

Minutes: January 19, 2015

A MEETING OF THE OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2015, AT CITY HALL. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS DANEKAS, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, MAYOR FINLEY, ATTORNEY VINCE BROLLEY AND CITY CLERK BECKY CLINARD.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY RIVARA to approve the regular meeting minutes from January 5, 2015, meeting. AYES: DANEKAS, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DANEKAS, SECONDED BY rivara to approve the bills as presented: Maggie Evans, \$75.00; New Life Electronics Recycling, \$5,000.00; First Impression, \$724.00; Sarah Bickford, \$20.00; Comcast (refund), \$9,481.50; IMEA, \$210,354.09; United States Postal Service, \$98.00; ASK Enterprises, \$1,172.00; AEA, Inc., \$3,400.00; AFLAC, \$117.67; Airgas, \$29.42; Altec Industries, \$408.50; Apple Press, \$496.00; Arrow International, \$19.00; Arrow Sales & Service, \$140.50; ASCAP, \$335.00; Bobs' Business Inc., \$63.11; Brite Way of Illinois, \$120.00; BSN Sports, \$131.88; Call One, \$2,057.76; Cintas, \$152.57; City of Peru, \$1,857.00; Civic Systems, \$2,637.00; Collection Professionals, \$17.83; Comcast, \$299.55; Connecting Point, \$49.00; Daley's Super Service, \$139.61; Delaney & Delaney, \$185.59; DeVine Floral, \$89.27; Double M Trucking, \$600.00; Dresbach Distributing, \$62.90; Eagle Chemical & Supply, \$1,467.26; Efficient Billing Systems, \$1,783.31; Emergency Medical Products, \$569.98; Envision Healthcare, \$338.00; Feece Oil, \$2,439.81; Flink Snow, \$38.74; Samantha Gerard, \$149.14; Grainger, \$59.56; Grosenbach's Auto Repair, \$926.82; Halm's, \$289.91; Hawkins, \$788.50; Hygienic Institute, \$355.55; Hy-Vee, \$130.55; IVAC, \$1,500.00; IV Excavating, \$825.00; ILMO Products, \$84.00; IMMA-HR, \$599.50; Megan Jackson, \$89.04; Jacob & Klein, Ltd., \$13,998.00; John Senica, Jr., \$386.85; John's Sales & Service, \$45.92; JULIE, \$1,082.72; Kendrick Pest Control, \$140.00; Kittilson's Garage, \$1,150.26; LaSalle Office Supply, \$895.41; Mautino Distributing, \$18.00; Menards, \$475.30; Mertel Gravel, \$389.31; Daniel Moore, \$300.00; Dollar General, \$141.06; Oglesby Elks, \$100.00; Oscar's Automotive, \$211.50; Megan Payne, \$139.17; Perona, Peterlin, Andreoni, \$2,812.50; Allied Waste, \$18,618.50; Smith's Sales & Service, \$145.00; Sparkle Cleaners, \$41.00; TEST Inc., \$210.00; USA Bluebook, \$254.11; Carol Walgenbach, \$250.00; Drew Wescom, \$250.00. **TOTAL: \$294,907.43** AYES: DANEKAS, 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 that he was rescinding his previous letter in which he removed himself from the Ambulance Board contingent that met with the council earlier about the director's pay. Misener said he had hoped that the commissioners would have done the same, but it had come to his attention that the council's decision would be "vote-driven." He asked that the council "leave politics out of this area" and consider their "past actions" when deciding the director's salary.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DANEKAS, SECONDED BY PORTER to approve Ordinance No. 884-011915, which abates taxes on the 2010A Bond on file. This ordinance corrects Ordinance No. 881-121514. AYES: DANEKAS, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RIVARA, SECONDED BY YBORRA to approve Ordinance No. 885-011915, which authorizes the sale of city property. Rivara explained that the repairs needed on the 25-year-old

Electric Department truck exceeded its value. AYES: DANEKAS, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DANEKAS, SECONDED BY YBORRA to accept Ordinance No. 886-011915, which authorizes the borrowing of up to \$700,000 from Illini State Bank. AYES: DANEKAS, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY DANEKAS to place Ordinance No. 887-020215, which amends the MABAS agreement already in place to allow municipalities to formally charge for services. Commissioner Porter explained that this just formalizes a practice that is already being done. AYES: DANEKAS, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RIVARA, SECONDED BY DANEKAS to place Ordinance No. 888-020215, which adopts a drug and alcohol policy for employees not covered by a negotiating agreement, on file. Rivara questioned whether this was the same policy that the IBEW is now under and Mayor Finley responded that it was. AYES: DANEKAS, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DANEKAS, SECONDED BY YBORRA to approve payment of \$69,000 to Heritage Fields, LLC., as part of the bills submitted early for payment. Danekas questioned why the payment was on the agenda. Clerk Clinard explained that Attorney Andreoni has requested that the item be placed on file. AYES: DANEKAS, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY YBORRA, SECONDED BY RIVARA to place the lone bid for the demolition of 211 E. Walnut on file. Finley explained that he had hoped there would be more bids, but the \$41,500 bid from a "more local" contractor was "pretty reasonable." AYES: DANEKAS, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. NAY: PORTER. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY YBORRA, SECONDED BY RIVARA to donate \$2,500 to the Central States Baseball Tournament from the Hotel/Motel Fund. AYES: DANEKAS, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

The floor was then opened to the public:

Resident Tony Dennett asked if there was anything the city could do about the downtown sidewalks in front of empty buildings. Dennett said the walks in front of Golf & Pub were ice-covered and difficult to walk on. Commissioner Yborra told Dennett he would check in to what the city could do.

Sarah Cudlip asked about the deadline for the canoe landing grant. It was explained that the grindings from the Walnut Street road project would be used to construct the road to the parking lot as part of the city's share of the cost. The street project is set to begin this summer.

Tod Misener asked the council to consider moving public comment to after the commissioner and mayor's reports. Finley said he would consider it, but noted that it had been that way for several years and wasn't sure why the change should be made now.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY YBORRA AT 7:19 PM to enter into executive session to discuss *"the appointment, employment, compensation, performance, or dismissal of specific employees."* AYES: DANEKAS, PORTER, YBORRA, FINLEY. PASS: RIVARA. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioners' and Mayor Reports:

Commissioner Danekas questioned why information that was discussed in executive session was being shared by Tod Misener. "Nothing we talk about should leave the room," said Danekas.

Commissioner Rivara said the city would begin installing more of the energy-efficient LED lights along Walnut Street. Rivara said that “not one city dollar has been used for these lights,” while noting the \$24,790.00 price tag. Rivara also spoke about formalizing a mutual aid agreement with Princeton, Peru and Dixon – all cities with their “own” electric utility. Rivara said that this would be a “positive step for use if we can get something worked out.” He also spoke briefly about the Clark Street outage, saying that the city had to replace a piece of 30-year-old cable.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY DANKEAS at 7:19 p.m. to enter into executive session to discuss the “appointment, employment, compensation, performance, or dismissal of specific employees.” AYES: DANEKAS, PORTER, YBORRA, FINLEY. PASS: RIVARA. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY RIVARA to resume the regular meeting at 7:58 p.m. AYES: DANEKAS, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER AND SECONDED BY RIVARA to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. AYES: DANEKAS, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

Becky Clinard, City Clerk