

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

- **John Kaminski:** Regarding the recapture agreement, which Mayor Olson spoke about in the local newspaper in regards to the Spring Creek \$4-million agreement, he inquired about the progress that City staff was looking into. Mayor Olson suggested that Mr. Kaminski make an appointment with Mr. Alberts to discuss this further. Mr. Kaminski will do so but also feels that the public needs to be given a clear picture.
- **Ed Kissick:** Regarding the April 13th council meeting, his opinion is that the City Manager is to manage the City as a business. Why didn't the City Manager caution the council that we don't have the \$4 million to spend if they don't do a TIF. Mr. Kissick's also mentioned a possible conflict of interest within the council on this issue and that it should be re-voted on.
- **Diane McNeilly:** Requested that agendas made available to the public should be more transparent as to what is going to be discussed and voted on at the council meetings.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1) **Overweight Vehicles:** The City established official truck routes on August 27, 2007. The intent of the truck routes is to insure that these vehicles are routed away from schools, parks and churches in an effort to promote the safe and efficient delivery of materials and supplies, on roadways that are engineered and constructed to handle 80,000 lb. gross vehicle weight vehicles. State statues require that all trucks over the 80,000 lb. limit or 8 ft. in width obtain a permit to travel over public roadways. The State of Illinois, Ogle County, and 22 of 24 townships within Ogle County all have adopted some form of permitting these vehicles. Sam Tesreau, City Engineer, shared the conclusions of the June 3rd meeting between City staff and Ogle County Engineer Curtis Cook, Dave Anderson (Lee Co), Spencer Hayden, Jason Anderson (ED), Chris Limas (CD), Ken Alberts (CM) and Sam Tesreau (CE). As the county is already permitting through Rochelle, they propose establishing a program using the county system. The plan is not to impose an impact fee but rather to obtain a better idea of how many over-weight trucks are passing through Rochelle. Discussion following included:

- **Councilman Berg:** We need to be careful as to how we enforce; we need to accommodate new businesses coming to town.
- **Pat Burch of Roy's Transfer:** Written information was distributed to the council; she then discussed the already hard economic times of truckers at this time, especially in Illinois.
- **Jason Anderson:** In Illinois 12-cents of the 19-cents gasoline tax is to be used on road repair. However, the governor redirected that money to other areas.
- **Lee Prunty:** Over 50% of trucking at Global 3 is domestic, meaning it is not overweight. The Intermodal has all of the weight information and they would be glad to give information to the City. GREDCO can work with Sam on this.
- **Rob Buck:** The PD does not have the man-power, the equipment, or the time to determine if truckers are running overweight loads through the City.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:45 p.m., moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **"I move the Council adjourn."** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

Chet Olson
Mayor, City of Rochelle

Judy Schermerhorn
Deputy City Clerk, City of Rochelle

- 4) **Amended and Restated Fiber Ring Project Participation Agreement - Northern Illinois Technology Triangle (NITT):** The Northern Illinois Technology Triangle (NITT) Commission, composed of several governmental entities in the Northern Illinois Region, was officially established on June 14, 2007. The NITT was established to promote, facilitate and implement high speed fiber optic based communication services in order to improve the economic vitality of the Northern Illinois Region. A request for proposal (RFP) was released in February of this year for the purchase of the equipment necessary to “light” the fiber optic network. Four vendors submitted proposals and the NITT Executive Board voted on April 30, 2009 to select Qwest Communications with project costs not to exceed \$500,000. The existing Fiber Lease Agreement, of which Rochelle is a participant, includes the fiber network but does not address the hardware necessary to “light” the fiber optic network. The proposed amendment expands the project to include the necessary equipment and defines exclusive voting rights to only those members who participate financially, currently Ogle County, the City of Rockford, and the City of Rochelle. As noted on Exhibit A, approval of this agreement does not obligate the City to provide any additional capital funding. The NITT hardware will be purchased when proceeds from the Illinois Commerce Commission grant previously approved, along with the participation payment from the third member of the project, are received. Gary Larsen, RMU Director, and Scott Koteski, Network, were present to answer any questions. There will be no additional costs. Only those vested financially can vote. (Per Mayor Olson, other counties have an interest but not the funds at the present time.) This amendment will allow for additional equipment, which will not be purchased until funds are available. Moved by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilman Berg, **“I move Agreement 09-3821, A Participation Agreement for Amended and Restated Fiber Ring Project, be ratified.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayden, Hollonbeck, McDermott, Berg, Hayes, Eckhardt and Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
- 5) **Ordinance Amending Section 6-7 of the Municipal Code to Allow Special Event Liquor License:** The Illinois Liquor Control Act of 1934 provides that “No alcoholic liquors shall be sold or delivered in any building belonging to or under the control of the State or any political subdivision thereof except as provided in this Act”. The Act also provides that cities, by ordinance, may allow for the sale or delivery of alcohol in any building located on land under the control of the municipality. Approval of the proposed ordinance would allow for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages on the airport grounds during the Squadron IV Hangar Dance being held on June 20, 2009 from 6:00 pm until 12:00 midnight. The Hangar Dance will be held in the maintenance hangar and an adjacent tent. A perimeter fence will be erected and Squadron IV will monitor and control the event. In addition the City will provide three police officers on premise during the event. An appropriate one-day liquor license will be obtained by the VFW as the vendor for the event. It will be a wine and beer controlled environment. Don Elliott was present to answer any questions. The VFW will be the holder of dram/liability insurance. Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman McDermott, **“I move Ordinance 09-3822, An Ordinance Amending Section 6-7 of the Municipal Code of the City of Rochelle to Allow Special Event Liquor License for Airport Grounds, be adopted.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayden, Hollonbeck, McDermott, Berg, Hayes, Eckhardt and Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

