



MINUTES CITY COUNCIL MEETING Monday, May 09, 2022 at 6:30 PM

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Pledge to the Flag was led by Mayor Bearrows. Prayer was said by Pastor Dan Sergeant.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Present were Councilors T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga and Mayor Bearrows. Absent: Councilor Gruben. A quorum of six were present. Also present were City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh and Deputy City Clerk Jennifer Thompson.
- III. **PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC:**
 - 1. Motorcycle Awareness Month – Received by Bob Carol from A.B.A.T.E. Illinois Inc.
 - 2. Good News Award – Cinco de Mayo Committee
 - 3. Good News Award Tech Center/Fire Department
 - 4. Retiree Recognition - Sgt. Jason Bergeron
- IV. **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**
 - 1. Mayor's Report – Thanked everyone involved with the Cinco de Mayo planning. Thanked RTHs Board of Education, Kishwaukee College, Peggy Friday, Jennifer Thompson, Tyson Foods, and Rochelle Foods for their participation with the Hiring Expo Event.
 - 2. Council Members – None
 - 3. Swearing-In Ceremony - Officer Nate Brass
 - 4. RACF Employee Giving Campaign Kickoff - Planes, Trains, and Automobiles. Board Member Nancy Bingham gave a presentation to Council.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** None.

Motion made by Councilor D. McDermott, Seconded by Councilor Shaw- Dickey. **“I make a motion item # 2 Rochelle Power Supply – IMPA, discussion item be moved to current position on the agenda.”**
Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None
Motion passed 6-0.

Rochelle Power Supply – IMPA. Kyle Brouillette an Indiana Municipal Power Association representative gave a presentation to Council regarding the City’s power purchase contracts and purchase power markets.

- VI. **BUSINESS ITEMS:**
 - 1. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIUS VOTE** with Recommendations:
 - a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting - 04/25/22
 - b) Approve Payment Registers #201097-201183, #201184, #201185-201276
 - c) Approve Payroll for Pay Period Ending - 4/17/22
 - d) Accept and Place on File Minutes of Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting - 3/7/22
 - d) Approve Special Event Request - Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival
 - e) Approve Special Event Request - Flight Deck July 3rd Event
 - f) Approve Special Event Request - VFW Poppy Drive
- Motion made by Councilor Hayes, Seconded by Councilor T. McDermott, **“I move consent agenda items (a) through (f) be approved by Omnibus vote as recommended.”** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

2. **Motion to Approve Purchase of Digital Message Display Board Trailer.** The Public Works Department has operated and maintained a digital message display board trailer for over 10 years. This message display board is used for many different functions throughout the City of Rochelle. Some of these functions include roadwork zones, City events, emergency repairs, detours, weather related emergencies and so on. Message display board trailers are compact and can be easily moved from location to location as needed. Digital message display boards have bright LED lights that deliver important safety warnings and information to motorists and pedestrians clearly and effectively. The Public Works Department recommends the purchase one new message display board to provide additional safety warnings and information to motorists and pedestrians. The city often has projects in multiple locations at the same time and adding an additional message display board will provide important information at each end of a work zone or a separate location. Quotes were received for one new message display board trailer. Work Zone Safety Inc of Crest Hill, Illinois offered the lowest price quote of \$15,394.50. Motion to Approve Purchase of Digital Message Display Board Trailer. Public Works Director, Tim Isley was available for questions. Motion made by Councilor D. McDermott, Seconded by Councilor Hayes. **“I move Ordinance 22-5345, an Ordinance Approving the purchase of One New Wanco Metro Message Board Trailer from Work Zone Safety, Inc. in the amount of \$15,394.50, be approved.”** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, Mayor Bearrows Nays: None Motion passed 6-0.

 3. **Motion to Approve Placement of the America 250 Patriot Marker at Lawnridge Cemetery Veteran's Memorial.** The Rochelle Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution are in the planning phase to celebrate America's 250th birthday. The Rochelle Chapter is interested in placing an America 250 Patriot Marker at the Veterans War Memorial, inside Lawnridge Cemetery. The Rochelle Veterans War Memorial Association meet on April 20th, 2022. During this meeting committee members agreed the Revolutionary War Patriots marker would be a great addition to the Veterans War Memorial. The proposed America 250 Patriot marker is a bronze plaque measuring 30" X 30". Motion to Approve Placement of the America 250 Patriot Marker at Lawnridge Cemetery Veteran's Memorial. Tim Isley and Lydia Roberts, DAR and Treasurer of Rochelle Veterans War Memorial Association were available for questions. Motion made by Councilor T. McDermott, Seconded by Councilor D. McDermott. **“I move Ordinance 22-5346, an Ordinance Approving the Placement of One America 250 Patriot Marker at the Veterans War Memorial, located in Lawnridge Cemetery, be approved.”** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None Motion passed 6-0.
- VII. **DISCUSSION ITEMS: Railroad Park Long-Term Improvements.** In 2021, Staff began to explore potential upgrades to the Rochelle Railroad Park for a long-term improvement plan. Willett Hoffman was contracted to create visual renderings and provide cost estimates. A survey and zoom interview of railfans was conducted and ideas were incorporated into the plan. Jenny Thompson, Director of Community Engagement/Assistant to City Manager gave presentation to Council.
- VIII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.
- IX. **ADJOURNMENT:** At 7:42 PM, Motion made by Councilor D. McDermott, Seconded by Councilor Hayes. **“I move the Council adjourn.”** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, Mayor Bearrows Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

 John Bearrows, Mayor

 Jennifer Thompson, Deputy City Clerk