



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, June 10, 2024 at 6:30 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Pledge to the Flag was led by Mayor Bearrows. Prayer was said by City Clerk Rose Huéramo.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Present were Councilors T. McDermott, Hayes, Arteaga, Valdivieso, and Mayor John Bearrows. Absent: Councilors D. McDermott and Shaw-Dickey. Also, present City Clerk Rose Huéramo.
- III. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC:**
 1. Special Recognition by Mayor Bearrows Rescheduled to a later date.
 2. Retiree Recognition - Nancy Bingham
- IV. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**
 1. Mayor's Report: Council member Ben Valdivieso's Birthday on Thursday, 6/13.
 2. Council Members: None.
 3. Appointments to and Resignations from Boards & Commissions: Motion made by Councilor Hayes, Seconded by Councilor Arteaga, **"I move the Council to approve the Mayor's appointments to Golf Course Advisory Board Committee for terms beginning July 1, 2024."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, Arteaga, Valdivieso, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 5-0.
- V. PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** None.
- VI. BUSINESS ITEMS:**
 1. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIUS VOTE** with Recommendations:
 - a) Approve City Council Meeting Minutes - 5/28/2024
 - b) Approve Payment Registers - 5/24/24, 6/3/24
 - c) Approve Payroll - 5/13/24-5/26/24
 - d) Approve Special Event Request - Gertie Day at Flagg Township Museum - June 22
 - e) Approve Special Event Request - Acres Bistro Summer Picnic in the Park - June 13Motion made by Councilor Valdivieso, Seconded by Councilor Arteaga, **"I move consent agenda items (a) through (e) be approved by Omnibus vote as recommended."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, Arteaga, Valdivieso, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 5-0.
 2. **A Motion to Approve Intergovernmental Personnel Benefits Cooperative Premium Renewal Rates for January 1, 2025 -December 31, 2025.** In September of 2017, the City Council approved a Resolution, and the City of Rochelle became a member of Intergovernmental Personnel Benefits Cooperative (IPBC) starting in 2018 in the sub pool known as Quad Cities Health Insurance Pool (QCHIP). Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois is the insurance carrier with only a PPO option to all full-time employees. The premiums are a shared cost with the city and employees, the cost sharing is set by the respective CBA's and the Employee Handbook. The IPBC board approved the 2025 premium rates for the members and the sub pools and were presented to the members in third quarter. The renewal rate for Rochelle is -1%, which is a slight decrease to the premium amounts. Yes, this is a decrease. In 2024, we added a High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP), along with a Health Savings Account (HSA). The premiums came in at 12.8% lower than the normal plan rates, with a \$3200 deductible. With the HDHP, employees have an HSA. Year 2 (2025) the City's **HSA** contribution would be: \$1,000 for Single and \$2,800 for Family. Employee would have to be on plan both years to receive both year 1 & 2 contributions. If an employee would join year 2 they would not receive Year 1 contributions. The total premium decreases: family from \$2,219.45 to \$2,197.26 and single from \$865.45 to \$856.80. HDHP total premiums are \$1,951.34 to \$1,931.83 for family and \$760.90 to \$753.29 for single. The premium history: The rate increase is approximately 15.63% increase from 2017 prior IPBC to current w/IPBC. This is an average increase of 2.2329% over 7 years.

BCBS	2016	\$1,888.37	\$736.35	
BCBS	2017	\$1,915.27	\$746.84	
IPBC/BCBS	1/1/2018-6/30/2019	\$1,941.52	\$ 757.08	1.37%
IPBC/BCBS	7/1/2019-6/30/2020	\$1,786.20	\$ 696.57	-8%
IPBC/BCBS	7/1/2020-6/30/2021	\$1,888.01	\$ 736.21	5.70%
IPBC/BCBS	7/1/2021-6/30/2022	\$2,078.70	\$ 810.57	10.9%
IPBC/BCBS	1/1/2022-12/31/2023	\$2,147.30	\$ 837.32	3.30%
IPBC/BCBS	1/1/2024-12/31/2024	\$ 2,219.45	\$ 865.45	3.36%
IPBC/BCBS	1/1/2025-12/31/2025	\$2,197.26	\$856.80	-1%
HDHP		\$1,931.83	\$753.29	

Director of Human Resources Nancy Bingham was available for questions. Motion made by Councilor T. McDermott, Seconded by Councilor Valdivieso, **"I move the Council to approve the Intergovernmental Personnel Benefits Cooperative Premium Renewal Rates for January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, Arteaga, Valdivieso, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 5-0.

