

Regular Meeting Minutes: January 10, 2021

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022 AT CITY HALL. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS ARGUBRIGHT, CURRAN, MAYOR RIVARA, ATTORNEY BARRY AND CITY CLERK EITUTIS. Mayor Rivara states that Commissioners Cullinan and Lijewski are absent.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CURRAN, SECONDED BY ARGUBRIGHT to approve the regular meeting minutes from December 20, 2021. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CURRAN, RIVARA. ABSENT: CULLINAN, LIJEWSKI

Public comments on agenda items only: none

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

A & B GARAGE \$ 1063.91; AIRGAS USA, LLC. \$179.73; ALTOFER INDUSTRIES, INC. \$ 12.08; AMEREN IP \$ 5,726.73; AMERICAN EXPRESS \$ 706.84; ANIXTER \$ 5,125.00; ARROW SALES & SERVICE \$ 235.00; ARTHUR J GALLAGHER \$ 4881.00; BPC INC. \$ 494.34 BRADEN COUNCILING CENTER \$ 400.00; BARUN, WESTON \$ 43.81; CITY OF PERU \$ 2049.00; CIVIC SYSTEMS \$ 3049.00; CLEGG PERKINS \$ 309.95; COLUMBIA PIPE SUPPLY \$ 5546.46; COMCAST BUSINESS \$ 115.90 CONNECTING POINT \$ 3129.75; D & M LANDSCAPING 590.00; DAVIS, ERIC \$ 222.93; DE LAGE LADEN FINANCIAL \$ 561.95; DEBO ACE HARDWARE \$ 504.76; DE'VINE FLORAL \$ 54.00; DOLLAR GENERAL \$ 46.01; SCHO LANES \$ 250.00; EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS \$ 517.24; FICEK ELECTRIC \$ 19138.00; FLAGGS, USA \$ 199.00; HALM'S AUTO PARTS \$ 982.77; HAWKINS, INC. \$ 1867.96; HFS BUREAU OF FISCAL OPERATIONS \$ 14101.49; HOPPKINS & ASSOCIATES \$ 1000.00; HY-VEE, INC. \$ 195.56; IL MUNICIPAL INSURANCE COOPERATIVE \$ 136626.00; IL PUBLIC RISK FUND \$ 5511.00; IL PUBLIC WORKS MUTUAL AID \$ 100.00; IV CELLULAR \$ 1472.61; IL VALLEY EXCAVATING INC \$ 1794.00; IVRD \$9477.33; IMPACT NETWORKING \$ 261.57; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL \$ 319.97; JOHNS SERVICE & SALES \$ 103.84; KENDRICK PEST CONTROL \$ 180.00; KING TIRE \$ 25.00; KITTILSON'S GARAGE \$ 4271.26; KLEIN, THORPE & JENKINS \$81.00; LADD SOUND PRODUCTIONS \$ 500.00; LANDCOMP LANDFILL \$ 1415.22; ,MALOOLOEY APPRAISEL \$ 450.00; MARINE BIOCHEMISTS \$ 1124.00; MAUTNO DISTRIBUTING \$ 42.50; MAZE LUMBER \$ 198.34; MENARDS \$ 981.90; MERTEL GRAVEL CO. \$ 1228.75; METERS & CONTROLS INC. \$4763.48; MOTOROLA \$ 324.00; MTCO \$ 153.87; ON SITE REPAIR \$ 293.17; PEERLESS NETWORK, INC. \$ 3833.89; QUICK, ERIN \$ 171.96; REPUBLIC SERVICES \$ 29518.39; SEICO INC. \$588.00; SMART SOURCE LLC \$ 3863.25; SMITHS SALES & SERVICE \$ 177.00; SPRINGFIELD ELECTRIC SUPPLY \$ 435.89; ST. MARGARET'S HEALTH \$ 60.00; STANDARD LIFE INSURANCE \$ 867.46; STARVED ROCK MEDIA \$ 560.00; TEST INC. \$ 19472.16; TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT \$ 672.11; TELEFLEX LLC \$ 214.50; TROTSKY INVESTIGATIVE POLYGRAPH \$ 155.00; USPS \$ 771.71; VERIZON

\$ 117.03; WEX FLEET SERVICES \$ 4609.68; WOZNIAC, DAVID \$ 190.53; ZIONS BANK \$ 1000.00 **TOTALS; \$ 312,295.22**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY CURRAN to table 1181-011022 an Ordinance Amending the Composition of the Committee for the Oglesby Building Improvement Grant Program for the City of Oglesby, Illinois, LaSalle County. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CURRAN, RIVARA. ABSENT: CULLINAN, LIJEWSKI. Mayor Rivara looks to table the Ordinance.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY CURRAN to table appointing member to the 2022 Façade Committee AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CURRAN, RIVARA. ABESNT: CULLINAN, LIJEWSKI. Mayor Rivara looks to table the appointments.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CURRAN, SECONDED BY ARGUBRIGHT to approve 011022R1 a Resolution of the City of Oglesby, LaSalle County, Illinois Authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to Execute a Revised Agreement By and Between the City of Oglesby and the Local Union No. 51, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CURRAN, RIVARA ABSENT: CULLINAN, LIJEWSKI