- 2) **Ordinance Providing for the Issuance of G.O. Bonds:** A new community hangar is being designed for the Rochelle Airport to meet immediate storage needs and provide for additional space for current and future Aviation Businesses. At the May 26, 2009 City Council Meeting, a Public Hearing was held concerning the intent to issue up to \$750,000 in General Obligation Bonds to fund the airport improvements. The proposed ordinance will grant the City the authority to issue the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009 for a period beginning the date the Ordinance is passed and ending December 8, 2009. The Bonds will be issued for certain improvements to the public capital infrastructure systems of the City, including, but not limited to, the construction, installation and equipping of one or more new hangers at the municipal airport of the City and the upgrading and repair of one or more existing hangars and one or more existing runways at the municipal airport of the City. The Bonds will be issued in an amount not to exceed \$750,000, with principal payable annually on January 1 and interest due semi-annually on July 1 and January 1. The bonds will be amortized over twenty years and may be paid through a tax levy or other general fund revenues. Chris Frye, Treasurer, and Don Elliott, Superintendent of Airport, were present to answer any questions. According to Chris Frye, the annual payment will depend on the market (approximately \$43,000/yr). Per Don Elliott, there is a new business coming into the airport; also have a waiting list for tenants. If approved, they hope to put out for a bid the end of June with an anticipated start date of November. The extension for the runway is not included in this. Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman Hayden, **“I move Ordinance 09-3820, An Ordinance providing for the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009, of the City of Rochelle, Ogle County, Illinois, authorizing the execution of a Bond Order and Providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, be adopted.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hayden, Hollonbeck, McDermott, Berg, Hayes, Eckhardt and Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
- 3) **2009 Sidewalk Project:** Street Division personnel inspected and rated the condition of sidewalks in March of 2006. Based on their condition, the sidewalks were organized in a seven-year program to address remaining deficiencies. Year four of the program includes replacement of approximately 8625 linear feet of sidewalk and 63 accessibility ramps. The engineer’s estimate for the project was \$229,317.40 and is included in the 2009-10 Capital Improvements Fund budget for sidewalk improvements. Subsequent to the required public notice, bids were opened on May 20, 2009, with seven contractors submitting bids. City Engineer, Sam Tesreau reviewed the bids and recommends the acceptance of the apparent low bidder, Martin and Company Excavating, with a bid of \$199,101.04. The City of Rochelle will purchase the detectable warning plates, at an approximate cost of \$15,000, for use on the accessibility ramps and provide curb replacement around the handicap ramp locations. Sam Tesreau, City Engineer, and Alan Cooper, City Attorney, were present to answer questions. The quality of work in the past was brought up and in response, Mr. Tesreau assured the council that Martin has the ability to do a good job. He felt that the work done in the past five years has been very successful. The contractor from last year is planning on repairing any settlement that has taken place. The use of local businesses was brought up by Councilman Hayes, especially in the light of the bids being so close. Alan Cooper had previously researched this and legally we must accept the low bidder. Councilman Berg asked if we were Home Rule if this could be changed. He plans on looking into this further. Moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **“I move the Council accept Bid C09-05 from Martin and Company Excavating of Oregon, IL in the amount of \$199,101.04 for the 2009 Sidewalk project and reject all other bids.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers, Hollonbeck, McDermott, Berg, Hayes, Eckhardt and Olson. Nays: None. Abstain: Councilman Hayden (Due to business relationships). Motion passed 6-0.

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2009**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2009 in the Council Chambers of City Hall; 420 N. 6th Street; Rochelle, IL 61068.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge of Allegiance.

PRAYER:

ROLL CALL: Present on Roll Call were Councilmembers Hayden, McDermott, Eckhardt, Berg, Hayes, Hollonbeck, and Mayor Olson. Absent: None. Also present were City Manager Alberts and Deputy City Clerk Schermerhorn.

PROCLAMATIONS: None

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- **Mayor:**
 - The Railroad Festival held over the weekend had good crowds and the weather cooperated. He thanked Ross Freier, the Tourism Committee, and volunteers for a job well done.
 - Maxwell Street Days will be June 19 and 20; according to Diane McNeilly there will be a Pet Parade and Wheels Parade, both for kids.
- **Council Members:** None
- **Employee Introduction:** Katie Gaul was introduced by Jason Anderson as the new Administrative Assistant in the Economic Development office. Katie's work experience includes two years for Life Action Ministries; three years for Lutheran Social Services; and worked as an intern in the Dixon satellite office of Senator Fitzgerald with Jason Anderson and Peggy Friday. Jason mentioned that he is already impressed with her work and her technological abilities.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

- 1) **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE** with Recommendations:
 - a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – May 26, 2009;
 - b) Approve Bills/Payrolls for first half of June, 2009;
 - c) Accept and Place on File Rochelle Tourism and Visitor's Association Budget for 2009/2010;
 - d) Approve Ordinance Establishing Prevailing Wage Rates;
 - e) Approve Dairy Queen Request – Closure of Currency Court for Cruise Night.

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