



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, February 09, 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 the prayer were led by Mayor Bearrows.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Present: Councilors T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, Valdivieso, and Mayor John Bearrows. A quorum of seven were present. Also present: Interim City Manager Sam Tesreau, Deputy Clerk Rosie Belmonte, City Attorney Dominick Lanzito.
- III. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC:** None.
- IV. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**
1. Mayor's Report: Mayor thanked Cub Scout pack 553 and everyone that participated in the Pinewood Derby held on 2/7.
 2. Council Members: None.
- V. PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** None.
- VI. BUSINESS ITEMS:**
1. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIBUS VOTE with Recommendations:
 - a) Approve City Council Meeting Minutes - 1/26/26
 - b) Approve Payroll - 1/5/26-1/18/26
 - c) Approve Payment Registers - 1/26/26, 2/2/26
 - d) Approve Exception Payments - 1/27/26Motion made by Councilor Hayes, Seconded by Councilor D. McDermott, **"I move consent agenda items (a) through (d) 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.
- VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS: Project Crossroads Development Agreement** Interim City Manager Sam Tesreau provided background on the Data Center Project and reviewed the draft development agreement between the City of Rochelle and Midwest Power Investors. City Attorney Dominick Lanzito, Superintendent Blake Toliver, Director of Water/Water Reclamation Adam Lanning, Director of Community Engagement & Assistant to the City Manager Jennifer Thompson, and Utility Billing Manager Autumn Hernandez assisted with the discussion. The Interim City Manager invited comments and concerns from Council to be addressed throughout the presentation.
- VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.
- IX. ADJOURNMENT:** At 7:34 PM. Motion made by Councilor Shaw-Dickey, 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.

Mayor, John Bearrows

Deputy City Clerk, Rosie Belmonte