

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 2010**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 23, 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 Hayes, T. McDermott, D. McDermott and Mayor Olson. Absent: Councilmembers Berg, Hollonbeck, and Eckhardt. Also present were City Manager Alberts and City Clerk McKinney.

***PROCLAMATION:*** None

***REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:***

- **Mayor:** Thanked all who helped with the festival committee.
- **Council Members:**
  - Bil Hayes: Thanked the people who made the Fly-In, Drive-In a success.
- **Financial Statements July 2010:** Included in Council Agenda Packets.

***PUBLIC COMMENTARY:***

- **Jeff Pignato:**
  - Finances: \$2,000 under Community Relations in the Manager's budget (explained by Chris Frye as all Community Relations put under Manger's budget and then he approves; i.e. hospital donations, Chamber, etc.
  - City Manager Dues: (Rotary, IML are some.)
- **Vickie Novak:** Quiet Zones at Train Crossings: The need and questioned as to whether anything is being done. (Mr. Alberts said that it is on the list of objectives. Mayor Olson mentioned the cost. Mr. Alberts said that if they wait we will eliminate the cost if the railroad initiates it. Ms. Novak mentioned that there are funds available to eliminate some of the cost. Councilman Hayes mentioned that research shows that in DeKalb since they've had a quiet zone, there have been more accidents.)
- **Carolyn Cryer:**
  - Festival: She saw a lot of people working; many items of interest were provided.
  - Sidewalks: Martin did a good job of sidewalks but nothing has been done about the dirt/grass since then.
  - Trains: Oxymoron to say we are going to silence trains; need a 12-hour span during the late hours.
  - Intersection of Springdale/Hwy 38: How many tickets have been issued since she brought it up two weeks ago-worse than ever; when did the State law go into effect about yielding for pedestrians. (Chief Higby said that it was January 1st for both yielding and stopping for pedestrians.) She will call Chief to follow-up on this.
  - Home rule: Hope you don't give up on it; it's a good thing.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

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

- a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – August 9, 2010
- b) Accept and Place on File Minutes of Planning and Zoning Meeting - July 6, 2010
- c) Approve Bills 07/30/10-08/12/10
- d) Approve Payroll 07/26/10-08/08/10

Moved by Councilman D. McDermott and seconded by Councilman T. McDermott, **“I move Consent Agenda Items (a) through (d) be approved by Omnibus Vote as Recommended.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers D. McDermott, Hayes, T. McDermott, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 4-0.

2) **Public Hearing – Community Development Assistance Program Grant – Project E-Rail:**

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity has grant funds available through the Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) that may be used to finance public improvements which support economic development. The site under consideration for the development of Project E-Rail will require the extension of water, sanitary sewer, fiber and electric service. Project E-Rail, a large manufacturing facility, is projected to provide approximately 250 jobs within the first two years of operation. In order to facilitate the development of this project the City needs to serve as the applicant for \$1,000,000 in CDAP grant funds to extend the required utility infrastructure. The extension of this infrastructure will not only serve Project E-Rail but also open up additional adjacent sites for development. Moved by Councilman Hayes and seconded by Councilman D. McDermott, **“I move the Council recess into a Public Hearing for a Community Development Assistance Program Grant.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers D. McDermott, Hayes, T. McDermott, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 4-0. Bridgett Stocks of Fehr-Graham was present and gave further information and answered questions. It was brought up by council that although the City needs to be the applicant for the \$1,000,000 grant, it is important to know that those funds are dependent upon the manufacturer providing the necessary jobs to get that money. Moved by Councilman D. McDermott and seconded by Councilman T. McDermott, **“I move the Council return to Open Session.”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent. Bridgett Stocks and Jason Anderson, Economic Development Director, were both available to answer questions. Moved by Councilman T. McDermott, and seconded by Councilman D. McDermott, **“I move Resolution R10-19, A Resolution of Support for Community Development Assistance Program Grant associated with Project E-Rail, be adopted.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers D. McDermott, Hayes, T. McDermott, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 4-0.

