



**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Monday, August 28, 2023 at 6:30 PM**

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- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Pledge to the Flag was led by Mayor Bearrows. Prayer was said by Pastor Katherine Paisley.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Present were Councilors T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, Valdivieso, and Mayor John Bearrows. A quorum of seven were present. Also, present City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh and City Clerk Rose Huéramo.
- III. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC:** National Service Dog Month for the Month of September accepted by Aubrey Headon & Humphrey.
- IV. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**
1. Mayor's Report: Mentioned the Canine Companions Program Aubrey & Humphrey are involved with.
  2. Council Members: None.
  3. New Employee Introduction - Community Service Officers Damen Harrington and Evan Dickson
- V. PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** None.
- VI. BUSINESS ITEMS:**
1. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIUS VOTE with Recommendations:
    - a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting - 8/14/23
    - b) Approve Check Registers - 207470, 207471-207552, 207557-207650
    - c) Approve Payroll - 7/24/23-8/6/23
    - d) Accept and Place on File July Financials
    - e) Approve Special Event Request - Peanut Days - September 22, 23
    - f) Approve Increased Compensation for City Manager

Motion made by Councilor Hayes, Seconded by Councilor D. McDermott, **"I move consent agenda (a) through (f) be approved by Omnibus vote as recommended."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, Valdivieso, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
  1. **A Resolution Authorizing a Lease Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management for a 2023 Ford Transit Wagon.** In the fall of 2022, the water reclamation department ordered a 2023 Ford Transit for the newly created pretreatment lab tech position through the enterprise program. Almost a year later we still have not received the vehicle and there is no sign that we will anytime soon. Prescott Ford had a comparable model in stock, so we moved to purchase this vehicle before it was sold. Superintendent of Water/Water Reclamation Adam Lanning was available for questions. Motion made by Councilor Arteaga, Seconded by Councilor Shaw-Dickey, **"I move R23-95, a Resolution Authorizing a Lease Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management for a 2023 Ford Transit Wagon, be approved."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, Valdivieso, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

2. **An Ordinance Accepting and Approving the Bid by Porter Brothers, Inc. Pursuant to the Request for Proposal - Fire Training Facility.** In November of 2021 Council approved a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Ogle-Lee Fire Protection District for the development of a Joint Training Facility located at 920 South Main Street in Rochelle.

- On June 5th the Planning and Zoning Board approved a special use permit to allow a Training Facility to be built within an I2 zone, and on June 12th the special use was approved by Council.
- On July 2 nd a Notice to Bidders was published for Site Development to include earth excavation, the construction of water detention, base layer stone and gravel, the construction of two cement pads, asphalt paving, grass seeding, et al.
- On July 14th there was a bid opening at City Hall where four bids were opened and read aloud. Total bids range from \$891,549.23 to \$740,497.44 with Porter Brothers Construction Inc. of Freeport Illinois submitting the lowest bid.
- On July 19th this project was issued a building permit by the City of Rochelle Building Official.
- On August 8th the Board of Trustees for the Ogle-Lee Fire Protection District approved awarding the bid for site preparation to the low bidder Porter Brothers Construction Inc.

In November of 2022 the Ogle County Board awarded a \$50,000 grant to help offset the cost of two cement pads. Fire Chief Dave Sawlsville and Firefighter Tyler Carls were available for questions. Motion made by Councilor D. McDermott, Seconded by Councilor Valdivieso, **"I move Ordinance 23-5435, and Ordinance Accepting a Approving the Proposal of Porter Brothers, INC. Pursuant to the Request for Proposal, be approved."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, Valdivieso, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

**VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. **Electric Safety Trailer Presentation.** At 6:46 PM it was addressed to Council the Electric Department will demonstration the safety trailer in the Police Department parking lot.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.**

- IX. ADJOURNMENT:** At 6:47 PM, Motion made by Councilor T. McDermott, Seconded by Councilor D. McDermott, **"I move the Council Adjourn."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, Valdivieso, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

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John Bearrows, Mayor

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Rose Huéramo, City Clerk