

Regular Meeting Minutes:

February 18, 2020

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020 AT CITY HALL. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, MAYOR RIVARA, ATTORNEY JIM ANDREONI AND CITY CLERK EITUTIS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT SECONDED BY LIJEWSKI to approve the regular meeting minutes from February 3, 2020. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

Public comments on agenda items only: Mayor Rivara asks Mike Perry to speak on behalf of Chamlin's Engineering in regards to the water rate study that was prepared for the city of Oglesby. Chris Perra speaks on behalf of TEST Inc. Chris Perra states that the first two years TEST played catch up on repairs and making fixes on the water treatment plants. Chris Perra states that repairs should have been done in the past which has led to the current need of a new wastewater treatment plant. Chris Perra states a lot of the needs are high dollar items. Mike Perry states the plant is needing to be replaced. Ross Baker from Chamlin's Engineering goes over the water rate study that was done. The rate spans the next 10 years. Baker goes over the findings in the study, the needs, costs and proposed rates. Mayor Rivara questions that if by making the rate increase does it put the city in a good position over the next 10 years to get the city where it needs to be? Ross Baker replies yes it does. Commissioner Curran asks about the different options that were prepared and reviewed by Chamlin's. Baker responds that in year one there would need to be a significant jump to the rates after that each rate would be increased by 5% annually. By initiating the plan, it would put the city in a place to be eligible to apply for grants to help fund the projects. Commissioner Curran speaks about the different options that were proposed. Mike Perry discusses the proposed new water and sewer rates. Mayor Rivara states that in order to get into the position to do the job the increase has to happen today.

Greg Stein address the Council: Stein questions how many gallons are in a cubic foot? Stein asks about special rates for senior citizens and non-profit. Stein produces an invoice from Ottawa and Peru. Stein gives information/details about the invoices. Commissioner Curran questions Stein about the cities he references.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LIJEWSKI, SECONDED BY ARGUBRIGHT to approve bills as presented AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, LIJEWSKI, CURRAN, CULLINAN, RIVARA.

Airgas \$5.89; Ameren Illinois \$ 132.25; Anixter \$ 15,890.09; BHMG \$ 1,696.42; Bob's Business Inc. \$ 193.90; Burkiewicz, James \$ 68.01; Chamlin & Associates \$4,985.57; Clegg-Perkins Electric \$ 8,989.19; Columbia Pipe & Supply \$ 3,887.40; Comcast Business \$477.99; Connecting Point \$ 537.75; Conway Shield \$ 823.50; Core & Main \$ 955.00; DeLage Landen Financial Services \$289.49; Debo Ace hardware \$ 460.39; De'Vine Floral \$ 61.50; Dresbach Distributing \$ 185.80; Electronic Supply \$43.55;

Emergency Medical Products \$ 1,098.48; Fastenal Company \$ 411.05; Ficek Electric \$ 82.00; First Impression \$528.00; Fletcher Reinhardt \$ 251,964.00; Flink Snow Plows & Spreaders \$609.00; Frank, Keith \$ 221.17; General Pump and Machinery \$ 7,098.10; Ghighi, Robert \$ 18.96; Grosenbach's Auto Repair \$ 692.00; Hawkins Inc. \$ 632.74; HR Green Inc \$5,943.50; Hygienic Institute \$ 355.55; Il Dept. of Innovaton & tech \$ 208.60; Il Municipal Insurance Cooperative \$ 116,628.00; il Public Risk Fund \$12,073.00; Il Valley Fence & Pool \$ 1,400.00; Illini State Bank, City card \$ 1,388.27; Illini State Bank, Police card \$ 66.00; IMUA \$ 400.00; IVCC Baseball \$ 50.00 ; IVCH \$ 155.76, John Pohar & Sons \$ 27,304.00; John's Service & Sales \$ 667.11; Kittilson's Garage \$ 354.38; Knoblauch Advertising \$ 924.10; Lasalle Office Supply \$ 127.49; Menards \$ 411.78; Midwest Mailing & Shipping \$ 1,408.00; Monroe Truck Equipment \$ 494.05; MTCO \$ 144.87; NewsTribune \$ 220.00; Northern Illinois Ambulance \$ 508.48; On Site Repair Services \$ 3,144.12; Oscar's Automotive \$ 51.55; Overhead Door Co. \$ 675.00; Perona, Peterlin, Andreoni & Broley \$ 7,094.75; Police Law Institute \$ 855.00; Renatl Pros \$ 316.00; SCBAS Inc. \$ 227.00; Springfield Electric Supply \$ 1,133.39; St. Margaret's Health \$ 164.00; Stryker Sales Corporation \$5,313.68; Sunrise Satellite \$ 44.81; Superior Lighting \$ 700.40; T & R Electric Supply Co, Inc. \$ 8,450.00; TEST 416,732.33; Teleflex LLC \$379.50; Town & County Services \$ 28,400.00; U Line \$ 283.36; USPS \$ 240.00; Universal Chemical \$ 1,598.64; Universal Utility Supply \$ 4,118.64; Utility Equipment \$ 413.00; Verizon \$ 167.86; Watson, Patrick \$ 33.00; Wex Fleet Services \$ 3,030.18

