



MINUTES CITY COUNCIL MEETING Monday, April 11, 2022 at 6:30 PM

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- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Pledge to the Flag was led by Mayor Bearrows. Prayer was said by Pastor Joy Alsop.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Present were Councilors T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Gruben, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga and Mayor Bearrows. Also present were City Manager Jeff Fiegenschuh and City Clerk Rose Huéramo.
- II. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC:**
1. Lineperson Appreciation Day – April 18, 2022. Proclamation was received by Superintendent of Electric Operations Blake Toliver.
 2. Good News - Trash Program Rollout
Good News - Electrical Substation
- IV. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**
1. Mayor's Report
 2. Council Members: Councilor Arteaga reminds all to join the Cinco de Mayor Committee. Meeting held Wednesday at City Hall from 6-7 PM.
 3. Appointment to Fire Pension Board - Sue Messer (Term Exp. 4/30/24). Motion made by Councilor D. McDermott, Seconded by Councilor Shaw-Dickey, **"I move the Council approve the mayor's appointment of Sue Messer to the Fire Pension Board with a term to expire April 30, 2024."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Gruben, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
 4. Appointment to Police Pension Board - Sue Messer (Term Exp. 4/30/24). Motion made by Councilor Hayes, Seconded by Councilor Arteaga, **"I move the Council approve the mayor's appointment of Sue Messer to the Police Pension Board with a term to expire April 30, 2024."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Gruben, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
- V. PUBLIC COMMENTARY:** None.
- VI. BUSINESS ITEMS:**
1. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS BY OMNIUS VOTE with Recommendations:
 - a) Approve Minutes of City Council Meeting - 03/14/22, 03/28/22
 - b) Approve Check Register - 03/28/22, 04/04/22
 - c) Approve Payroll - 04/03/22
 - d) Approve VFW Auxiliary Request - Community Gardens
 Motion made by Councilor Gruben, Seconded by Councilor T. McDermott, **"I move consent agenda items (a) through (d) be approved by Omnibus vote as recommended."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Gruben, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

2. **Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Hanson Professional Services, Inc. for Airport Development Program Services.** The City of Rochelle completed the consultant selection procedures in accordance with the requirements of FAA Advisory Circular No. 150/5100-14E; "Consultant Engineering Selection Procedures" as published by the Illinois Division of Aeronautics, and 49 CFR 18 "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments". Hanson Professional Services, Inc. (Hanson) has been selected to provide the engineering services required for the projects anticipated to be undertaken by the City of Rochelle for the next five years. Airport Manager Mike Hudetz was available for questions. Motion made by Councilor T. McDermott, Seconded by Councilor D. McDermott, **"I move Resolution R22-16, a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager Execute an Agreement with Hanson Professional Services, Inc. for Airport Development Program Services, be approved."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Gruben, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.
3. **Ordinance Accepting and Approving the Proposal from Tri-City Electric Company of Iowa, Pursuant to the Request for Proposal.** On March 17, 2022 we received and opened bids for the installation of the power plant transformers installation. A total of two (2) bids were received and have been reviewed for completeness and ability to meet specification requirements.
- Bidder Total Bid Price Notes:
Tri-City Electric \$3,256,000.00
Morse Electric \$3,865,595.00
- The bid from Tri-City Electric was the apparent low bid for Specification 2199K003, no major exceptions were listed, except for lead-time on materials. Tri-City has a good list of reference completed projects. The company appears to be in good standing and employs certified and trained craftsmen. The original project was commissioned in June of 2021, to replace the aging power plant electrical transformer, with a transformer, new foundation, oil containment, and connecting power cables. The new transformer was placed on order in the end of July, and unfortunately diagnostic testing of the existing transformer required it to be removed from service at the end of August. The diesel plant was required to operate for two weeks while an emergency rental transformer was shipped to the site due to the 5kV downtown area is only supplied power by the plant or this step-down transformer. Following this event, the team completed a review of the system and determined that a second power source must be installed to provide reliable power to this portion of town and allow maintenance on the substation feeder exits which are in dire need of repair. The team worked to find four locations where step-down transformers can be installed to back up the 5kV feeders with existing 13.8kV feeders. This will allow this portion of town to be fed from an alternate source for reliability and allow maintenance on the power plant feeder exits. A contract was issued in the first of November for the purchase of this equipment. A bid package was created and issued in January of 2022 for the complete installation of both the original power plant transformer, and the step-down transformers. These bids were opened on March 17th, and the total contract amount was \$3,256,000. The original scope of the project was estimated at \$2,270,000. The additional \$986,000 is for the installation of the four step-down transformers. Unfortunately, the additional scope is over the original budget, but these improvements are urgently needed to help provide reliability to the area, and allow maintenance on the substation feeders, therefore, it is our recommendation it is the best interest of the utility to proceed with the overall installation contract. Blake Toliver, Superintendent of Electric Operations was available for questions. Motion made by Councilor D. McDermott, Seconded by Councilor Arteaga, **"I move Ordinance 22-5341, an Ordinance Awarding the Power Plant Transformer Upgrades Installation Contract to Tri-City Electric in the amount of \$3,256,000.00, be approved."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Gruben, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, Mayor Bearrows. Nays None. Motion passed 7-0.

