



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, December 23, 2025 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 John Bearrows.
- 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, City Clerk Rose Huéramo, City Attorney Dominick Lanzito.
- III. **PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC:** None.
- IV. **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**
1. Mayor's Report: Wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe Holiday.
 2. Council Members: Councilwoman Shaw-Dickey thanked City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh for the last 8.3 years of service.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** None.
- VI. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:** The City Manager presented a video recap highlighting eight years of City projects and collaboration with community partners.
- VII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 6:46 PM. Motion made by Councilor T. McDermott, Seconded by Councilor D. McDermott, **"I move the Council recess into executive session to discuss the (appointment, Employment, Compensation, discipline, performance and/or dismissal) of specific employee(s). Section (c) (1).** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, Valdivieso, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
At 8:36 PM. Motion made by Councilor T. McDermott, Seconded by Councilor D. McDermott, **"I move the Council return to open session."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, Valdivieso, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
- VIII. **BUSINESS ITEMS:**
1. **A Motion to Accept the Resignation of City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh, Effective Wednesday, January 14, 2026.** Motion made by Councilor Shaw-Dickey, Seconded by Councilor Arteaga, **"I move the Council accept the Resignation of the City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh, Effective Wednesday, January 14, 2026."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, Valdivieso, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
 2. **A Motion to Appoint an Interim City Manager.** Motion made by Councilor T. McDermott, Seconded by Councilor D. McDermott, **"I move the Council to appoint Sam Tesreau as Interim City Manager to serve until the position of City Manager is permanently filled or until further action by the Council."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, Valdivieso, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
 3. **A Motion Engage a Consultant to Conduct a City Manager Search.** Motion made by Councilor Shaw-Dickey, Seconded by Councilor Valdivieso, **"I move that the Council authorize the use of option B, Arndt Municipal Support as a consultant to conduct a City Manager search, in an amount not to exceed \$22,250."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, Valdivieso, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

- IX. ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:39 PM. Motion made by Councilor Shaw-Dickey, Seconded by Councilor Valdivieso, **"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.

John Bearrows, Mayor

Rose Huéramo, City Clerk