

Regular Meeting Minutes: March 15, 2021

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021 AT CITY HALL. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, MAYOR RIVARA, ATTORNEY BARRY AND CITY CLERK EITUTIS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LIJEWSKI, SECONDED BY ARGUBRIGHT to approve the regular meeting minutes from March 1, 2021. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

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, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

BHMG \$1,028.89; CARGILL CORP \$ 9,820.27; CHEMCO INDUSTRIES \$ 196.18; CITY OF OGLESBY \$ 50,000; CLEGG-PERKINS ELECTRIC \$1,156.70; CONNECTING POINT \$ 1,137.00; DALEY'S SUPER SERVICE \$ 158.06; DE LAGE LANDEN FINANCIAL \$ 178.16; DEBO ACE HARDWARE \$ 291.55; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP \$ 1,718.90; EICHELKRAUT, PATTY \$ 119.10; EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS \$ 239.49; FASTENAL COMPANY \$ 212.41; FEECE OIL CO. \$ 165.07; FICEK ELECTRIC \$ 197.00; FIRST IMPRESSION \$ 1,176.00; GRAINGER \$ 364.65; HALM'S AUTO PARTS \$ 603.93; HANCOCK, KALVIN \$ 2,129.14; HAWKINS, INC. \$ 1,183.56; HR GREEN, INC. \$ 1,045.50; HYGIENIC INSTITUTE \$ 355.55; IL DEPT. OF INNOVATION & TECH \$ 583.57; ILMEA \$ 293,501.99; IL PUBLIC RISK FUND \$ 937.00; IV CELLULAR \$ 1,283.19; IVRD \$ 6,159.00; ILLINI STATE BANK - POLICE \$ 271.84; ILLINI STATE BANK \$ 2,548.83; JACOB & KLEIN, LTD. \$ 6,148.35; JOHN'S SERVICE & SALES \$ 155.49; KITTILSON'S GARAGE \$ 263.00; KLEIN, THORPE & JENKINS \$ 1,254.00; LAFARGE NORTH AMERICA \$ 547.93; LASALLE OFFICE SUPPLY \$ 61.42; BRANDON LEIFHEIT \$ 300.00; MAUTINO DISTRIBUTING \$ 7.25; MENDARDS \$ 1,135.02; MR. ROOTER \$ 95.00; MTCO \$ 143.42; NORTHERN IL AMBULANCE \$ 2,104.55; NORTHWEST LINEMAN COLLEGE \$ 157.50; OSCAR'S AUTOMOTIVE \$ 354.66; OVERHEAD DOOR CO. \$ 89.00; POMP'S TIRE SERVICE, INC. \$ 76.04; R & P CARRIAGES \$ 7,438.00; RAY O'HERRON, INC. \$ 2,989.00; SCHROCK REPAIR \$ 117.67; SMITH'S SALES & SERVICE \$ 133.00; ST. MARGARET'S HEALTH, PERU \$ 1,376.00; STAPLE'S \$ 320.37; STEVENS SERVICE CENTER \$ 715.25; TEST INC \$19,184.66; UNIVERSAL UTILITY SUPPLY \$ 189.95; VERIZON \$ 276.13; WEX FLEET SERVICE \$ 3,710.43; YOUNG, LAUREN \$ 50.00
TOTALS: \$ 427,467.15

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY LIJEWSKI to approve raffle licenses for Holy Family School. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY CURRAN to approve 1156-031521 an ordinance authorizing disposal of personal property owned by the City of Oglesby. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY LIJEWSKI to approve 1157-031521 an ordinance authorizing disposal of personal property owned by the City of Oglesby. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CURRAN, SECONDED BY LIJEWSKI to approve 1158-031521 an ordinance amending ordinance 1152-021621 renaming Roebuck Street in the City of Oglesby from Sunset Street to Sunset Boulevard. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY CURRAN to approve 1160-031521 an ordinance authorizing the execution of an intergovernmental agreement between Lasalle Peru Township High School District No. 120 and the City of Oglesby. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA. Mayor Rivara explains this is for the use of Gandolphi Field.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LIJEWSKI, SECONDED BY ARGUBRIGHT to approve 1161-031521 an ordinance authorizing the execution of an intergovernmental agreement between Illinois Valley Community College District 513 and the City of Oglesby. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CURRAN, SECONDED BY LIJEWSKI to place on file 1159-040521 an ordinance amending ordinance 818-111912 an ordinance amending the ordinance 1007-031918 modifying rates and charges of the electrical system of the City of Oglesby Lasalle County, Illinois. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA. Commissioner Curran explains the ordinance.

