
THE CITY OF ROCHELLE
Ogle County, Illinois

ORDINANCE
NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM MICHELS CORPORATION
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW TRANSMISSION LINE CONNECTING
RITCHIE ROAD AND CENTERPOINT SUBSTATIONS**

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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 only have the powers granted to them by law and as such the City of Rochelle, Ogle County, Illinois being a non-home rule unit pursuant to the provisions of said Section 7 of Article VII, and may exercise only the 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, Rochelle Municipal Utilities prepared a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) to solicit bids for the construction of the new 34.5kV transmission line connecting the Ritchie Road Substation to the new Centerpoint Substation; and

WHEREAS, the RFP was publicly advertised according to statutory requirements and the bid notice was published in the Rochelle News Leader; and;

WHEREAS, the City of Rochelle received and opened four sealed proposals on December 18, 2025; and

WHEREAS, BHMG conducted a detailed evaluation of the bids received, including review of qualifications, project experience, and contractor references. While Helm Electric, the lowest bidder, submitted a compliant bid with no notable exceptions and received positive references, BHMG determined that Helm does not have a demonstrated track record completing projects of this size and complexity; and

WHEREAS, given that this project will serve as a critical backbone to Rochelle’s electric system and represents essential infrastructure that must be constructed to high reliability standards, BHMG identified Helm Electric’s lack of direct experience as a significant project risk; and

WHEREAS, the second lowest bidder, Michels Corporation, has a strong experience of similar projects; and

WHEREAS, BHMG therefore recommends the City accept the proposal from Michels Corporation in the amount of \$11,890,929.51; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find that it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to accept and approve the proposal from the Michels Corporation for the construction of the new 34.5kV transmission line connecting the Ritchie Road Substation to the new Centerpoint Substation.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCHELLE, ILLINOIS:

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

SECTION TWO: The Mayor and City Council hereby accept and approve the proposal from Michels Corporation in the amount of \$11,890,929.51 for the construction of the new 34.5kV transmission line connecting the Ritchie Road Substation to the new Centerpoint Substation. The City Manager or his designee is authorized to execute any documents necessary to carry out the intent of this Ordinance subject to review and revision by the City Attorney.

SECTION THREE: If any provision of this Ordinance 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 ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid application or provision, and each invalid provision or invalid application of this Ordinance is severable.

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

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

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

APPROVED this 26th day of January 2026.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)
COUNTY OF OGLE) SS.

CERTIFICATE

I, Rose Hueramo, 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 Ordinance No. _____, "AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM MICHELS CORPORATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW TRANSMISSION LINE CONNECTING RITCHIE ROAD AND CENTERPOINT SUBSTATIONS" which was adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochelle on January 26, 2026.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the City of Rochelle this 26th day of January 2026.

CITY CLERK