4. **Ordinance Amending Section 6-46 of the Municipal Code of the City of Rochelle to Delete One Class R-3 Liquor License for The Rack Bar & Grill to Create One Class R-3 Liquor License for Brewski's Bar & Grill.** The City has received a request from Joshua & Robin Blunt for the business at 406 Cherry Ave and deleting the license for The Rack Bar & Grill at the same address and creating a liquor license for Brewski's Bar & Grill. The Class R-3 liquor license allows for the retail sale of alcoholic liquor by restaurants with a bar for consumption on premises. The current owners of The Rack Bar and Grill will surrender their liquor license effective upon sale of business, on or before April 19, 2022. Once the sale of business is finalized the current owners will return their liquor license to the City Clerk's office to issue the new owners of Brewski's Bar & Grill liquor license. The Liquor Commissioner, John Bearrows, has reviewed the request and has no objection to the transaction. City Clerk Rose Huéramo, and soon to be owners Robin & Josh Blunt were available for questions. Motion made by Councilor Arteaga, Seconded by Councilor D. McDermott, **"I move Ordinance 22-5342, an Ordinance Amending Section 6-46 of the Municipal Code to Delete One Class R-3 Liquor License for The Rack Bar & Grill to Create One Class R-3 Liquor License for Brewski's Bar & Grill for the location at 406 Cherry Ave, be approved."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

5. **Motion to Accept 2022 City of Rochelle Sidewalk/Pedestrian Paths Improvement Project Bid Proposals.** The annual sidewalk/pedestrian path improvements project, as administered by the Engineering Department, provides for the replacement of existing and/or constructs new sidewalks and pedestrian paths and other related items throughout the City. The program provides for improved accessible pedestrian access routes including ramps for the disabled and other users. This is part of an effort to continuously improve our pedestrian network for all users and meet certain ADA and PROWAG standards. The program is primarily funded through the Utility Tax Fund (UTF) established in 1997 in an effort to routinely address the needed and required upgrades to the City's pedestrian sidewalk system, associated curb and gutter replacement, street pavement restoration and landscaping. Since its inception over 900,000 square feet of sidewalk and/or other pedestrian paths and hundreds of accessibility ramps have been improved through replacement and/or new construction. The UTF has been utilized to supplement new sidewalk or pedestrian path construction on multiple roadways, bridge, storm sewer and City Street urbanization/reconstruction projects. The project plans and specifications were developed by the City Engineering Department and advertised in the Rochelle News leader and on the City website. Bids were publicly opened and read aloud on April 4th at 11am for the above referenced project. Four separate bids were received as follows:
 - Bruns Construction, Inc. submitted a bid for making the entire improvements in the amount of \$360,002.50
 - AA Construction, Inc. submitted a bid for making the entire improvements in the amount of \$410,441.25
 - Porter Brothers Construction, Inc. submitted a bid for making the entire improvements in the amount of \$506,106.12
 - O'Brien Civil Works, Inc. submitted a bid for making the entire improvements in the amount of \$529,210.00

The lowest bid is approximately 11% lower than the Engineer's estimated costs for the project. The project is funded with UTF administered by the Engineering Department. A transfer from the FY22 UTF #18-00 will be made to the FY 22 CIP fund #36-00-86500 & 502 to cover costs associated with the project. The City will purchase detectable warning plates for use on the project and the Street Department crews will provide pavement patching and restoration along new curb and gutter sections. 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 further change order work, not to exceed \$43,000, within the proposed contract to facilitate other improvements and upgrades to streets adjacent to this project. It is anticipated the construction project will be substantially complete by the end of September 2022. However additional time will be

granted for any additional work. Jeff Fiegenschuh was available for questions. Motion made by Councilor D. McDermott, Seconded by Councilor Shaw-Dickey, **"I move Council to Accept Low Bid Proposals and Award the 2022 Sidewalk/Pedestrian Path Improvement Project to Bruns Construction and reject all other bids received."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Gruben, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0. Motion made by Councilor T. McDermott, Seconded by Councilor Hayes, **"I move Council Authorize the City Manager and/or City Engineer to negotiate an add on (contract change order) not to exceed \$43,000 for improvements to City Streets and drainage systems adjacent to the project limits."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Gruben, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS: None.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: At 7:00 PM Motion made by Councilor D. McDermott, Seconded by Councilor Hayes, **"I move the Council Adjourn."** Voting Yea: T. McDermott, Hayes, D. McDermott, Gruben, Shaw-Dickey, Arteaga, Mayor Bearrows. Nays: None. Motion passed 7-0.

John Bearrows, Mayor

Rose Huéramo, City Clerk