A MOTION TO WAS MADE BY CURRAN, SECONDED BY LIJEWSKI to approve 031521R a resolution for maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA. Commissioner Curran explains the resolution and the projects that will completed by adopting the resolution. The approximate cost is \$320,000.00

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CURRAN, SECONDED BY ARGUBRIGHT to place on file a proposal from Putnam County Painting to recoat the water treatment plant reservoir for \$128,400.00 AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA. Commissioner Argubright asks when the last time it was done.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CURRAN, SECONDED BY ARGUBRIGHT to refer Ameren's request for a special use permit and variance to Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals for the Corbin substation. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CURRAN, SECONDED BY ARGUBRIGHT to approve Tag day requests. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

Mayor Rivara states that the Schmidt Building needs to be torn down by the end of March. It will need to be inspected for asbestos first. The inspection will happen March 16, 2021. Should there be asbestos the demolition would have to be done during the month of November 2021. A question of whether a special meeting needs to be held is brought up. Commissioner Argubright states the building just needs to be pushed down at this point. Commissioner Lijewski asks if the proposed meeting needs to be in person or not. The council debates on what day to possibly hold the meeting. A tentative meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday

March 23, 2021 should the asbestos come back negative. All council members agree on the date. City attorney Barry states he will not be available that day.

Old Business: none

Public Comments: Drew Merriman questions Commissioner Curran if TEST uses union workers for additional help for city jobs. Merriman asks if prevailing wage is paid? Commissioner Curran tries to get clarification on what Merriman is asking. Mayor Rivara states outside contractors are in the union. Lance Greathouse speaks up and states that the workers TEST uses for additional help are union employees. Greg Stein thanks the council for opening the canoe landing. Stein states the Dollar General in Granville offers produce and states he spoke with someone from the Dollar General in Oglesby and was told that the Oglesby Dollar General would be offering fresh produce as well in November. Greg Stein addresses TIF I expiring and asks if something is going to be done in regards to Seneca Square and using TIF I funds to do so. Mayor Rivara states there has been one meeting and another one is scheduled in regards to Seneca Square. Mayor Rivara states something on a small scare will be done (picnic tables, flowers, murals, etc.) but does not intend to spend much money.

Commissioner Reports:

Argubright: utility shut offs will begin in April and encourages residents to call City Hall to set up payment arrangements if they need help.

Lijewski: the criminal damage that was done at the laundromat has been solved. On March 13, 2021 a report of fraud by phone occurred. Commissioner Lijewski goes over the details of the fraudulent activity and asks residents to be very cautious and not speak to anyone. The new trucks that were purchased are still not outfitted and states she spoke with the Police Chief about the matter. Officer Pellino has completed her field training. Assistant Chief Margis is entering his 4th of 10-week training at Northwestern School of Staff & Command. The American red Cross is looking to host a blood drive in Oglesby at a date to be determined (April or May).

Curran: no salt was put down today in regards to today's weather. Commissioner Curran states that the current procedures of placing items on file before they are approved is not always necessary and would like to discuss the procedures at a future meeting. Curran informs the council of a tree that fell over during the derecho that was just discovered last week. The break was a clean break and caused no issue for residents and it took less than 4 hours to repair.

Cullinan: thanks Bob Ghighi for his service to the City and wishes him well in his new job and. Cullinan states applicants are being looked at and interviewed. Mayor Rivara questions Commissioner Cullinan and asks how long applications are being accepted (March 17, 2021). Commissioner Cullinan states applications will be accepted until March 17, 2021. Mayor Rivara asks about the people that have been interviews so far. Mayor Rivara asks if any are veterans or female or over 50 years old? Commissioner Cullinan feels there are good applicants and feels they can find the right one. Cullinan states filling Bob Ghighi's shoes will be a big job. Mayor Rivara reminds that it is a union position.

Mayor's report: reads a letter from Attorney Gary Peterlin in regards the appointment of Jim Andreoni as a Judge. Attorney Peterlin thanks the City and offers his assistance if needed

during the time of transition. Mayor Rivara encourages residents to call City Hall if help is needed to get caught up on past due bills. Mayor states the City is looking into the possibility of installing electric charging stations in the City. Mayor Rivara states there is a request for a resident to buy property and states he will speak the Commissioner's about the matter.

Drew Merriman speaks up (cannot hear specifics) about electric charging stations. Mayor Rivara states he is looking into it and feels it would be an asset to the City and feels there will be a need for them.

Mayor Rivara states there have been 4-5 outages since August, some have been Ameren's fault and one instance a car hit a pole. Mayor Rivara states that the need for a second feed is very important. Drew Merriman speaks up and gives his opinion.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CURRAN, SECONDED BY LIJEWSKI to enter into closed session to discuss *"5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) "The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of a specific employees of the public body or legal counsel of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with the Act. Also, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) - "Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees."*

AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

Amy Eitutis, City Clerk