

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2010**

The Rochelle City Council met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 27, 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 Hayes, T. McDermott, D. McDermott, Berg, Hollonbeck, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Also present were City Manager Alberts and City Clerk McKinney.

PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC.: None

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- **Mayor:** Hoped everyone had a merry and safe Christmas and a happy New Year.
- **Council Members:** Councilman Hayes thanked City staff for their work with the weather and safety issues.
- **Financials – November 2010:** Included in Council Agenda Packets.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

- Mike Ramsey – Checking Account; and Parameter Guide: Told by Mayor it is nothing the City can handle; Ken Alberts also mentioned that the Police Department is already taking care of this.
- Jeff Pignato – Financial Statement of November, 2010: Regarding employee's share of health cost. Mr. Alberts stated that individual employees pay 2% and dependent coverage is 22%. Mr. Pignato feels that the employees should pay a larger percent. Mr. Eckhardt mentioned that these numbers are discussed at union negotiations.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

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

- a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting – December 13, 2010.
- b) Approve Bills 11/25/10-12/02/10; 12/3/10-12/09/10; 12/10/10-12/16/10 = \$2,019,883.08.
- c) Approve Payroll 11/29/10-12/12/10 = \$199,032.39.

Moved by Councilman Hayes and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **“I move Consent Agenda Items (a) through (c) be approved by Omnibus Vote as Recommended.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Hollonbeck, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

- 2) **Purchase of Full Size 4x4 Crew Cab Pickup Truck or SUV – Engineering Department:** The 2010-11 General Fund Capital Budget includes \$24,000 for the purchase of a vehicle for the Engineering Department; additional funds for alternate equipment are included under the engineering equipment budget. The minimum specifications for the vehicle were designed to include ample space for field equipment and personnel. Subsequent to the required public notice, bids were opened on December 21, 2010 with two dealers submitting the following bids for a full size 4x4 crew cab pickup truck: Prescott Brothers Ford \$26,880 and Sawicki Motors \$28,879. This vehicle, as specified with the alternate options, is also available through the Illinois Department of Central Management Joint Purchasing Program at a cost of \$26,935. City Engineer Sam Tesreau, reviewed the bids and has recommended acceptance of the apparent low bidder, Prescott Brothers Ford, with a bid of \$26,880. Mr. Tesreau was present to answer any questions. Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman Eckhardt, **“I move the Council approve the bid from Prescott Brothers Ford for a Full Size 4x4 Crew Cab Pickup Truck for the Engineering Department for a total of \$26,880 and reject all other bids.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Hollonbeck, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

- 3) **Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant Agreement – Treatment Plant Access:** The City of Rochelle was contacted in 2008 about the possibility of available grant funds for projects meeting specific criteria. A project, which meets the criteria, was subsequently identified which provides a new access to the treatment plant via a roadway extension from Jack Dame Road. Fehr Graham and Associates assisted the City in submitting the required funding application and grant survey. On December 3, 2010 the City received Grant Agreement 10-203870 which will provide funds in an amount not to exceed \$450,000 for this project. In addition to the new paved roadway extension from Jack Dame Road on the west side of the treatment plant, the project also includes funds for the removal of the Treatment Plant Road bridge over the Kyte River. This bridge has experienced significant deterioration over the past several years and has resulted in weight restrictions being imposed for the past year. In addition to the grant, local funds of approximately \$76,000 are anticipated to be required and will be included in the 2011/12 budget. Approval of the grant agreement will provide for the release of funds necessary to begin the project which must be substantially completed by November 2012. Sam Tesreau was present to answer questions. Moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilwoman Hollonbeck, **“I move Agreement 10-3993, An Agreement between the City of Rochelle and Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity in an amount not to exceed \$450,000 for the removal of the Treatment Plant Road Bridge and installation of a new access to the treatment plant, be approved.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Hollonbeck, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
- 4) **Agreement with Fehr-Graham & Associates for CDAP Grant Administration – ITC Industrial Park:** The City of Rochelle applied for funding through the Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) to extend water and sanitary sewer to accommodate the construction of the Nippon Sharyo facility. On October 25, 2010 the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) announced the award of a grant for this project in the amount of \$1,000,000. Now that the CDAP grant award has been announced and funds will soon be released it is time to proceed with the grant administration phase. The proposed contract between the City and Fehr Graham & Associates includes services necessary to comply with procedures and regulations required by DCEO at a cost of \$30,000. This agreement will be executed once the land transaction is complete between the developer and Nippon Sharyo. These services are allowable expenses through the CDAP project and will be paid through grant funds. Mr. Alberts answered questions. Moved by Councilwoman Hollonbeck and seconded by Councilman Berg, **“I move Agreement 10-3994, An Agreement between the City of Rochelle and Fehr-Graham & Associates for grant administration related to the extension of water and sanitary sewer to accommodate Nippon Sharyo, be approved.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Hollonbeck, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

