

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2008**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 25, 2008 in the Council Chambers of City Hall; 420 N. 6th Street; Rochelle, IL 61068.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG & PRAYER

ROLL CALL: Present on Roll Call were Councilmembers Hollonbeck, Hayden, Berg, Colwill, Hayes, Eckhardt and Mayor Olson. Absent: None. Also present were Ken Alberts, City Manger; Alan Cooper, City Attorney; and Bruce McKinney, City Clerk.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.: REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- Mayor:
 - Thanked all those involved in making the Heritage Festival and the Airport Fly-In wonderful events: the Heritage Festival Committee; the Chamber of Commerce; the Tourism Board; and the City staff who volunteered their time.
 - Handed out the schedule for new Ogle-Lee County bus.
- Council Members: Both Kathy Hollonbeck and Bil Hayes showed their appreciation for the Lincoln Highway Festival and the Fly-In.
- Employee Commodation:

Chief Tom McDermott read and presented a commodation to Manuel Sigales, a City employee, for saving a child's life. Manuel, while at a local gas station, observed a four year-old child who had a zip-tie around his neck and was struggling to breathe. As paramedics were on their way to the scene, Manuel secured the child's neck and cut the tie. When paramedics arrived, the child was breathing normally.
- Employee Introduction:
 - Jessica Bell was introduced by Sue Messer as the Part-time Custodian for City Hall and the Building/Engineering Services. Jessica is a college student and was hired for experience and her positive attitude.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1) **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE:**

- a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting of August 11, 2008;
- b) Approve Bills/Payroll;

Moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilman Colwill, **"I move the Consent Agenda Items a, and b be approved by Omnibus Vote as Recommended."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayes, Hayden, Colwill, Hollonbeck, Eckhardt, Berg and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

- 2) **Bids – Caron Road:** A section of Caron Road, from 1st Avenue south for approximately ½ mile, received a pavement rehab and overlay in 2007. The 2008-09 Capital Improvement Fund includes \$385,000 for additional maintenance on Caron Road from Steam Plant Road north approximately 2300'. This is an important infrastructure project which serves not only current traffic needs along Caron Road but is an integral section connecting to the future Caron Road extension and Prologis Park. Subsequent to the required public notice, bids were opened on August 18, 2008, with three contractors submitting a bid. City Staff have reviewed all bids and determined that the apparent low bidder, Rockford Blacktop, has met the minimum requirements of the specifications with their bid of \$418,589.58. City Engineer, Sam Tesreau, recommends acceptance of the low bid from Rockford Blacktop Construction Company. Although the bid exceeded the budgeted amount, Motor Fuel Tax funds are available to cover the additional costs. Sam Tesreau was present to answer any questions. The truck traffic will be detoured to 251 and Veterans Parkway during the rehab. Wiscold Drive will be in a future plan. Moved by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilman Berg, **"I move Resolution R08-27, A State of Illinois Department of Transportation Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and highways by Municipality of Transportation Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and highways by Municipality for Caron Road, be adopted."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayes, Hayden, Colwill, Hollonbeck, Berg, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

Moved by Councilman Colwill and seconded by Councilman Hayden, **“I move Council accept Bid C08-15 for the Maintenance of Streets and Highways for Caron Road from Rockford Blacktop of Loves Park, IL in the amount of \$418,589.58 and reject all other bids.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayes, Hayden, Colwill, Hollonbeck, Berg, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

3) **City Manager’s Report:**

- **Election Dates for City of Rochelle.** City Council members, including the Mayor, are elected at large to staggered four-year terms in the City of Rochelle. The next consolidated election for the City of Rochelle will be held on April 7, 2009. Three of the current City Council members have terms which will expire at that time. Bruce McKinney, City Clerk, provided a brief overview of the process and schedule for anyone interested in running for City Council. The three positions up for election are Councilman Colwill, Councilman Eckhardt, and Councilwoman Hollonbeck. City Clerk McKinney gave the dates for filing and voting for these positions.
- **General Election:** The general election is November 4th; last day to register is October 7th; grace period and voting at County Clerk’s office is October 8th – October 21st. Early voting is October 14th – October 30th thru the County Clerk’s office.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY: Don Elliott thanked everyone for making the Fly-In a huge success. Thanked the Chamber and Festival Committee. Also, thanked volunteers and Mark Delhotal and Jenny Hartnett.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 1) **Quarterly Financial Report:** The City of Rochelle’s 2008-2009 budget was adopted by the Mayor and City Council on April 28, 2008. The first quarter of the current fiscal year budget ended on July 31, 2008. Finance Manager, Chris Frye, was in attendance to share information on actual revenue and expenditures in relation to the budget, particularly in areas where there are variances. Copies were given to the Council as well as a Power Point presentation. Councilman Colwill moved and seconded by Councilman Hayden, **“I move Council accept the First Quarter Financial Report of May through July of 2008 and place on file.”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:39 p.m. Councilwoman Hollonbeck moved and Councilman Eckhardt, **“I move the Council recess into executive session to discuss non-union personnel.”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

At 8:43 p.m. Councilman Berg moved and seconded by Councilman Colwill, **“I move the Council return to Open Session.”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:43 p.m., moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman Colwill, **“I move the Council Adjourn.”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Chet Olson
Mayor, City of Rochelle

Bruce McKinney, CMC
City Clerk, City of Rochelle