

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

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

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

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

Moved by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilman Colwill, “**I move the Amended minutes for the August 2, 2006, Special Council meeting be approved.**” 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 March 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:
 - As a joke, someone placed a sign in their yard that said Colwill running for Mayor. Councilman Colwill set the record straight by stating that he is not running for mayor.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: Diane McNeilly, of the Downtown Rochelle Association, spoke on the revitalization of the Rochelle downtown district. Her main topic was the renovation and preservation of the downtown buildings. She suggested the Mayor reappoint a Historic Commission to work closely with Chris Limas, our Community Development Director, to develop a plan and guidebook to assist building owners in improving their properties.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

- 1) **Bids – South 10th Street Watermain Replacement:** The proposed 2007-08 RMU Capital Budget includes \$185,000 for the replacement/installation of 815 feet of water main on South Tenth Street between Avenue A and Lakeview Drive. This project is being proposed now, even though the budget has not yet been approved, to allow construction in May. This schedule will allow for the proper street and lawn restoration work to be completed in early summer. Subsequent to the required public notice, bids were opened on March 15, 2007, with six contractors submitting bids. RMU staff and their consultant, Matt Wagner of Willett-Hofmann, have reviewed all bids and determined that the apparent low bidder, Gilbert Construction, has met the minimum requirements of the specifications with their bid of \$134,999.99. The bid from Gilbert Construction was \$22,957.81 (or 14.5%) below the engineer’s estimate and \$3,819.41 below the next lowest bidder. Moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilman Hayden, “**I move the Council award Contract C07-04 for the South Tenth Street Watermain Project to D.R. Gilbert of Rochelle, Illinois in the amount of \$134,999.99 and reject all other bids.**” Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayden, Hayes, Hollonbeck, Berg, Colwill, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

2) **Resolution – Adopting Mission/Vision Statement for the City of Rochelle.** Members of the City Council and GREDCO formed a committee to establish a Mission/Vision Statement for the City of Rochelle. The committee sought to develop a statement that would clearly communicate the objectives and values of the City of Rochelle. The Mission/Vision Statement was introduced at the combined GREDCO and City Council Workshop held on March 20, 2007. These statements will be important in conveying the direction of the organization externally to outside contacts, as well as internally for future planning. Committee members were Dave Eckhardt, Teresa Almquist, Chuck Watkins, Jeanna Abbott, Pat Burch, and Ken Alberts. Councilwoman Hollonbeck thanked the committee for their hard work and good wording on the statement. Councilwoman Hollonbeck then read the statement at the suggestion of Council. Moved by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilman Berg, **“I move Resolution R07-08, A Resolution Adopting Mission/Vision Statement for the City of Rochelle 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) **Ordinance Amending Chapter 94 of the Municipal Code (Truck Parking)**

4) **Resolution Adopting Temporary Truck Parking Policy**

The Economic Development Office addressed the City Council on August 28, 2006 regarding the numerous trucking companies seeking to locate land, which would be used primarily for parking and staging trailers and chassis. 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 discussed the objectives, as well as the issues that a truck parking ordinance would generate, at the February 26, 2007 City Council Meeting. At Council’s request, a subsequent meeting was held with area “stakeholders” on March 7, 2007 seeking their input on a proposed plan. The proposed Truck Parking Policy has been developed to address the short term needs in the City of Rochelle. The policy includes a sunset clause of December 31, 2011 at which time long term solutions are anticipated to be available. Area business owners input have been given consideration in policy modifications. Chris Limas was present to discuss the policy and answer any questions. Sam Tesreau was also present to answer any questions. The Mayor brought up the problem of the dust issue, even though it is temporary. Joe Peters, General Manager of Peters Garage, stated that this proposal is cost prohibited and that his business would not participate. It was brought up by Councilman Eckhardt that if this is going to create a problem for the smaller businesses are we solving a problem or creating a bigger one. City Manager stated that the City needs to put a policy in place to accommodate future growth. The Ordinance and Resolution can be revised in the future. Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **“I move Ordinance 07-3526, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 94 of the Municipal Code of the City of Rochelle to Allow for Temporary Truck Parking by Permit, be approved.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayden, Hayes, Hollonbeck, Berg, Colwill, and Mayor Olson. Nays: Councilman Eckhardt. Motion passed 6-1. Moved by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilman Colwill, **“I move Resolution R07-09, A Resolution Adopting Temporary Truck Parking Policy, be approved.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayden, Hayes, Hollonbeck, Berg, Colwill, and Mayor Olson. Nays: Councilman Eckhardt. Motion passed 6-1.

