



MINUTES
CITY OF ROCHELLE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, August 10, 2026 at 6:30 PM

City of Rochelle Council Chambers—420 North 6th Street, Rochelle, IL 61068

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Pledge to the flag and prayer were led by Mayor Bearrows.

1. Pledge to the Flag
2. Prayer

II. ROLL CALL:

Present were Councilors T. McDermott, D. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, Valdivieso, and Mayor John Bearrows. Absent: Councilors Hayes and Arteaga. A quorum of five were present. Also present: City Manager Zeke Jackson, City Clerk Rose Huéramo, and City Attorney Dominick Lanzito. Councilor Hayes arrived at 6:43 pm.

III. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC:

None.

IV. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Mayor's Report

Mayor commented on the excellent turnout for National Night Out, held on 8/5, and expressed appreciation to all of the vendors who participated and helped make the event a success. Mayor also thanked everyone who attended the recent groundbreaking ceremonies for the new substation and new car wash, as well as the ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the grand reopening of the Shell gas station on Route 38. Additionally, Mayor expressed appreciation for the tremendous community support shown at the “Stuff the Squad” event held on Saturday, August 8. Mayor also asked that with school get back in session to be mindful while driving and to keep an eye out for kids walking and biking.

2. Council Members

Councilwomen Shaw-Dickey expressed as we go back to school how grateful to have the school resource officers (SRO) program.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

None.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Comprehensive Plan - Introduction & Residential Growth and Development

Michelle Pease Director of Community Development presented the Council with a comprehensive plan update. Adopted in 2023, the plan provides a 20-year framework for community growth and development, with updates anticipated every five to seven years. The update included the community’s housing goals, including residential growth and development and the need for both single-family and multifamily housing. It also highlighted areas designated for future growth on the zoning map, provided an updated future land use map, and outlined housing strategies and recommended planning priorities to guide future development.

2. Audit Presentation

Finance Director Matt Hoffman along with Lindsey Fish from Audit Firm Sikage presented council with the results of the 2025 financial audit.

VII. BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE with Recommendations:

- a) Approve City Council Meeting Minutes - 7/27/2026
- b) Approve Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes - 7/6/2026
- c) Approve Payroll - 7/6/2026 - 7/19/2026
- d) Approve Payment Registers - 7/27/2026, 8/3/2026
- e) Approve Special Event Request - Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting - 8/11/26

Motion made by Councilor Valdivieso, Seconded by Councilor D. McDermott, **"I move consent agenda items (a) through (e) be approved by Omnibus vote as recommended."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, Valdivieso, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

- 2. A Resolution Approving an Easement Agreement with Boyle Farm

Motion made by Councilor T. McDermott, Seconded by Councilor Shaw-Dickey, **"I move Resolution R2026-31, a Resolution Approving an Easement Agreement with Boyle Farm, be approved."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, Valdivieso, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

- 3. An Ordinance approving the Preliminary and Final Plats of the Rochelle Business and Technology Park, Phase 3

Motion made by Councilor D. McDermott, Seconded by Councilor Hayes, **"I move Ordinance 2026-42, an Ordinance Approving the Preliminary and Final Plats of the Rochelle Business and Technology Park, Phase 3, be approved."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, Valdivieso, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

- 4. An Ordinance approving a Special Use Permit for Recycling at 200 Standard Oil Road

Motion made by Councilor D. McDermott, Seconded by Councilor Hayes, **"I move Ordinance 2026-43, an Ordinance Approving a Special Use Permit for Recycling at 200 Standard Oil Road, be approved."**

Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, Valdivieso, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 6-0.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:15 PM. Motion made by Councilor D. McDermott, Seconded by Councilor Valdivieso, **"I move the Council adjourn."** Voice Vote.