

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM MEMO  
REGULAR MEETING**

**SUBJECT:**           **Approval of Boyle Family Utility Easement Agreement**

**Staff Contact:**       Blake Toliver, Superintendent of Electric Operations

**Summary:**

The City of Rochelle has negotiated a permanent utility easement across a portion of the Boyle family property near Steward Road and East Ritchie Road. The agreement grants the City a permanent, exclusive corridor for underground electric and fiberoptic facilities, together with the access necessary to construct, operate, maintain, repair, and replace those facilities. The agreement provides \$20,000 in consideration for the easement.

The easement is needed to advance the Ritchie Road Substation-to-CHS project. The alignment also preserves a utility corridor that can support future development of the Boyle farm and future connections associated with the CenterPoint Substation. Approval of the agreement formally memorializes the discussions held with the Boyle family in 2025 and secures the utility rights needed for current and future electric system improvements.

**Funding Sources:**

| Source:       | Budgeted Amount: | Proposed Expenditure: |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Electric Fund | \$20,000         | \$20,000              |

**Strategic Plan Goal Application:**   Core Service Delivery

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve and accept the Easement Agreement with the Boyle family for the Ritchie Road Substation-to-CHS project; authorize payment of \$20,000 from the Electric Fund; and authorize the Interim City Manager and City Clerk to execute the agreement and any related documents necessary to record the easement.