state capitol events and issues before the State Legislature.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. **Revised Final Plat-Centerpoint.** A final plat for Centerpoint was conditionally approved on April 26, 2004. One of the conditions at that time was "agreement between the City, the Brush Grove Drainage District and Centerpoint on the construction of outflow facilities." Subsequent discussions took place regarding the terms of an agreement that would satisfy the Drainage District. In June of 2005, the City Council, after considering letters from the attorneys for Centerpoint, the Drainage District and the City found that Centerpoint had satisfied the conditions and authorized the execution of the final plat. Further discussions continued between the Drainage District and Centerpoint in an attempt to resolve the matter without litigation. An agreement was signed between the Drainage District and Centerpoint which provided that Centerpoint would dedicate the drainage ditches to the District and that Centerpoint would delete the "Drainage Easement" over the west and south of the property from its final plat. In accordance with the agreement between the Drainage District and Centerpoint, modifications of the final plat that had been approved on April 26, 2004, were incorporated into a revised final plat. The changes relate to the elimination of all references to drainage easements over the property. In January 2007 City staff received a copy of the revised final plat. In view of the significant changes to the plat, staff has recommended and management approved resubmitting the final plat for Council action. The revised final plat will need to be recorded as the official final plat. Sam Tesreau was present to answer questions. Mr. Tesreau informed the Council that all conditions have been met. Councilman Eckhardt moved and seconded by Councilman Colwill, "**I move Final Plat 07-3521, a revision to Final Plat 04-.0.1 for CenterPoint Subdivision Phase One, be approved.**" Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Colwill, Eckhardt, Hayden, Hayes, Hollonbeck and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
2. **Revision of Advanced Communication Services Pricing Schedule.** RMU has provided wireless Internet access to area customers since the system installation in 2003. Pricing for these services have been constant since that date and has previously been approved by Council Resolution. It has been brought to our attention that some of the services provided over our wireless network are no longer price competitive with alternate suppliers of these services. Based on market research recently completed by staff, a revised pricing schedule has been developed that lowers the cost of the two lowest bandwidth fixed wireless access customers and those customers for which RMU provides web site hosting. The price reductions at current customer levels will reduce monthly operating revenues by \$1,845. The new price schedule more accurately reflects the current market rate in a competitive environment. Ryan Alderks was present to answer questions. Councilman Colwill moved and seconded by Councilman Hayden, "**I move Resolution R07-03, A Resolution Amending Advanced Communication Services Pricing, be approved.**" Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Colwill, Eckhardt, Hayden, Hayes, Hollonbeck and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

3. **City Manager's Report:**

Rochelle Area Chamber of Commerce Business Expo 2007. RMU participated in the Chamber Business Expo, Feb. 16 and 17, 2007. This year's emphasis was on water conservation and energy efficiency. The table displays included visual aids that were educational, but enjoyed by all. The Water Division had beakers on display with water indicating the amount of water wasted from a dripping faucet. Electric Operations displayed an outlet box that compared energy use from incandescent light bulbs to compact fluorescent lamps and another box with a space heater and fan plugged into a "kill a watt" meter indicating their energy usage. Advanced Communications had a wireless bridge on display. RMU staff was somewhat disappointed with the expo attendance. The number of visitors appeared to be low both Friday night and Saturday.

State of the Community Dinner. The annual "State of the Community Dinner" will be held on Thursday, March 15, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rochelle Country Club. The program, sponsored by the League of Women Voters and Rochelle Area Chamber of Commerce is entitled "What's New, Who's New". Speakers for the program include: Dan Roeglin, Flagg-Rochelle Park District, Todd Prusator, Rochelle Elementary School, Jamie Craven, Rochelle Township High School and Ken Alberts, City of Rochelle.

United Way Campaign. The City's United Way Campaign will be held February 26-March 9. Representatives from United Way and a benefiting agency will present information on United Way and the difference it makes in our community to City staff on 2/27 and 2/28.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Truck Parking. The Economic Development Office addressed the City Council on August 28, 2006 regarding the numerous trucking companies seeking to locate land, in and around Rochelle, which would be used primarily for parking and staging trailers and chassis. The increase in demand for truck parking areas is being driven by the increased volumes of containers being delivered to Global III. Since that discussion staff has been working to identify areas where truck parking could be located as well as developing recommendations to meet short and long term needs. Staff has prepared a list of objectives as well as a list of issues that a proposed temporary truck parking ordinance will generate. In addition, staff prepared a proposal that will serve as a starting point for discussing this critical initiative. Jason Anderson, Chris Limas and Sam Tesreau presented the discussion. Lee Prunty spoke to the Council on the importance of allowing truck parking for the Intermodal site.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:44 p.m. Councilman Colwill moved and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **"I move the Council recess into executive session to discuss the following: The employment of specific employee(s) (Section (c)(2) and the purchase or lease of real property for the City's use (Section (c)(1))."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Colwill, Eckhardt, Hayden, Hayes, Hollonbeck and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

At 9:31 p.m., Councilman Berg moved and seconded by Councilman Hayden, **"I move the Council return to open Session."** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

ADJOURNMENT: At 9:31 p.m., Councilman Berg moved and seconded by Councilman Colwill, **"I move the Council adjourn."** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Bruce McKinney, CMC
City Clerk, City of Rochelle

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Mayor, City of Rochelle