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY CURRAN to declare the week of January 23rd, 2022- January 29th, 2022 as Oglesby School Choice Week. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CURRAN, RIVARA ABSENT: CULLINAN, LIJEWSKI

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARGUBRGIHT, SECONDED BY CURRAN to table the appointing of members of the Ambulance Board. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CURRAN, RIVARA ABSENT: CULLINAN, LIJEWSKI. Mayor Rivara looks to table the appointments.

Paul Munoz was inducted as the newest Patrolman to the Oglesby Police Department. Assistant Chief Mike Margis issued the Oath to Patrolman Munoz. (applause)

Mayor Rivara states he has taken the position in that he does not want the city employees to come to work if they are sick. He intends to pay the employees administrative leave if they are sick with COVID. Commissioner Curran states he told his employees that if they are sick, they have to use their sick time and has been told that is not the case. Commissioner Curran has concerns and does not to reward the employees for being sick and unable to come to work. Mayor Rivara states Oglesby is not the only government entity or business that is doing the same thing. Mayor Rivara gives examples of why he feels that way (good city employees, he wants to take care of them and treat them right.). Mayor Rivara feels it is the right thing to do right now and it may have to be looked at down the road. Commissioner Argubright asks how many sick days employees are given? He is told 12 sick days per year. Commissioner Argubright said there are some employees that have a lot of sick days and Mayor Rivara states there are a lot of younger employees that do not have many days available. Commissioner Curran feels the problem could be in determining what/when a sick day is used. Commissioner Curran said that was a concern when negotiating the contracts (the large amounts of sick days those employees accrue when retiring). Commissioner Curran has concerns about having a policy that incentivizes people for financial gain. Mayor Rivara feels that because of the constant changes that the right thing to do is to make sure the employees do not come to work if they are ill. Mayor Rivara says that may change over time. Commissioner Argubright states the CDC is requiring a minimum five-day quarantine and suggests maybe there is some give

and take with sick days. Commissioner Argubright would like to meet in the middle with this matter. Commissioner Curran says there are different rules for those who are/are not vaccinated and states that some of the workers are in contact with the public, but doesn't agree with letting people stay home with any accountability. Commissioner Curran states the City has been lax in mask requirement and needs to address that.

Old Business: Mayor Rivara states there is a problem with sidewalks and fences at Sunset and Mason (?). Mayor Rivara states the problems need to be identified and possible citations issued. Attorney Barry states he needs to be aware of what the problems are and identify the property owners. Attorney Barry asks how long it's been an issue. Commissioner Curran discusses cul-de-sacs as an example. Commissioner Curran states there is a list of homes in violation. Commissioner Curran suggests sending letters to the home owners. Commissioner Curran and Attorney Barry discuss letters of occupancy, escrow for sidewalks, etc. ... Attorney Barry states the place to start is with a letter. Commissioner Argubright asks what takes precedence? The subdivision agreement or the city's ordinance. Attorney Barry states the ordinance is what is to be followed. Commissioner Curran a few of the homes, that if the Safe Routes to School Grant is awarded, would be off the list. Attorney Barry asks about a fence that is violation. Mayor Rivara states that a fence has been erected on the city's right of way. Attorney Barry suggests having the property surveyed along with a copy of the plat.

Mayor Rivara states there is a rental property that looks like a junk yard and states the tenant will not do anything about it. Attorney Barry states the landlord is the one who should be pursued.

Mayor Rivara discusses retiree medical insurance in that it is handled differently for the IBEW and FOP contracts. Commissioner Argubright asks when the contracts expire and is told three years and suggests worrying about it in three years.

Public Comments: none

Commissioner Reports:

Argubright: none

Lijewski: absent

Curran: salting of city streets is happening. Reviewing suggestions for city street and alley repairs.

Cullinan: absent

Mayor's report: The winner of the residential lighting contest was Al & Betty Kleczewski and the commercial winner was Cortileno's Bar. Mayor Rivara appreciates those that participated and also thanks everyone who worked to make the Christmas event a success. Mayor Rivara reminds the residents that City Hall is closed and that business can be conducted through the drive though. There is Are 4, \$1000.00 IMUA scholarships available to graduating Seniors.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY CURRAN, SECONDED BY ARGUBRIGHT to adjourn regular session. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CURRAN, RIVARA ABSENT: CULLINAN LIJEWSKI

Amy Eitutis, City Clerk