

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2010**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 25, 2010 in the Council Chambers of City Hall; 420 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street; Rochelle, IL 61068.

***PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:***

***PRAYER:*** The Prayer was said by City Clerk McKinney.

***PROCLAMATION:*** **National Mentoring Month**: Read by City Clerk McKinney; received by Randi Martz of area Big Brothers Big Sisters. Also, a big brother. Brad and his little brother, Zack from area. Anyone interested in becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister can phone 815/626-2227 or their web site is [www.bbbsmv.org](http://www.bbbsmv.org).

***ROLL CALL:*** Present on Roll Call were Councilmembers D. McDermott, Eckhardt, Hayes, Berg, and T. McDermott. Absent: Councilwoman Hollonbeck. Mayor Olson entered the meeting at 7:21 pm. Also present were City Manager Alberts and City Clerk McKinney.

Councilman Hayes moved and Councilman Berg seconded, **“I move Councilman Dan McDermott reside as Mayor Protem.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Eckhardt, Hayes, D. McDermott, and T. McDermott. Nays: None. Motion passed 5-0.

***REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:***

- ***Mayor:*** None
- ***Council Members:*** Thanked the community for coming out to the 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Fireman’s Ball and for their support for the fire department.
- ***Employee Introduction – Jeff Huizenga:*** Chief Brian Johnson introduced Jeff as a new full-time firefighter. His final score in the fire department testing was in excess of the 100 point maximum when points for his education were included. He has a bachelor’s degree in Kinesiology as well as teaching this subject; has completed his Paramedic coursework; experience as a paid-on-call firefighter, which are all very beneficial in his new position.
- ***Presentation:*** Dick Harms, President of Holcomb State Bank, presented a donation to the City of \$6,000 designated for the Technology Park.

***BUSINESS ITEMS:***

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

- a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – January 11, 2010;
- b) Approve Bills/Payrolls for second half of January, 2010;
- c) Accept and Place on File, 10-3889, the Annual Fire Department Report;
- d) Accept and Place on File, 10-3890, the Annual Police Department Report;
- e) Accept and Place on File, 10-3891, the Annual Community Development Department Report.

Moved by Councilman Hayes and seconded by Councilman T. McDermott, **“I move Consent Agenda Items (a) through (e) be approved by Omnibus Vote as Recommended.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Eckhardt, Hayes, T. McDermott, and D. McDermott. Nays: None. Motion passed 5-0.

- 2) **Agreement between the City of Rochelle and Hanson Professional Services for Engineering Services Related to Runway Improvements at Rochelle Municipal Airport:** On August 27, 2008 the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Division of Aeronautics (DOA) approved the City's plans to extend the current runway from 4,226 feet to 5,000 feet. The Mayor and Council approved an agreement on September 22, 2008 which authorized Hanson Professional Services to begin the process of acquiring approximately 50 acres of property necessary for this expansion. Despite several months of negotiations, Hanson has been unable to reach an agreement with the property owner due to drainage concerns. City Staff and our consultant met with IDOT DOA representatives in October of 2009 to develop an alternate solution which addressed these issues. The consensus reached at that meeting was to develop engineering plans and specifications for grading and drainage for the proposed Category C runway. At such time as funding is available the City plans to proceed with construction of a 5,000 foot Category B runway which incorporates the drainage structures required in a future Category C designation. This will allow drainage concerns to be addressed prior to property acquisition. Hanson Professional Services has submitted an agreement to perform these engineering services at a "not to exceed" cost of \$177,589. Funding for 95% of these services will come from the 2009 and 2010 Federal General Aviation Entitlement. This will address the concerns of the landowner. Don Elliott was present to give additional information with visuals and to answer any questions. Will be a very detailed drainage study; Category B runway is a 5,000 foot runway; Category C runway incorporates the drainage structure. In answer to questions; Hanson is the Airport Engineer and is very capable; part of the improvement will include strengthening the existing runway; once the project is let we will receive a 2.5% credit bringing the City's cost to \$4,440. Roy Van Ostrand, Farm Manager, was present on behalf of the farm owner. He said that they were never against the project; biggest concern was drainage; would like communication open with Hanson Engineering and the City. Don Elliott assured him that they would keep communication lines open. Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **"I move Agreement 10-3892, An Agreement between the City of Rochelle and Hanson Professional Services for Engineering Services related to Runway Improvements at Rochelle Municipal Airport, be approved."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Eckhardt, Hayes, T. McDermott, D. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.
- 3) **Prescription Discount Card Program:** The National League of Cities, of which the City of Rochelle is a member, has joined forces with CVS Caremark in order to offer a Prescription Discount Card Program. The Prescription Discount Card Program is available to member communities at no cost. Citizens are not required to complete an enrollment form to receive this card and there are no membership fees. The card provides for an average discount of 20% at participating pharmacies and the City Clerk has confirmed that our three local pharmacies accept the CVS Caremark card. The discount card cannot be used in conjunction with other insurance or Medicare. The City Clerk's office will oversee the program. Bruce McKinney answered questions: does not work with health insurance or medicare; covers prescriptions not covered by insurance; the City Clerk is also working with the Chamber of Commerce as some businesses do not have insurance coverage; a city must belong to NLC; will get quarterly reports and updates as to how program is being used; everything is handled through CVS Caremark; any questions/problems should be called into the 800 number on the back of the card. Moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilman Berg, **"I move Resolution R10-02, A Resolution Supporting Participation in National League of Cities Prescription Discount Card Program, be adopted."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Eckhardt, Hayes, T. McDermott, D. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

