

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2010**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 26, 2010 in the Council Chambers of City Hall; 420 N. 6th Street; Rochelle, IL 61068.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

PRAYER: The Prayer was said by City Clerk McKinney.

ROLL CALL: Present on Roll Call were Councilmembers Berg, Hayes, Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, and D. McDermott. Absent: Councilman T. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Also present were City Manager Alberts and City Clerk McKinney.

Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **“I move the Council appoint Councilman Hayes as Mayor Pro-tem for tonight’s meeting.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers D. McDermott, Berg, Hayes, Eckhardt, and Hollonbeck. Nays: None. Motion passed 5-0.

PROCLAMATION: **Municipal Clerks Week May 2 – May 8, 2010:** Read by Councilman Hayes and presented to Bruce McKinney, City Clerk.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- **Mayor:** None
- **Council Members:** None
- **Financial Statements:** March 2010 – on electronic agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

- **John Kaminski – TIF District:** Will continue to put comments in the newspaper. Feels the tax payers are paying one way or another. Feels there are reasons to legally oppose the TIF.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

- 1) **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE** with Recommendations:
 - a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – April 12, 2010;
 - b) Approve Bills 04/02/10-4/08/10; 04/09/10-04/15/10;
 - c) Approve Payroll 03/22/10-04/04/10;
 - d) Accept and Place on File Municipal Compliance Report for Police Pension;
 - e) Accept and Place on File Municipal Compliance Reports for Fire Pension;
 - f) Authorize Rochelle Elementary Schools ‘Fun Run Event’ on May 14, 2010.

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

- 2) **Resolution Establishing Lawnridge Cemetery Price Schedule:** The current price schedule for Lawnridge Cemetery services became effective on May 1, 2007. Periodically, a review of the price schedule is conducted which compares it to the cost of material and labor associated with providing the services. Area cemetery fees are also considered during the review. The review indicated that fees for some services were below the associated costs for material and/or labor. The recommendation is to increase fees for crypt protectors, plaque installation, and move the time associated with a late arrival surcharge during the week to one hour earlier, with per hour fees after 3:00, to offset associated staff overtime. In addition, fees are recommended for burial notifications less than 48 hours and late arrival fee surcharges on Saturdays and Holidays. The proposed fee increases will not significantly impact the annual revenues due to their infrequent nature, but will more adequately offset the associated expenses when required. Moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilman Berg, **“I move Resolution R10-15, A Resolution Establishing Lawnridge Cemetery Price Schedule Effective May 1, 2010, be adopted.”** Don Elliott was present to answer questions. He stated that there was extensive research done providing costs with other cemeteries in the area. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers D. McDermott, Berg, Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, and Pro-tem Mayor Hayes. Nays: None. Motion passed 5-0.