TOTALS \$ 444,271.88

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LIJEWSKI, SECONDED BY CULLINAN to accept the Board of Fire & Police recommendation to promote Officer Valle to the rank of Sergeant. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

Commissioner Argubright questions Attorney Andreoni in regards to the procedure of making the promotion of Officer Valle, making sure that the City has followed the correct procedures. Attorney Andreoni replies that the City has. Officer Valle is given the Oath and promoted to Sergeant by Commissioner Lijewski.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY LIJEWSKI to adopt the 2020 Comprehensive Plan prepared and presented by NCICG on January 8, 2020. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

Attorney Andreoni gives explanation about what is included with the Comprehensive Plan.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CURRAN, SECONDED BY LIJEWSKI to approve Ordinance 1100-020320 establishing rates & charges for water and wastewater services. AYES: LIJEWSKI, RIVARA, CURRAN. NAYS: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN.

Commissioner Curran addresses the public and Council in no one wants to raise rates but feels there is no choice in the matter.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY LIJEWSKI to approve Ordinance 1106-021820 an ordinance amending Ordinance 1063-100118 entitled and ordinance adopting the land development code of Oglesby Illinois. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

Attorney Andreoni explains the Ordinance gives the city control should someone wish to open a cannabis dispensary.

A MOITON WAS MADE BY CURRAN, SECONDED BY NONE to approve authorization to seek bids for Freedom Buildings for Britespan cover for Street Department for salt storage.

Attorney Andreoni gives explanation about the wording on the agenda and how it would have to proceed. Commissioner Curran explains that he'd like to get approval for the authorization rather than seek sealed bids. Commissioner Argubright questions the importance of the building and is this the most important thing right now in the City? Commissioner Curran gives his reasons for wanting the building (liability and safety of the employees). Mayor Rivara's concern is the state of the building and the safety of employees. Commissioner Argubright responds that there are other safety concerns. Commissioner Curran explains salt requirements the City is supposed to meet with having salt on hand. Commissioner Argubright questions the amount of money the city spends annually on salt. Commissioner Argubright states there are more important safety issues (Police officers working back-to-back shifts). Commissioner Curran explains that he will have to get sealed bids. The motion dies.

Old Business: none

Public Comment: George Cullinan agrees that he does not like the rate increase but agrees it has to be done because prior Council's have put it off and there is no other option. Cullinan feels that there will be people who do not follow the news or council meetings and feels that there should be a council member or police officer in the office when the new bills come out for their safety. Cullinan asks about the upcoming Seneca Square meeting and who has the results of the surveys that were sent out? Mayor Rivara responds to some of the questions but is unsure of exact numbers. Mayor Rivara tells George he is welcome to come to City Hall and look at the results of the surveys.

Drew Merriman says that there are other options for the salt storage. Merriman feels that are other things that are more important. Merriman asks why the city didn't hold the council meeting on President's Day since one was held on Martin Luther King Jr.'s Day? Attorney Andreoni states the law in regards to his question. Merriman asks the question again because he says that is Attorney Andreoni's opinion to which Attorney Andreoni replies he has already answered Merriman's question. Mayor Rivara also answers Drew Merriman.