- 5) **Engineering Agreement with Fehr-Graham & Associates - CDAP Grant ITC Industrial Park:** The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) has approved funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 through the Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) to extend water and sanitary sewer to accommodate the construction of the Nippon Sharyo facility in the ITC Industrial Park. The CDAP-approved project includes the installation of approximately 3,700 feet of 12-inch water main and 2,600 feet of 10-inch sewer main in the industrial park. Fehr Graham & Associates have submitted a proposal for engineering services related to the design, preparation of bid documents and award of this project for a fee of \$25,950. On October 25, 2010 the Mayor and Council approved an engineering agreement with Fehr Graham to complete the engineering services related to roadway improvements on Illinois Route 38, Nippon Sharyo Drive and ITC Parkway. Maintaining the same engineering firm for design of both the roadway and utility infrastructure will provide insight and efficiency in creating the respective layouts. These engineering services are allowable expenses through the CDAP project and will be paid through grant funds. Kathy Cooper, Superintendent of Water/Water Waste was present to answer questions. Moved by Councilman Eckhardt and seconded by Councilman D. McDermott, **“I move Agreement 10-3995, An Agreement between the City of Rochelle and Fehr-Graham & Associates for engineering services related to water and sewer main improvements for the Interstate Transportation Center, be approved.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Hollonbeck, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
- 6) **Engineering Agreement with Willett Hofmann – CDAP Grant ITC Industrial Park:** In addition to the construction of water and sewer main improvements, the \$1,000,000 CDAP grant approved by DCEO includes funds to relocate the existing 36-inch Northwest Interceptor sewer located at the Interstate Transportation Center site. At RMU’s request, Willett, Hofmann & Associates have submitted a proposal for engineering services related to the design, preparation of bid documents and award of the sanitary sewer relocation project for a fee of \$24,000 and construction observation estimated at \$19,500. This firm was responsible for engineering the existing Northwest Interceptor and therefore has valuable knowledge and experience in this area. These engineering services are allowable expenses through the CDAP approved project and will be paid through grant funds. Kathy Cooper was present to answer questions. Moved by Councilman Berg and seconded by Councilman T. McDermott, **“I move Agreement 10-3996, An Agreement between the City of Rochelle and Willett, Hofmann & Associates for engineering services related to the sanitary sewer relocation for the Interstate Transportation Center, be approved.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Hollonbeck, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:35 p.m. Councilman Berg moved and seconded Councilman T. McDermott, **“I move the Council recess into executive session to discuss Executive Minutes, Non-Union Personnel and Collective Negotiating matters.”** Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Councilmembers Berg, Hayes, D. McDermott, T. McDermott, Hollonbeck, Eckhardt, and Mayor Olson. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT: At 9:10 pm, Councilman Eckhardt moved and seconded by Councilman Berg, **“I move the Council return to open session and adjourn.”** Motion passed by voice vote without dissent.