

Regular Meeting Minutes: July 20, 2020

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON

MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020 AT CITY HALL. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, MAYOR RIVARA, ATTORNEY JIM ANDREONI AND CITY CLERK EITUTIS.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LIJEWSKI, SECONDED BY CURRAN to approve the regular meeting minutes from July 6, 2020. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA

Public comments on agenda items only: none.

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

A & B GARAGE \$107.06; AIRGAS USA, LLC. \$ 5.70; ALTEC INDUSTRIES, INC. \$ 877.45; AMEREN ILLINOIS \$ 158.08; ANIXTER INC \$ 1,233.00; APPLE PRESS \$119.85; BECK OIL \$ 19.77; BRADEN COUNSELING CENTER \$ 400.00; BRANDT EXCAVATING, INC. \$ 3,302.84; CLEGG-PERKINS ELECTRIC \$ 2,640.80; COMCAST BUSINESS \$ 626.83; COMCAST BUSINESS \$ 153.30; DEBO ACE HARDWARE \$ 43.55; EBNER'S PLATNIUM BUILDER'S \$ 337.50; EDENS, CATHIE \$ 52.89; EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS, INC. \$ 347.17; ETMOTIC RESEARCH, INC. \$ 425.64; FICEK ELECTRIC \$ 529.04; FIRST IMPRESSION \$ 1,891.21; FOSTER COACH SALES, INC. \$ 449.55; GRAINCO FS INC \$ 3,355.13; GROSENBACH'S AUTO REPAIR \$ 90.00; HALM'S AUTO PARTS \$ 53.97; HAWKINS, INC. \$ 2,164.70; HOLLOWAY'S PORTABLE RESTROOMS \$ 320.00; HOPKINS \$ ASSOCIATES \$ 11,000.00; HY-VEE , INC. \$74.80; IL EPA \$ 8,500.00; IL FIBER RESOURCES GROUP \$ 1,500.00; IL MUN ELEC AGENCY REVENUE \$ 364,395.74; IL PUBLIC RISK FUND \$ 4,480.00; ILLINI STATE BANK \$ 71.97; ILLINI STATE BANK \$ 2,040.90; IVCH \$ 99.28; JACOB & KLEIN, LTD. \$ 9,011.75; JD'S LOCK AND KEY \$ 51.00; JOHN'S SERVICE & SALES \$ 125.00; KING TIRE \$ 85.00; KITTILSON'S GARAGE \$ 2,344.96; KUSTOM SIGNALS INC \$ 151.80; LASALLE OFFICE SUPPLY \$ 245.35; LAWSON PRODUCTS INC \$ 655.75; MAUTINO DISTRIBUTING \$ 13.00; MAZE LUMBER \$ 580.74; MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT SERVICES \$ 575.01; MENARDS \$ 509.63; MERTEL GRAVEL CO. \$ 997.50; MTCO \$ 139.87; NCICG \$ 2,189.00; NEWSTRIBUNE \$ 212.63; NICKERL, RANDY \$ 121.54; NORTHERN ILLINOIS AMBULANCE \$ 2,046.96; NUDING, AMBER \$ 118.51; PERONA, PETERLIN, ANDREONI \$ 3,306.05; REPUBLIC SERVICES \$ RICCI, ELLEN \$ 50.00; SMITH'S SALES & SERVICE \$290.48; STANDARD INSURANCE \$ 806.52; STUDSTILL MEDIA \$ 486.00; SUNRISE SUPPLY \$ 147.18; TEST INC \$ 16,494.34; TOEDTER OIL CO \$ 552.30; TROTSKY INVESTIGATIVE POLYGRAPH, INC. \$ 465.00; TUTLE, HOWARD \$ 300.00; USA BLUEBOOK \$ 910.88 **TOTALS : 487,644.34**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LIJEWSKI SECONDED BY CURRAN to approve 1119-072020 an appropriations ordinance for the city of Oglesby for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2020 and ending April 30, 2021. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CURRAN, SECONDED BY LIJEWSKI to approve 1120-072020 an ordinance authorizing the execution of an easement agreement between the city of Oglesby and Ameren Illinois Company d/b/a/ Ameren Illinois. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA. Attorney Andreoni reminds that the City Clerk and Mayor need to sign the ordinance and give it to Attorney Andreoni to provide to Ameren Illinois.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CURRAN, SECONDED BY LIJEWSKI to approve 1121-072020 an ordinance amending Chapter 28, water service regulations of Title 13, public utilities of the Oglesby city code. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA. Commissioner Curran reminds that the ordinance is to allow the city to sell bulk water to businesses.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LIJEWSKI, SECONDED BY CURRAN, to place on file ordinance 1107-080320 an ordinance amending ordinance 1024-061818, entitled an ordinance establishing wages for the Oglesby ambulance employees. Commissioner Lijewski states it is to increase three employees' hours to allow to work over 1000 hours but under 1800 hours; the employees will not accrue IMRF benefits. Commissioner Lijewski also states it will alleviate having the Ambulance Director (Cathie Edens) from working almost 60 hours per week and getting paid for 40. Commissioner Argubright questioned if the three employees would qualify for IMRF benefits? Commissioner Lijewski states they would not. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY LIJEWSKI to approve the repairs to the old fire department building. Mayor Rivara states there are three bids for repairs to the building. Spelich Construction \$14, 083, Just Masonry \$ 4,900.00 and McConnaughy & Sons Roofing \$11,145.00. Mayor Rivara states that Spelich Construction may be able to repair the building for less. The building will have the roof repaired, and an 80 foot bay will be cleared out. Mayor Rivara states the city should be able to store all of the city's equipment in that building. Commissioner Argubright states that he feels multiple bids should have been sought. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY CURRAN to approve the addition to the Parks & Recreation building with contract to be awarded without competitive bidding. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA. Mayor Rivara states the bid are approximately \$ 23,768.00 which does not include the electric and heat. Commissioner Argubright states that the Electric department will be running the electric to the addition and the heat will come from the other part of the building. Commissioner Argubright feels that spending approximately \$24,000.00 is nothing compared to the money that is being spent in other departments and he feels that the Parks Department deserves it and has gotten little. Mayor Rivara gives examples of items purchased for the Parks and Recreation Department. Examples were: lawn mower, sprayer backpack, \$5000 was spent on planting new trees in Lehigh Park, \$11,000 was spent on cutting down trees. Commissioner Lijewski reminds that \$1,500 was spent on rebuilding a transmission on the John Deere. Commissioner Argubright feels the money will be well spent. Commissioner Lijewski asks if TIF money can be spent on the Parks & Recs. Building repairs? Commissioner Argubright replies that it can, out of TIF I. Commissioner Curran has no issue and feels it has value. Commissioner Curran feels that the Fire Department building repairs is more critical. Commissioner Argubright asks if he is choosing between the two. Commissioner Curran has concerns with the amount of money that

