

**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.

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John Bearrows, Mayor

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Rose Huéramo, City Clerk