3. **Resolution Establishing Lawnridge Cemetery Rules and Regulations:** Chapter 30 of the current Rochelle Municipal Code, entitled Cemetery, provides for the establishment of rules and regulations related to Lawnridge Cemetery and its operation. The last revisions made to these rules were effective May 1, 2007. The proposed changes include: a Cemetery Sexton designation which clarifies the authority of the cemetery staff member, additional mausoleum entombment requirements, and further specifications for grave markers and their foundations. These changes are important for maintaining an efficient operation and attractive appearance at the cemetery. Don Elliott was present to answer any questions. Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **“I move Resolution R10-16, A Resolution Establishing Lawnridge Cemetery Rules and Regulations Effective May 1, 2010, be adopted.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers D. McDermott, Berg, Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, and Pro-tem Mayor Hayes. Nays: None. Motion passed 5-0.
4. **Amendment to Chapter 98 (Utilities) of the Municipal Code to Authorize Residential Appliance and Commercial/Industrial Incentive Programs for Electric Customers:** Rochelle Municipal Utilities endorses energy efficiency and conservation. To promote this objective, RMU Staff has developed two new programs which provide incentives for residents and businesses to replace existing inefficient appliances and fixtures with more energy efficient equipment. The two incentive programs will benefit participating customers and RMU by reducing the need to acquire additional capacity in the future. These programs were a discussion topic at the April 12, 2010 City Council Meeting. The Residential Appliance Incentive Program applies to customers that reside in a single-family, owner-occupied residence. A monetary incentive will be available based on the predicted energy savings, for replacing old, less efficient refrigerators, freezers, window air conditioners, and dishwashers with new energy star appliances. The customer must purchase the Energy Star appliance from a Rochelle business and provide proof that the old unit was properly disposed of. The program will be available from June 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. The Commercial/Industrial Lighting Incentive Program is available to businesses that submit a pre-approval application after June 1st, 2010 which details a proposed lighting replacement project. Once approved the applicant will have 120 days to install the equipment which must meet or exceed the Consortium for Energy Efficiency guidelines provided and result in a permanent reduction in electrical usage. A maximum of \$100,000 in incentives will be approved during the 2010/2011 fiscal year with a \$20,000 limit per facility for the lighting incentive program. All participating customers will receive their incentive check approximately four to six weeks after the new appliances or fixtures are installed and all paperwork is approved. Barbara Bell, Supervisor of RMU Customer Service, was present to answer questions. Moved by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilman Berg, **“I move Ordinance 10-3916, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 98 (“Utilities”) of the Rochelle Municipal Code to Authorize Residential Appliance and Commercial/Industrial Lighting Incentive Programs for Electric Customers, be adopted.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers D. McDermott, Berg, Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, and Pro-tem Mayor Hayes. Nays: None. Motion passed 5-0.
5. **Ogle County Emergency Response Team Intergovernmental Law Enforcement Agreement:** The City of Rochelle currently has an Emergency Response Team which consists of seven department members. The members are trained and equipped to deal with serious and high risk circumstances in our community. A representative of the Ogle County Emergency Response Team (E.R.T.), with members from Ogle County, Polo, Mt. Morris, Oregon, and Byron, has contacted the City about the possibility of combining E.R.T. teams. The proposed arrangement for combining the teams provides several advantages including: combined team preference in grant applications, a decrease in department members required, and a pooling of resources available in tactical gear, training, and finances. Each member department would be responsible for nominating one or more members to the Emergency Response Team. A member department can then request assistance from the Emergency Response Team as needs arise. Each member department will be responsible for their respective employee related expenses incurred for providing these services. Participation in this agreement will ensure that assistance is available to the City of Rochelle when high risk situations require this type of specialized response. Eric Higby, Chief of Police, was present to answer any questions. Moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilman D. McDermott, **“I move Ordinance 10-3917, An Ordinance Approving Ogle County Emergency Response Team Intergovernmental Law Enforcement Agreement and Authorizing Police Chief to Execute Agreement, be adopted.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers D. McDermott, Berg, Eckhardt, Hollonbeck, and Pro-tem Mayor Hayes. Nays: None. Motion passed 5-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1) **Rochelle WalMart TIF District Agreement between the City and Schools:** Since March 23, 2009, when an Inducement Resolution was approved as the first step in the process of establishing a TIF District to assist with public improvements associated with the Lighthouse Pointe development, several meetings have been held between representatives of the City, Rochelle Township High School, and the Elementary School District. These meetings have resulted in the development of an intergovernmental agreement between the parties which reduces any negative impact on the real estate tax base of the school districts that may be caused by the creation of a TIF District. City Manager, Ken Alberts provided the council with a draft summary of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and the High School and Elementary school districts. Both Mr. Alberts and Todd Prusator, School Superintendent, were available to answer questions.

- Modify Title
- Modify City obligation
- Term being terminated upon bond being retained
- City to be authorized to pay itself for administrative fees
- Designated a Redevelopment Plan and Projects
- Funds from TIF can be used for capital, job training, and education
- District would see 24%
- Schools continue to be funded by State formula
- Exempt any new debt service levy
- No residential development in TIF district

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:13 pm, the meeting was adjourned.

Bil Hayes
Pro-tem Mayor, City of Rochelle

Bruce McKinney, CMC
City Clerk, City of Rochelle