

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

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 26, 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.

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

Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman D. McDermott, **“I move we appoint Councilman T. McDermott as Mayor Pro-tem.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hollonbeck, D. McDermott, Berg, Eckhardt, Hayes, and T. McDermott. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

***PROCLAMATION:*** None

***REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:***

- **Mayor:** Appointments to the Planning / Zoning Commission to fill vacancies: Moved by Councilman T. McDermott and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **“I move the Council approve the Mayor’s appointment of Wendell Colwill to the Planning & Zoning Commission with a term to expire July 1, 2015 and Bob Johns as a non-voting member of the Planning & Zoning Commission with a term to expire July 1, 2015.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hollonbeck, D. McDermott, Berg, Eckhardt, Hayes, and T. McDermott. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.
- **Council Members: None**
- **Financial Statements June 2010:**

***PUBLIC COMMENTARY:*** None

***BUSINESS ITEMS:***

- 1) **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE** with Recommendations:
  - a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – July 12, 2010
  - b) Accept and Place on File Minutes of Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting – June 7, 2010
  - c) Approve Bills 07/02/10-07/08/10, 07/09/10-07/15/10
  - d) Approve Payroll 06/28/10-07/11/10
  - e) Accept and Place on File the Police Pension Treasurer's Report
  - f) Approve a Resolution Regarding the Release of Executive Session Minutes
  - g) Accept and Place on File Semi Annual Fire Department Report
  - h) Accept and Place on File Semi Annual Police Department Report
  - i) Approve Dairy Queen Request – Closure of Currency Court for Cruise Night August 7, 2010
  - j) Approve Hope Chest’s Request to use the Main Street Gazebo on October 23,

Moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **“I move Consent Agenda Items (a) through (j) be approved by Omnibus Vote as Recommended.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Hollonbeck, D. McDermott, Berg, Eckhardt, Hayes, T. McDermott. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

Councilwoman Hollonbeck asked if Chief Johnson would define what is meant by increasing the level of service. In response, Chief Johnson said:

- In March they moved from Intermediate service to a Paramedic level. Still working on it with necessary classes being taken. Will be a much higher service.

Councilwoman Hollonbeck also asked about information on strokes:

The federal government has requested all hospitals to align themselves with “stroke hospitals”. He has been told that Central Dupage is the best for our area. With them being out of the radius for our ambulances, there has been a discussion about what ambulance service they would use to transfer patients. Chief Johnson’s opinion is to fly them as time is of the essence. Still working on with Rochelle Hospital. This doesn’t interfere with transferring patients to Rockford Hospitals. Looking at an expanded scope of practice to extend their ability of transporting.

### ***DISCUSSION ITEMS:***

1) **Landfill Gas to Energy Project:** It is a goal of Rochelle Municipal Utilities (RMU) to maintain a diverse energy portfolio which includes base load generation from the Prairie State Project; peaking generation from local RMU owned facilities and purchasing the balance of our system energy requirements using power purchase agreements (PPA). Discussions have taken place for the past several months between representatives of the City and William Charles Energy about the possibility of a project at the landfill which would convert landfill gas to energy. Several agreements have been developed and multiple Utility Advisory Board Meetings have been held to discuss this topic. The proposed Landfill Gas to Energy Project would be located and connect to the power grid at the landfill site. RMU General Manager, Edward Carr, was in attendance to present information about the Landfill Gas to Energy Project. Also in attendance were representatives from William Charles Energy as well as the landfill operators. Alan Cooper, City Attorney was also in attendance.

Before giving information on the energy project, Mr. Carr gave information on the recent Prairie State meeting. Written information was given to Council as well as the use of slides pertaining to the new fixed-cost EPC agreement which provides a fixed price for the cost of constructing the power plant at Prairie State. There was some discussion regarding the increase of the cost to construct this power plant. He then went on to present the RMU energy project with landfill gas, using a Power Point presentation as well as the printed material given to council previously. Summary of his points were:

- Landfill and landfill gas
- Description of William Charles Energy and a similar project they have completed
- How this project will benefit the RMU electrical system and how the power be used
- Power purchase agreement, electric base rate in comparison to the power purchase agreement base rate when we factor in the environmental attributes
- Identify if there is a market for renewable energy credits
- Estimated revenue of renewable energy credits
- Total estimated revenue with this project
- Compare this power purchase agreement with other power purchase agreements
- Agreement needed for this project

At the end of his presentation, Mr. Carr as well as Alan Cooper and the president of William Charles Energy were available to answer questions.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:14 pm, Councilwoman Hollonbeck moved and seconded by Councilman Berg, **“I move the Council adjourn.”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

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Tom McDermott  
Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Rochelle

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Bruce McKinney, CMC  
City Clerk, City of Rochelle