- 4) **Second Avenue Water Tower Site Agreement – Open Range Communications:** Open Range Communications has requested the ability to lease space on the Second Avenue Water Tower and approximately 100 square feet of ground space adjacent to the tower. Per their website, “Open Range Communications is a broadband wireless Internet services provider whose primary focus is delivering... wireless high-speed Internet and voice services to hundreds of un-served and underserved communities across America.” RMU and Open Range Communications have negotiated an agreement, which has been executed by Open Range, for the lease of this space as requested. The site agreement provides monthly revenues of \$2,000 with a four percent increase per year over the five year term. The lease will automatically renew for three additional five-year terms unless Open Range chooses to discontinue the lease. This agreement is consistent with lease agreements that RMU currently has with two other entities for space on the tower. The agreement also requires Open Range to contract with Dixon Engineering to review the plans and contract with an on-site inspector during the installation. These measures are taken to ensure that the installation of this equipment does not result in any damage to the tower. Kathy Cooper, Superintendent of Water/WW Department was present to answer any questions. Moved by Councilman T. McDermott and seconded by Councilman Hayes, **“I move Agreement 10-3893, a Site Agreement between the City of Rochelle and Open Range Communications, be approved.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Eckhardt, Hayes, T. McDermott, D. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.
- 5) **Lincoln Highway Water and Sewer Rehabilitation Project:** Approximately \$320,000 in stimulus funds has been designated for the City of Rochelle through the American Recovery Reinvestment Act. The project which has been identified to utilize these funds includes resurfacing a portion of Lincoln Highway between Fourth and Fifth Avenues with construction expected to begin in the spring. RMU evaluated the project area and determined that the existing four-inch water main should be upgraded to eight-inch and three brick sanitary sewer manholes should be replaced with concrete manholes. The Mayor and City Council approved an engineering agreement on August 24, 2009 for the design and construction services related to 400 feet of water main and associated upgrades to allow construction in advance of the roadway improvements. Subsequent to the required public notice, bids were opened on January 12, 2010, with eight contractors submitting bids. Staff and our consultant, John Vendel of Fehr-Graham and Associates, have reviewed the bids and determined that the apparent low bidder, Martin and Company of Oregon, has met the minimum requirements of the specifications with their bid of \$175,866. The Water Division’s Five Year Capital Plan includes the Lincoln Highway project, estimated at \$200,000. This project will be included in the upcoming Water and Water Reclamation 2010-11 capital budget. Kathy Cooper was available for questions: stores have been contacted regarding work; work should start mid-March or early April and be completed by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **“I move the City approve the bid for the Lincoln Highway Water and Sewer Rehabilitation Project from Martin and Company in the amount of \$175,866 and reject all other bids.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Eckhardt, Hayes, T. McDermott, D. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

6) **Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Rochelle and Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) – Route 38 Resurfacing Project:** The Illinois Department of Transportation is proceeding with plans for milling and resurfacing the existing Illinois Route 38 asphalt surface from west of Lincoln Highway to 0.1 mile east of Caron Drive. This project is scheduled for contract letting on March 5, 2010. In connection with the IDOT project, City staff requested the inclusion of select radii intersection returns. IDOT has agreed to modify their plans to include the intersection returns as part of the project. Costs for resurfacing outside of the driving lanes will be the City's responsibility, but should be more cost effective through inclusion in the larger project. IDOT, as the lead agency for this project, has prepared the plans, will receive the bids, and award the contract. The total estimated costs for this project are \$977,500 with the City's estimated share being \$84,433 for construction and engineering costs related to milling and resurfacing the radii intersections. Funds for the City's portion of this project will be available through Motor Fuel Tax funds in the 2010-2011 budget. Sam Tesreau was present to answer questions: IDOT has requirements that they need to follow. Moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilman D. McDermott, **"I move Agreement 10-3894, An Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Rochelle and Illinois Department of Transportation for Route 38 Resurfacing Project, be approved."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Eckhardt, Hayes, T. McDermott, D. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0. Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **"I move Resolution R10-03, A Resolution to Appropriate Funds for the Improvements of Illinois Route 38 from Motor Fuel Tax Funds in the amount of \$84,433, be adopted."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Eckhardt, Hayes, T. McDermott, D. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0. Moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilman Berg, **"I move Resolution R10-04, A Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications as Proposed by the State of Illinois, Department of Transportation, for a Joint City-State Improvement of Illinois Route 38 in the City of Rochelle, be adopted."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Eckhardt, Hayes, T. McDermott, D. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

***PUBLIC COMMENTARY:*** None

***EXECUTIVE SESSION:*** Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman D. McDermott, **"I move the Council recess into executive session to discuss: The performance of specific employee(s). Section (c) (1) and Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated. (Section (c) (21))."** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Eckhardt, Hayes, T. McDermott, D. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **"I move the Council return to Open Session."** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

***ADJOURNMENT:*** At 8:15 pm, moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman Dan McDermott, **"I move the Council adjourn."** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

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Chet Olson  
Mayor, City of Rochelle

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Bruce McKinney, CMC  
City Clerk, City of Rochelle