5-8) **Agreements between the City of Rochelle, State of Illinois, and Burlington Northern**

Santa Fe Railway: The Illinois Department of Transportation has identified four grade crossings along the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway which they feel, in the interest of public safety, warrant improvements to the crossing signal devices. The State requires that an agreement be executed between the City and BNSF prior to these improvements; the BNSF has already signed the agreements. The identified BNSF crossings are located at 1st Avenue, Main Street, Washington Street, and 9th Street. The cost of improvements for the four crossings is estimated to be in excess of \$917,000 which will be funded through the Federal Highway Administration’s Safe, Accountable, Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA-LU). The City will be responsible for providing advance warning signs, pavement markings, and marked detours as required. City Engineer Tesreau was present to answer questions. Councilwoman Hollonbeck asked how we are going to accommodate traffic during this time Councilwoman Hollonbeck also asked about the quiet zones

discussed previously. Mr. Tesreau gave the information he has at this time along with the cost involved. According to Mr. Alberts, whether it is feasible or not money-wise to pay for the quiet zones, Sam is gathering the necessary information so that the Council will have the facts.

Councilman Colwill moved and seconded by Councilman Berg, **“I move Agreement 07-3527 through 07-3530 Between the State of Illinois Department of Transportation, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, and the City of Rochelle for the Local Agency Railway-Highway Grade Crossing Improvements located at Sections 05-00097-00-SP; 05-00098-00-SP; 05-00099-00-SP; and 05-00100-00-SP, be approved.** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayden, Hayes, Hollonbeck, Berg, Colwill, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

9) **City Manager’s Report**

- *American Planning Association Appointment.* The Illinois Chapter of the American Planning Association has appointed Chris Limas, Community Development Director for the City of Rochelle, as the Region One Coordinator. Due to the large geographic area, the American Planning Association has divided the state of Illinois into six regions. The Illinois State Section Board appoints a Coordinator to share planning related information and be accessible to the membership as the primary contact within each region. Region One encompasses fourteen counties in north western Illinois.
- *Proposed 2007-08 Budget.* The 2007-08 proposed budget was distributed to the Mayor and City Council on March 20, 2007. A Committee of the Whole Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Center at City Hall to review the budget. A public hearing will be scheduled in April with adoption of the Budget on or before April 30th as required by state law.
- *Rochelle Police Department Blood Drive.* The Rochelle Police Department is sponsoring a Blood Drive in cooperation with the Rock River Valley Blood Center on Thursday, March 29th from 3:00-7:00 p.m. The bloodmobile will be located in front of City Hall and individuals can contact the police department to sign up or walk-ins are welcome.
- *Drafting of Building Code Revisions.* John Spurgeon, Building Inspector for the City of Rochelle, has been assigned to serve on the Illinois Council of Code Officials (ICCA) as a delegate from the northern Illinois International Association of Electrical Inspectors (NIAEI). This gives him the opportunity to assist in the drafting of a building code for presentation to the Legislature.
- IDOT will conduct a Public Awareness Meeting on April 24th. Time to be announced. This will include information about improvements on 251 from the old high school property north to the bridge.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

At 8:45 p.m., Councilwoman Hollonbeck moved and seconded by Councilman Berg, **“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