Greg Stein asks who will run the meeting on 02/20/2020? Mayor Rivara responds that the committee members will run the meeting. Stein agrees with Commissioner Curran that the salt storage can be covered with a tarp.

Commissioner's Reports:

Argubright- none

Lijewski – the Fire Department received a back up generator for free. The generator will need to have a pad poured and have electrical connectivity. The generator is needed because when there is a power outage the staff has to manually lift the garage which is heavy and unsafe. Commissioner Lijewski states that it will also be a benefit because the building is ideal incident command. A 50/50 grant was received that will help pay for all of the brush fire equipment. There is also another 50/50 grant available to apply for a tanker for the Fire Department. Commissioner Lijewski state the 2005 ambulance has a lot of miles on it but intime will need to be replaced. The Ambulance department switched over billing service and

there is currently a delay in reimbursements but should be cleared up soon. The new service has better hours and customer service. The prior billing company was able to recover \$ 39,000.00. Commissioner Lijewski states there is difficulty getting appropriate staffing and would like to possibly move two employees to allow them to work more than 1,000 hours per year. Commissioner Lijewski congratulates Sergeant Valle on his promotion and thanks the Officers that attended to show their support. There s a vacancy that is trying to be filled currently and another one soon possibly should Officer Klinefelter leave. Commissioner Lijewski reminds that the Chief of Police position is open to applicants internally and externally. Lijewski states that the interview process will be done by three Police Chiefs from surrounding areas. Commissioner Lijewski invites Gary Peterlin to the podium to give a brief overview of how the mediation went within the Police Department.

Gary Peterlin thanks the council and members of the Police Department. Gary Peterlin said the Officer were very frank with him during their talks and feels that the talks were productive. Peterlin feels that the issues can be resolved within the department and that the Police Department is in good shape. Commissioner Argubright asks what the problems were and what the outcome was? Commissioner Lijewski responds by saying communication was a big issue. Commissioner Lijewski said she believes the Officers felt they had to choose sides within the department.

Drew Merriman asks why things were not settled when Commissioner Cullinan was overseeing the department? Gary Peterlin responds that he isn't sure they weren't solved. Peterlin feels there may have been other issues going on outside of mediation. Mayor Rivara thanks Gary Peterlin for volunteering his time. Commisisoner Lijewski also agrees that things were moving in the right direction under Commissioner Cullinan.

Drew Merriman states that he feels someone from the outside should be brought in should future mediation be needed.

Chief Knoblauch addresses the Council: he reminds of his upcoming retirement. Chief Knoblauch states he likes the direction the department is headed (and was headed under Commissioner Cullinan) and thanks Gary Peterlin for what he has learned during the process. Chief Knoblauch said they need to support each other and not bicker and feels the department is making good changes. Chief Knoblauch states there was a lot of good input at the most recent meeting and he wants to see good things for the department and wishes them the best.

Curran - thanks Commissioner Argubright and Mayor Rivara for helping in his absence. The Electric department has received the new transformer and is almost finished hooking it up. The Street department will be given ratings regarding what upgrades need to be made. Commissioner Curran states Columbia Avenue will be getting resurfaced and discusses the projects that may go along with it.

Cullinan- BB Gun Club will be having their banquet March 12, 2020 at the Elk's Club at 6:30 p.m. Parks & Recreation department will be putting out ads soon for summer help.

Mayor Rivara-reminds of the IMEA Scholarship program available. Reminds of the Sencea Square meeting to be held on 02/20/2020 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Rivara states he is looking for

guidance on the project. Life saving devices will be installed at McPherdran Park. Mayor reminds of the upcoming deadlines for tag day reservations. Mayor Rivara addresses the buildings on each side of Seneca Square to possibly have murals painted on them. There will be an upcoming city wide recycle program this Spring or Summer. Mayor reminds of the upcoming St. Patrick's Day on March 13, 2020. The banner purchase program will be coming out the first week of March. The cost per banner is \$100.00 and is for veterans and first responders. Commissioner Lijewski asks about the St. Patrick's Day event. The City Clerk gives details about the event.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING WAS MADE LIJEWSKI, SECONDED BY ARGUBRIGHT at 8:16 p.m. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

Amy Eitutis, City Clerk