

Minutes: Feb. 6, 2017

A MEETING OF THE OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017, AT CITY HALL. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7 P.M.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, MAYOR FINLEY, ATTORNEY ANDREONI AND CITY CLERK CLINARD.

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER YBORRA

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY RIVARA to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2017, meeting. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RIVARA, SECONDED BY CAREY to approve the bills as presented: AEA, \$6,900.00; AFLAC, \$35.90; Batteries & Things, \$9.99; BDIV LLC, \$117,629.36; Benefit Planning Consultants; \$374.30; Bob's Business, \$672.81; BSN Sports, \$591.18; Call One, \$2,863.45; Chamlin & Associates, \$4,511.50; City of Peru, \$1,859.00; Civic Systems, \$2,697.00; Comcast Business, \$1,044.43; Communications Direct, \$95.40; Connecting Point, \$418.50; Daley's Super Service, \$30.00; De'Vine Floral Designs, \$50.80; Dollar General Charged Sales, \$110.52; Emergency Medical Products, \$881.07; Fastenal Company, \$151.96; Feece Oil, \$1,006.27; Ficek Electric, \$559.96; Firehouse, \$240.00; Grosenbach's Auto Repair, \$32.69; Halm's Auto Parts, \$13.98; Hawkins, \$3,720.46; Health Alliance, \$33,217.00; Health Alliance Recovery, \$88.30; HyVee, \$548.29; ID Networks, \$1,995.00; IL Department of Innovation and Technology, \$636.15; IL Valley Regional Dispatch, \$33,825.96; ILMO Products, \$188.00; Inman Electric, \$4,582.00; IVCH, \$135.00; John Pohar and Sons, \$2,194.02; John Senica Jr., \$324.42; Julie Inc., \$820.14; Terry Kamnikar, \$16.97; Kendrick Pest Control, \$185.00; Kittilson's Garage, \$372.20; Koolmaster, \$90.00; Kramarsic Law Office, \$300.00; LaSalle Office Supply, \$291.66; Burton Lavens, \$154.80; Marco, \$820.56; Mautino Distributing, \$12.50; Menards, \$252.92; MES Global, \$179.10; Roger Naas, \$42.40; National Comp, \$708.15; NCPERS Group Life Insurance, \$48.00; Patient Point Hospital Solution; \$1,112.40; Rathje and Woodward, \$17,536.14; Republic Services, \$18,641.50; SD Meyers, \$4,982.00; Smart Source, \$2,368.02; Katie Sondergroth, \$210.59; Springfield Electric Supply, \$102.50; Standard Insurance, \$759.12; Starved Rock Communications, \$6,180.00; Sunrise Supply, \$19.67; Uline, \$1,080.33; USA Bluebook, \$607.27; Venturelli's Appliance, \$3,240.73; Water Products Co., \$1,200.00; Patrick Watson, \$1,139.00; Wex Fleet Services, \$2,658.32 **Total \$291,232.14** AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

The Mayor opened the floor to the public for comments on agenda items, there were none.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY RIVARA to place on file an agreement with ATR for two electronic recycling dates. Commissioner Porter said that he was able to secure two dates again this year. The event will be only for City of Oglesby residents and the 10-item limit per household will be enforced. The dates for the event will be March 25th and September 23rd. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY CAREY to place Ordinance No. 946-022117, Sale of Personal Property Owned by the City, on file. Commissioner Porter told the council that the items were a couple of impounded vehicles, which would be scrapped. Chief Knoblauch injected that it was possible that the towing costs would be more than the \$200 the city would receive for scrapping the vehicles. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY CAREY to create a committee to update the city's current zoning ordinance. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY RIVARA to name Dan Fitzgerald, Ken Ficek, Jim Clinard, Brian Spelich, Mayor Don Finley, Dom Rivara and City Clerk Becky Clinard to the zoning committee. The first meeting of the new committee will be 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 22, 2017. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RIVARA, SECONDED BY CAREY to refer a variance request by Michelle Kohr to construct a garage at her residence with the required setbacks to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The ZBA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, 2017, at 6 p.m. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RIVARA, SECONDED BY PORTER, to accept the bid from Putnam County Painting for the repairs to the municipal swimming pool. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

The council then discussed the notices from LaSalle County notifying the city that GTI and Beck Oil had both sought a reduction in their EAV that was more than \$100,000. Attorney Andreoni explained that the county had adopted new procedures for the process and that the city needed to send an "entry of appearance" if they wished to object to the reassessments. After some discussion, it was decided that Attorney Andreoni would contact either Mike Crowley or Jim Blaydes to go over the information presented by GTI to determine if there was reason to object to the request. Commissioner Rivara asked if the city could reach out to Beck Oil and "make a deal" – but Andreoni told Rivara that he knew of no such case in which a city could "negotiate" an assessed value. Rivara asked if Beck had appealed its other properties. Andreoni was going to check that out.

The Mayor then asked for comments from the public. Jim Clinard asked the city to consider the possible consequences if the city chose not to object to the Beck's request for a lowered EAV. Clinard said that it seemed possible that if Beck's is granted a lower EAV that the other stations in the area would also seek a lower assessment, which could have a negative effect on the city's tax base.

Commissioner & Mayor reports:

Commissioner Porter talked about his experience of attending the last council meeting electronically, saying that he felt more like an "audience member" than a participant. Porter said he found it difficult and much more cumbersome than he had anticipated. He said he felt that it was a "viable option" for someone who wanted to participate in an important vote, but that the lack of "visual clues" made it difficult for him to participate fully. He also reminded everyone of the benefit February 12th for police officer Evan Duttlinger. He also thanked the community for its support of Duttlinger with the blue lights, noting that the effort was the result of one household urging one neighborhood to "go blue" and that the effort had gained momentum that was possible to predict at the time. Porter noted that not only is Oglesby lit with blue bulbs, residents in surrounding communities are also purchasing the blue bulbs. "It's a nice show of support," Porter said.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER AT 7:30 PM, SECONDED BY CAREY to go into executive session to discuss *"the possible acquisition of land."* AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER AT 8:05 PM, SECONDED BY RIVARA to resume to the regular city council meeting. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CAREY, SECONDED BY RIVARA to adjourn at 8:06 PM. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

Becky Clinard, City Clerk