3. **A Resolution Calling for an Application to the State of Illinois for the Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant Program that will fund energy planning for up to \$150,000.** The Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant Program funds energy planning activity up to \$150,000, with no match requirement, with applications being accepted by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency until June 17th, 2024. The city would apply, and Blackhawk Hills Regional Council will administer the grant and work will be outsourced in an RFP process. Goals of the program include reduction in fossil fuel emissions to maximize benefits to local and regional communities, to improve energy efficiency in the transportation and building sectors, and to build a clean and equitable energy economy to prioritize disadvantaged communities and workforce opportunities. Andy Shaw, with Blackhawk Hill Regional Council, was available to answer questions. Motion made by Councilor Arteaga, Seconded by Councilor T. McDermott, **"I move Resolution R24-36, a Resolution Requesting a Partnership Between the City of Rochelle and the Villages of Hillcrest and Creston in support of Energy Efficiency Strategic Planning, be approved."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, Arteaga, Valdivieso, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 5-0.
4. **An Ordinance Accepting and Approving the Proposal of Curran Contracting Co. Pursuant to the Request for Bids for the 2024 Steward Road Improvement Project with Section #24-00119-00-RS and Authorizing Additional Work Not to Exceed \$172,000 and a Resolution Allocating Motor Fuel Funds for the Improvement of Steward Road with Sec #24-00119-00-RS under the Illinois Highway Code.** Seward Road was identified in the CIP under the Rebuild Illinois Funds (RBI) P3 project. The City has received nearly \$630,000 in RBI funds over the past 3 years. The project will include pavement improvements, HMA shoulder upgrades and well as pavement striping of the existing roadway alignment. The project extends from the west side of the BNSF overpass to the Lee County line for a length of 1.6 miles. The project will provide much needed repair and maintenance of the roadway due to the 40% increase in truck traffic since 2009. The above referenced project was advertised in the Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT) Notice to Contractor's Bulletin 24-18 as well as the Rochelle Newsleader and City website. Bids were publicly opened and read aloud on May 13, 2024, at 11 am for the above referenced project. Three separate bids were received as follows:
 - Curran Contracting Company submitted a bid for making the entire improvements in the amount of \$1,347,898.65.
 - Rock Road Company submitted a bid for making the entire improvements in the amount of \$1,354,688.53.

- Martin & Company Excavating submitted a bid for making the entire improvements in the amount of \$1,372,371.55.

The lowest bid is approximately 13% lower than the Engineers estimate of cost. The project is being funded with Rebuild Illinois (RBI) funds and Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds administered through IDOT. A transfer from the CY 2024 MFT fund 17-00 will be made to the CY 2024 CIP fund 36-00-86088 to cover the Local Agency (LA) costs associated with Sec#24-00119-00-RS. Furthermore, given the favorable contract unit prices for multiple construction items it is recommended that approval be given to the City Manager and/or the City Engineer to negotiate additional work or contract change orders, not to exceed \$172,000, within the proposed bid contract prices to facilitate or other as agreed prices or other improvements and upgrades to streets adjacent to this project. It is anticipated the construction project will be substantially complete by September 2024. However additional time will be granted for any additional work. City council approval of resolution (BLR 14220) will allow the City to move forward with providing funding associated with engineering, maintenance and/or construction on the referenced project from the MFT fund. Enclosure (1) uses the standard IDOT resolution to document the requested expenditure. Sam Tesreau, City Engineer was available for questions. Motion made by Councilor T. McDermott, Seconded by Councilor Valdivieso, **"I move Ordinance 24-5484, an Ordinance Accepting and Approving the Proposal of Curren Contracting Co., Pursuant to the Request for Bids for the 2024 Steward Road Improvement Project with Section #24-00119-00-RS and Authorizing Additional Work Not to Exceed \$172,000, be approved."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, Arteaga, Valdivieso, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 5-0. Motion made Councilor T. McDermott, Seconded by Councilor Hayes, **"I move Resolution R24-37, a Resolution Allocating Motor Fuel Funds for the Improvement of Steward Road with Sec# 24-00119-00-RS under the Illinois Highway Code, be approved."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, Arteaga, Valdivieso, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 5-0.

5. **A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property and Approving a Consignment Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc.** In 2019, Rochelle City Council approved a vehicle leasing and replacement program with Enterprise Fleet Management (EFM). This program is designed to reduce capital expenditures, vehicle repair costs, and improve vehicle reliability, safety, and resale. January of 2020 the City began receiving new vehicles through EFM. Since then, monthly vehicle maintenance expenses and downtime have been reduced, while vehicle reliability and safety has significantly increased. As this program advances, the vehicles being replaced will be newer in age and have an increased resale value. Vehicle leasing costs will continue to decrease as we continue to sell these vehicles and build equity into the City's EFM program. At this time, the Public Works Department has three (3) vehicles, listed in exhibit 1, that have been replaced and are ready to sell. EFM has multiple resale channels to create a competitive environment maximizing vehicle returns. No later than two (2) business days after the collection of funds for the sale of a vehicle, EFM will remit an amount equal to the vehicle's sale price minus a \$400 service fee. Proceeds from the sale of these 3 vehicles will be re-invested into the Public Works Department's leasing program to reduce the costs of current lease vehicles. Public Works Director Tim Isley was available to answer questions. Motion made by Councilor Valdivieso, Seconded by Councilor Arteaga, **"I move Resolution R24-38, a Resolution Authorizing the sale of surplus property and Approving a Consignment Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc, be approved."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, Arteaga, Valdivieso, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 5-0.

VII. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:** None.

VIII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT:** At 6:53 PM, Motion made by Councilor Valdivieso, Seconded by Councilor Arteaga, **"I move the Council adjourn."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, Arteaga, Valdivieso, and Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 5-0.