3) **Purchase of Leaf Vacuum:** The 2010-11 Street Department Capital Budget includes \$35,000 for the purchase of a new, larger capacity leaf vacuum. The purchase of a larger vacuum combined with the existing vacuum will allow Street Department personnel to take a larger role in the removal of leaves in the fall. During the time period October 15 – December 15 residents will be encouraged to rake their leaves to the parkway where they will be vacuumed. Effective October 15<sup>th</sup> yard waste will no longer be accepted in plastic bags. Kraft landscape bags and open containers may be used for small amounts of yard waste and Rochelle Waste Disposal will pick them up biweekly during this two month period. The new leaf removal service will enable the Street Department to handle the fall leaves more efficiently, eliminate the unsightliness of empty plastic bags throughout our community, and improve the air quality by providing an alternative to burning. Subsequent to the required public notice, bids for a new leaf vacuum were opened on August 9, 2010, with two dealers submitting five bids (including three alternates). Superintendent of Streets, Don Elliott reviewed the bids and recommended the

acceptance of the apparent low bidder, Bonnell Industries, with a bid of \$24,549 for a 2010 Titan Leaf Pro with an alternate Kubota diesel engine. Performance ratings indicate that the Kubota is equivalent to the John Deere diesel engine included in the specifications and the Street Department has had positive experiences with other Kubota products. Don Elliott, Street Superintendent, was present to answer any questions. Moved by Councilman Hayes and seconded by Councilman D. McDermott, **“I move the Council accept bid C-10-13 for a 2010 Titan Leaf Pro Vacuum from Bonnell Industries of Dixon, IL for a total of \$24, 549 and reject all other bids.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers D. McDermott, Hayes, T. McDermott, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 4-0.

***DISCUSSION ITEMS:***

- 1) **Community Campus:** Various stakeholders have been meeting for the past few years with the goal of constructing a facility which provides recreational and wellness opportunities for the community. On May 26, 2009, to demonstrate their commitment to the initiative, the Mayor and City Council passed a resolution Supporting Collaboration on a Community Center Project. Area taxing bodies and other vested parties have subsequently developed a concept plan for a Community Campus which Mayor Olson presented to the City Council and the public.
- 2) **Project Win - Win:** Effective August 11, 2010 the City of Rochelle Fire Department obtained a license to operate at the EMT-Paramedic level of service. A bridge course developed by Lieutenant Underwood, and approved by the Illinois Department of Public Health, provided a cost effective mechanism for full-time firefighters to obtain the certification required for this upgrade. The Paramedic level of service allows firefighters with appropriate certification to provide a higher level of care with additional treatment options in emergency medical situations. The Department plans to continue to enhance their services by obtaining additional training to expand their scope of practice in the future. Fire Chief Brian Johnson and Lieutenant Jason Underwood were in attendance to discuss and answer questions regarding the Paramedic Upgrade with the Mayor and City Council. Lt. Underwood gave a Power Point presentation:
  - Four levels of pre-hospital care in Illinois: Basic, Intermediate, Paramedics;
  - As Paramedics, can bring the highest level of emergency help, more medications and skills, trained on more procedures, help critical patients at a higher level, able to transport more patients rather than call in other ambulances;
  - Equipped to the standards set forth by the IDPH and OSF St. Anthony’s Hospital.
- 3) **Quarterly Financials:** The City of Rochelle’s 2010-2011 budget was adopted by the Mayor and City Council on April 12, 2010. The first quarter of the current fiscal year budget ended on July 31, 2010. Finance Manager, Chris Frye, was in attendance to share information on actual revenue and expenditures as compared to the budget, particularly in areas where there are variances. The Council was given copies of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Budget Summary. Mr. Alberts mentioned that the staff are doing a good job of keeping expenditures down.

***EXECUTIVE SESSION:*** None

***ADJOURNMENT:*** At 8:08 pm, Councilman T. McDermott moved and seconded by Councilman D. 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