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WHEREAS, Section 7 of Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois provides that a municipality that is not a home rule unit shall have only those powers granted by law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rochelle ("City"), Ogle County, Illinois, is a non-home rule unit of local government pursuant to Section 7 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution and may exercise only those powers expressly granted by law; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly granted non-home rule municipalities broad authority to "pass all ordinances and make all rules and regulations proper or necessary, to carry into effect the powers granted to municipalities." 65 ILCS 5/1-2-1; and

WHEREAS, while "non-home rule municipalities have the authority to enact ordinances, such ordinances may in no event conflict with state law or prohibit what a state statute expressly permits . . . A local ordinance may impose more rigorous or definite regulations in addition to those enacted by the state legislature so long as they do not conflict with the statute." (*Village of Wauconda v. Hutton*, 291 Ill. App. 3d 1058, 1060 (1997)); and

WHEREAS, the City of Rochelle owns and operates Rochelle Municipal Utilities ("RMU"), which provides various utility services including electric power to its customers; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly enacted the *Municipal and Cooperative Electric Utility Transparent Planning Act* (220 ILCS 31/), pursuant to Public Act 104-458, effective June 1, 2026, to require certain municipal and cooperative electric utilities to undertake long-range integrated resource planning; and

WHEREAS, Section 1-15(a) of the Act requires municipalities serving more than 7,000 retail electric customer meters to initiate an Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP") process by January 1, 2027, and every five years thereafter, including preparation and public posting of a preliminary plan by January 1 of the following year; and

WHEREAS, RMU serves more than 7,000 retail electric customers and is therefore subject to the requirements of the Act, including public stakeholder engagement, public posting and comment procedures, and preparation and adoption of an Integrated Resource Plan; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of an Integrated Resource Plan is to evaluate existing electric resources, forecast future system needs over a twenty-year planning horizon, and develop a comprehensive resource strategy and near-term action plan to ensure reliable, resilient, and cost-effective electric service for RMU customers; and

WHEREAS, RMU solicited and evaluated proposals for professional consulting services to assist with development of the required Integrated Resource Plan; and

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2026, Polar Consulting submitted a proposal to provide Integrated Resource Plan development services, including load forecasting, resource screening, analysis of resource portfolios and planning sensitivities, risk and resilience assessments, evaluation of customer bill impacts, stakeholder engagement activities, and utility-specific assessments addressing energy storage, local resiliency, large-load growth, transmission access, and municipal utility benchmarking; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Proposal is attached herein as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that Polar Consulting possesses the qualifications, technical expertise, and experience necessary to successfully complete the Integrated Resource Plan, including the experience of its proposed Project Manager and Technical IRP Lead, Chris Jewell, whose background includes approximately twelve years of service with the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency (IMEA) managing municipal electric resource planning and power supply portfolios; and

WHEREAS, Polar Consulting has proposed to perform the required services for a fixed fee of Three Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars (\$329,832.00), with payment tied to accepted project milestones, no upfront deposit required, and optional services specifically excluded from the proposed agreement; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project schedule provides for commencement of services on or about October 12, 2026, and completion of the final Integrated Resource Plan by October 15, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that acceptance of the Polar Consulting proposal is in the best interests of the City and RMU and will facilitate compliance with state law while supporting prudent long-term electric utility planning for the benefit of RMU customers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCHELLE, OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

SECTION ONE: That the City hereby incorporates all of the recitals above into this Resolution as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION TWO: The Proposal from Polar Consulting for Integrated Resource Plan Development, attached hereto as Exhibit A, is hereby approved and accepted. The City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Polar Consulting consistent with the Proposal and to execute such other documents as may be necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution, subject to review and approval as to form by the City Attorney.

SECTION THREE: If any provision of this Resolution or application thereof to any person or circumstance is ruled unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Resolution that can be given effect without the invalid application or provision, and each invalid provision or invalid application of this Resolution is severable.

SECTION FOUR: Where the conditions imposed by any provisions of this Resolution are more restrictive than comparable provisions imposed elsewhere in any other local law, ordinance, resolution, rule or regulation, the provisions of this Resolution shall control.

SECTION FIVE: The City Clerk shall publish this Resolution in pamphlet form.

SECTION SIX: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

PASSED THIS 13th day of October, 2026.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

APPROVED THIS 13th day of October, 2026.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)
COUNTY OF OGLE) SS.

CERTIFICATE

I, Rose Huéramo, City Clerk of the City of Rochelle, County of Ogle and State of Illinois, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. _____, "RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM AND AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH POLAR CONSULTING FOR INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN DEVELOPMENT," which was adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochelle on October 13, 2026.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the City of Rochelle this 13th day of October 2026.

CITY CLERK