

# Minutes: February 2, 2015

A MEETING OF THE OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2015, AT CITY HALL. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, MAYOR FINLEY, ATTORNEY JAMES ANDREONI AND CITY CLERK BECKY CLINARD.

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER DANEKAS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY RIVARA to approve the regular meeting minutes from January 19, 2015, meeting. AYES: PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY YBORRA, SECONDED BY RIVARA to approve the outstanding bills as presented: Illini State Bank – VISA, \$388.29; Wayne-Dalton Sales Center, \$1,456.00; IVAC, \$1,500.00; IL Fiber Resources, \$1,6500.00; Illini State Bank (Line of Credit), \$604.94; United States Postal Service, \$741.25; Airgas, \$66.40; Ameren, \$143.86; Arrow Sales & Service, \$64.00; Benefit Planning Consultants, \$411.60; Community Revolving Fund, \$394.12; Communications Direct, \$102.76; Connecting Point, \$1,324.00; Cathie Edens, \$4.28; Emergency Medical Products, \$514.94; Envision Healthcare, \$6.00; Ficek Electric, \$114.95; Firehouse, \$240.00; Fulmer’s Towing, \$500.00; Halm’s Auto Parts, \$74.71; Health Alliance, \$66,749.00; ID Networks, \$1,995.00; IL Public Risk Fund, \$5,910.00; IVCH, \$14.96; International Association of Chiefs, \$170.00; John Burns Construction Co., \$7,234.00; Shanell Johnson, \$223.32; L.E. Myers, \$21,270.63; LaSalle Office Supply, \$114.86; Lawson Products, \$585.58; Sasha Lucas, \$197.05; Mautino Distributing, \$12.00; Menards, \$724.03; Municipal Clerks of Illinois, \$55.00; National Government Services, \$614.40; North Central Illinois Council of Governments, \$4,000.00; PF Pettibone, \$416.85; Quad City Electric, \$105.00; Rathe & Woodward, \$69,000.00; Revere Electric, \$414.99; Riverstone Group, \$1,142.25; Sean Hurless, \$69.40; Spring Valley Ford, \$759.39; Stevens Service Center, \$35.00; Universal, Inc., \$505.55; USA Bluebook, \$909.39; Venturelli’s, \$660.00; Water Products Co., \$3,084.01; Wire Mesh Corp., \$20,671.70; Witmer Public Safety Group, \$150.18. **TOTAL: \$214,945.81.** AYES: PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

The Mayor then opened the floor to the public for questions concerning agenda items.

Tod Misener told the council he “was very interested in the change in policy” concerning the Ameren rebate and the purchase of a truck for the electric department. Commissioner Rivara responded that Misener had asked if the city was going to replace the “truck we had put out for bids, and the answer was ‘no.’” The truck Rivara is proposing to purchase is a single bucket materials handling truck, which is necessary to provide a “safe, secure environment” for the employees. Rivara then charged that Misener had “put his own spin” on Rivara’s previous response to the question about the Ameren rebate. Rivara explained that of the \$104,000 overcharge, only a portion had been passed on to the residents, with the city absorbing 61 percent of the overcharge. Electric customers will see a credit on their February bills based on a formula prepared by the city’s electrical engineer. Households will receive \$8.36; businesses, \$53.57; industry, \$550.25, Buzzi, \$3,782.00; and the city, \$1,677.00. Misener questioned how an ordinance could have been prepared without discussion amongst council members in an open meeting. Rivara responded that he had worked with the IMEA, engineer and city attorney to draft the proposed ordinance. The ordinance will be placed on file and voted on at the next council meeting. A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY RIVARA to accept Ordinance No. 887-020215, which

amends the MABAS agreement already in place to allow municipalities to formally charge for services. AYES: PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY YBORRA to approve Ordinance No. 888-020215, which adopts a drug and alcohol policy for employees not covered by a negotiating agreement. AYES: PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY YBORRA, SECONDED BY RIVARA to accept the bid of \$41,500 to demolish the property at 211 E. Walnut Street. Mayor Finley noted that this project is funded by a DCEO grant. AYES: RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. NAY: PORTER. MOTION CARRIED.

Attorney Andreoni then updated the council on the Melody Jessen property, which is an abandoned property the city has eyed for demolition. The county is working to gain a clear title of the property and will then sell the property to the city so that the city can use grant funds to demolish the property.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RIVARA, SECONDED BY YBORRA to place Ordinance No. 889-020215, which rebates a portion of the Ameren rebate back to city residents and businesses, on file. AYES: RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. NAY: PORTER. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY RIVARA to table the purchase of a materials handling truck for \$168,674.40 until financing could be finalized. AYES: PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RIVARA, SECONDED BY PORTER to grant permission to the American Legion Auxiliary to hold a tag day on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. AYES: PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY RIVARA to grant permission to the Illinois Valley Community College Mens Tennis Team to hold a tag day on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. AYES: PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY YBORRA to allow the Girl Scouts to go door-to-door to sell cookies. AYES: PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

The Mayor then opened the floor for comments on any subject:

Tod Misener asked if the Mayor had considered his request to move public comments behind the Commissioner and Mayor reports. Finley told Misener that "it would probably stay this way," noting that it hadn't been a problem for the five years since Finley became Mayor.

Commissioner and Mayor Reports:

Commissioner Rivara said the city was running an ad for the sale of the truck that is being sold "as is." He also thanked his department for doing "a little storm work" yesterday. Rivara said his department did a "helluva job."

Commissioner Yborra thanked Rich (Watts), Bob (Ghighi) and Mike (Wrobleski) for their help with the recent snowfall. Yborra also thanked the street department for putting in "a lot of hours" to keep the city streets cleared.

Commissioner Porter told residents that garbage and recyclables would be picked up one day late this week because of the snow.

Mayor Finley announced that he had just received notification that GTI Clinics, Ltd., had been awarded the District 17 permit for a marijuana cultivation center. GTI's site is located in Oglesby, near the Love's Travel Stops. Commissioner Porter called the news "a cause for celebration." Finley thanked residents who had voiced their support for the plant, and noted that GTI and the city's hard work had paid off.

Commissioner Rivara then noted that that the turn signal at Love's had been replaced.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY RIVARA to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. AYES: PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

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Becky Clinard, City Clerk