

Minutes: January 21, 2019

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2019, AT CITY HALL. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS RIVARA, PORTER, ZBOROWSKI, ARGUBRIGHT, MAYOR FINLEY, ATTORNEY ANDREONI AND CITY CLERK MERTES.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY ARGUBRIGHT to approve the regular meeting minutes from January 7, 2019. AYES: PORTER, RIVARA, ZBOROWSKI, ARGUBRIGHT, FINLEY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RIVARA, SECONDED BY ZBOROWSKI to approve the bills as presented A & B Garage, \$103.42; Airgas, \$4.96; Arrow, \$31.50; Baldin's Garage, \$317.98; BSN Sports, \$79.96; Call One, \$1954.94; Civic Systems, \$2781.00; Comcast Business, \$518.22; Comcast Internet, \$151.80; Connecting Point, \$251.00; Core & Main, \$531.00; De Lange Landen Financial, \$499.09; Dresbach Distributing, \$409.30; Edens, Cathie, \$360.96; Emergency Medical Products, \$296.15; Feece Oil Co., \$6698.20; First Impressions, \$1936.75; Grainger, \$334.50; Grosenbach's \$32.69; Halm's Auto, \$52.91; Hawkins, \$900.37, Holloway's Portable Restroom, \$180.00; Hygenic Institute, \$355.55; IL Fiber Resource Group, \$3300.00; IMEA, \$216389.28; Il Valley Excavating, \$1387.50; Illini State Bank, \$1033.32; Jack's Gas, \$30.00; Jacob & Klein, \$9619.02; JD Lock and Key, \$147.00; John Senica Jr, \$325.73; Julie Inc, \$219.92; Kasperski, Daniel, \$300.00; Kunkel, Kathleen, \$61.03; LaSalle County Sheriff Office, \$357.00; LaSalle Office Supply, \$67.32; Launius Reporting Service, \$610.00; Machinery Maintenance, \$1257.61; Martel Electronics, \$361.26; Martin Equip, \$30.28; Mautino Distributing, \$12.50; Menards, \$706.02; Mertes, Stacie, \$70.65; Jereb, Mike or Sue, \$83.85; MJIV Ventures, \$94.21; Motion Industries, \$226.23; MTCO, \$138.87; Nick's Emergency Lighting, \$164.50; NIMCA, \$110.00; Perona, Peterlin, Andreoni, \$4196.75; Pomp's Tire, \$533.36; Rush Power Systems, \$6395.40; Sebastian, Michael, \$154.00; Smart Source LLC, \$2358.87; Smith's Sales and Service, \$32.00; St. Margaret's Hospital, \$68.00; St. Margaret's Health, \$379.00; Steven's Service Center, \$85.00; Superior Lighting, \$1288.68; TEST Inc, \$12.00; Technology Management, \$330.70; USA Bluebook, \$86.12; Verizon, \$335.88; WLPO/WAJK/WKOT Radio, \$64.00; Wolseley Industrial, \$35.75. **TOTAL, \$272,371.18** . AYES: PORTER, RIVARA, ZBOROWSKI, ARGUBRIGHT, FINLEY.

The Mayor opened the floor to comments from the public on agenda items only. There were none.

The Council received an update from Ivan Baker from North Central Illinois Economic Development Corporation. Ivan said that in 2016, prior to NCIEDC forming, there were 3 projects in the pipelines for the area. Now there are 25 active proposals in the works. The development group works directly with key people in the Chicago region. To date they have had 199 leads, 8-10 leads a month. He said they have sent out 52 proposals and Oglesby qualified for 1/3 of them. Commissioner Argubright asked Ivan "why not us?" Ivan said that a lot are looking for railroad access, specific buildings available, and close proximity to the I-55 corridor and O'Hare. He also said that labor availability is an issue; ranking over tax savings.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY ARGUBRIGHT TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 1051-012119, Amending 1024-061818, Establishing Wages for Oglesby Ambulance Service Employees. AYES: PORTER, RIVARA, ZBOROWSKI, ARGUBRIGHT, FINLEY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RIVARA, SECONDED BY ZBOROWSKI TO PLACE ON FILE ORDINANCE 1052-020419, Ordinance Authorizing the Borrowing of up to \$700,000 from Illini State Bank. AYES: PORTER, RIVARA, ZBOROWSKI, ARGUBRIGHT, FINLEY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY ARGUBRIGHT TO PLACE ON FILE ORDINANCE 1053-020419, Authorizing Disposal of Personal Property Owned by the City of Oglesby (the old fire truck). AYES: PORTER, RIVARA, ZBOROWSKI, ARGUBRIGHT, FINLEY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY ARGUBRIGHT TO APPROVE the following raffle license applications: Support Oglesby Schools 2/2/19, Oglesby Ambulance 5/15/19-6/3/19(waiving fee), Illini Valley Associations of Realtors 3/5/19. AYES: PORTER, RIVARA, ZBOROWSKI, ARGUBRIGHT, FINLEY.