is being taken out of TIF. Commissioner Argubright feels that Commissioner Curran should prioritize where money is being spent and feels that things didn't have to be done all at once. Commissioner Curran feels that if the money is there then it should be approved.

A MOTION WA MADE BY LIJEWSKI, SECONDED BY ARGUBRIGHT to allow Casey's General Store to offer curbside pickup of alcohol. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA. Commissioner Argubright questions if the current ordinance covers this issue. Attorney Andreoni states the ordinance doesn't prohibit or allow it. Attorney Andreoni states since businesses are currently offering it during the COVID 19 pandemic it should be allowed. Attorney Andreoni states that all Casey's Stores have sent the form out to all stores. Commissioner Argubright asks about allowing mixed drinks in cups with lids to which Attorney Andreoni states that is something different. Commissioner Curran states that you can currently do this when online grocery shopping.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CURAN, SECONDED BY ARGUBRIGHT to approve a request from Don Moore to have a septic system installed within the Oglesby city limits contingent upon written approval from the Lasalle County health Department. Commissioner Curran does not feel there is an issue; however the city has not received written approval from the Lasalle County health Department. Commissioner Curran would prefer to wait for the written approval before voting to allow the installation. Commissioner Argubright asks if the approval can be contingent upon the written approval? Attorney Andreoni states that can be allowed. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

Old Business: none

Public Comments: George Cullinan asks Commissioner Lijewski about the advertisement for a patrolman for the city of Oglesby. George Cullinan asks if the city plans to hire a patrolman? Or is the city preparing for the future? Commissioner Lijewski states that the city is down to 2 candidates on the current list; one is to be recommended at the next council meeting which will still leave one vacancy. Retesting will be August 11th and interviews on August 12th. Commissioner Lijewski states there is a Fire & Police Board meeting on July 21st, 2020. George Cullinan has concerns about the city having the money to hire an additional officer. George Cullinan asks if the city is looking to have nine sworn officers?

Greg Stein discusses the mud that is on the canoe landing after the rainfall and shows the council a picture on his phone. Stein suggests creating a berm or shovel the landing out after heavy rainfall. Commissioner Curran states he will look into the matter.

Perry Meyer with the Public Health Department addresses the council in regards to responses to the 2020 census. Perry stresses the importance of encouraging the resident to respond to the census. Perry states the census can be filled out online or by telephone. Commissioner Argubright if the deadline has been extended? Meyer responds that it has been extended to October 31, 2020 and that it is free to do. Commissioner Curran asks what percentage of people have responded to the census.

Commissioner Reports:

Argubright: none.

Lijewski: Police department calibrated and certified some of the radar detectors. Officer Jack Barnes was recognized by Commissioner Lijewski for heroic efforts and professional and commendation from Chief Hayse for a call at the canoe landing.

Curran: chipping from the previous storm has been completed. Commissioner Curran encouraged residents to call should they see an issue with road conditions due to the extreme heat. Street light installations are happening throughout town. Commissioner Curran hopes to have the video camera installation done before the next council meeting.

Cullinan: Commissioner Cullinan states the Parks & Rec. Director Bob Ghighi said there is an issue with people driving in the grass at the canoe landing and there are now surveillance cameras there to help with the issue.

Mayor's report: a \$500 donation was received from the gentleman who rents the rafts. Mayor Rivara would like to set a working meeting for the future to address issues. Mayor Rivara reads a thank you card that was received from former Chief of Police Jim Knoblauch.

A motion to adjourn was made by ARGUBRIGHT, seconded by CURRAN 7:40 at p.m. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

Amy Eitutis

City Clerk