A discussion about the IMEA Solar Farm was had. Commissioner Rivara said that the IMEA has requested a decision as to if the City plans to go forward with the solar farm. The IMEA wants to go out for bid with all four sites as one project. Rivara said that this won't reduce electric rates and that it's revenue neutral. He said that the savings will be distributed through all IMEA customers. There are no cost to the City to build it. The following will be costs for the City: interconnection, switch gear, and the tie into the distribution system. Rivara said that big thing is the green print the City will get. He said it can be a job draw and some industries look for green sources. He feels it will benefit the City good for about 20 years. Commissioner Argubright said that it will cost less than \$20,000 for us to set up. Rates will be set in stone for 20 years. He said the land we are using has tunnels under it and can't really be used for anything besides a cell tower or this. Mayor asked if we get rent for the land; commissioner Argubright said they won't be paying rent. Mayor asked what the direct benefits to the city were. Argubright said there were none, we would be a "green city." Mayor asked what were the savings, he responded to his own question, none everyone gets the savings. Commissioner Porter said that he thought we were getting a rep from the IMEA to present this. Mayor replied that they didn't want to come to a meeting in front of the public. Mayor said that five cities applies and that we got picked because we gave them everything at no cost. Jim Andreoni said that he received a contract and letter from Troy Foder from the IMEA and he started looking at it today (1/21/19) but didn't realize that the city needed to decide today (no one else got a copy of the letter besides Commissioner Rivara and Jim Andreoni). Mayor asked about the green credit and why they were mentioned before and now changed. Commissioner Rivara said he didn't say that we would get green credits, he said originally we would get toll credits but he was wrong; we don't get those. Jim Andreoni assumed the benefit is to all members. IMEA bills us in the same manner. The reduced costs go into the pool and everyone benefits. Commissioner Porter said how can we make a decision without the information in front of us. Commissioner Argubright agreed. Jim Andreoni said he can call and see if we need to have a decision by Wednesday. If we do we can have an emergency meeting Tuesday at 5:15pm. If not decision is needed right away, we can have a committee meeting next week either Tuesday the 29th or Wednesday the 30th. Commissioner Porter said he thinks it's too quick to make that decision. Commissioner Zborowski asked if each city has the same contract. Mayor responded no. Commissioner Rivara said yes, just a different name on the contract. Mayor said there is a point system for getting the project and it's based on what we are giving them. That's what bumped us up. Commissioner Zborowski asked why can't everyone share the cost of putting it there if we all get the benefits. Mayor and Commissioner Porter agreed. Commissioner Rivara said that it's a benefit to the city and that it's close to a substation and distribution system. Jim Andreoni said that if we need to have an emergency

meeting to decide we can do it Tuesday January 22, 2019 at 5:15. If we don't need it right away we can do it next Tuesday or Wednesday.

A discussion about the Notice to Appear of the Electoral Board Decision was had. Jim Andreoni said that he would enter appearance on behalf of the City to monitor what is filed for distribution. He said he would take no actions. Everyone agreed with this. Commissioner Rivara asked if the transcript is public record, Andreoni responded, yes.

The Mayor asked for comments from the public. Greg Stein addressed the council. He said that ABC in Peoria is doing a report on solar farms in California that don't pan out. He asked if we were a shareholder in this process with IMEA and are we going up higher as a share holder. Andreoni said IMEA is a co-op collectively sharing in lower generation costs. Solar farms hopefully will reduce the cost of electricity over the life of the project. Greg said that we are located at the crossroads of different electric companies and that should help us. He also asked about the IFIBER charges on the bills. Chief Knoblauch answered the question. He said that the radio system use to go through circuits and was expensive. Doing it with IFiber saves us \$7,000-8,000 a year. It provides us with interconnectivity between the Fire Department, Police Department, and City Hall. The main equipment is in the police station and they have a direct line from here to Peru just for the 911 system.

Commissioners and Mayor's Report:

Rivara- The big push in solar is that in 2025, 25% of electricity will have to be produced via renewable resources. Also, the IMEA has scholarship opportunities. Students can get packets off the our website or at city hall.

Argubright- Tom and Mark are working on a 5 and 10 year plan for the electric department. The major problem is that our system is out of date. A new transformer will be the biggest expensive. They are pricing it out and will present it to the council when they figure it out.

Zborowski- Eric praised the snow plow guys. He said they did a great job. He also said they didn't have a lot of issues with cars on the streets during the snow fall.

Porter- Tom said the new fire truck and ambulance is here. They are doing training on it now and they both should be in service by the end of the week.

Mayor Finley- Mayor said that NCICG and representatives of the City will be headed to Springfield Tuesday January 22, 2019 to give a 3 minute presentation on Senica Square for the grant opportunity. He hopes we will get the grant to help with the project. The announcement date for winning entries has not been set.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE AT 8:03 pm until Tuesday January 22, 2019 at 5:15pm BY PORTER, SECONDED BY ARGUBRIGHT. AYES: PORTER, RIVARA, ZBOROWSKI, ARGUBRIGHT, FINLEY.

MEETING TEMPORARILY ADJOURNED

Stacie Mertes, City Clerk