

Regular Meeting Minutes: March 16, 2020

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 16, 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 ARGUBRIGHT to approve the regular meeting minutes from March 2, 2020. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA. Lijewski noted that there should be a correction to the minutes in regards to the number of Ambulance call outs, that there were 79 call outs, not 49.

Public comments on agenda items only: Commissioner Cullinan congratulates the hiring of the new Police Chief. Commissioner Cullinan feels that there are still issues that need to be resolved within the department. Commissioner Cullinan has an issue with promotions from within the Police department. Commissioner Cullinan has an issue about promotions and directs a question to Commissioner Curran about questions that were previously asked of him by Commissioner Curran. Commissioner Curran responds by saying that he does not recall what all four (4) questions were that were asked. Commissioner Cullinan goes on to question Commissioner Lijewski about the recent notice for TASC force. Commissioner Lijewski states there was a notice put up within the department, interviews were conducted and four (4) administrators (Chief, Asst. Chief, and two Sergeants) and a unanimous vote by all four was made in deciding who would move to TRIDEDNT. Commissioner Cullinan asks why the decision was unanimous? Commissioner Lijewski states she was not present for those conversations. Commissioner Cullinan asks how many people were on the list to go upstairs? Commissioner Cullinan said he believes 2 were considered and has a problem with that (Lijewski states that may be correct) Cullinan feels there should've been 4 people because people can be singled out with only two people. Commissioner Curran about questions that were previously asked in a prior council meeting. Cullinan states his issue is with putting a senior Officer with 22 years' experience upstairs in TRIDENT. He feels it is personal and that you don't do that. Curran and Lijewski both respond that recently an Officer that was upstairs was promoted to Sergeant. Commissioner Lijewski responds to Commissioner Cullinan that a Sergeant's stipend was discussed and said it is viewed as an advance in an Officer's career. Cullinan said he heard that is was an armed vote based on who had the most experience. Lijewski responds that the word experience was never used and that she is sorry that Commissioner Cullinan doesn't agree with what the four administrators did. Commissioner Cullinan states he was stripped of his authority and feels that the police department doesn't run any better. Commissioner Curran asks if it was a split vote in deciding that? Commissioner Cullinan said there are still problems in the department to which Commissioner Lijewski she agrees that there are. Cullinan said there she knows is because she has talked to all of the officers. Lijewski states that the vast majority wanted to move forward

and that there are two (2) that were in a disagreement still. Commissioner Cullinan said initially there were five guys and asked if the five guys changed their minds overnight? Commissioner Lijewski responds, no over eight (8) months they decided to let go and move forward. Commissioner Cullinan said the Officer will never be promoted once moved upstairs. Chief Knoblauch asks to respond. Mayor Rivara responds that moving Officer Mandujano was made by a 4-0 vote. Chief Knoblauch explains that a notice was put up months ago and explains the process. Chief Knoblauch asks the Assistant Chief to conduct the interviews and that decision was made by an admin. Team. A question was asked who about who was best suited to go to TRIDENT. A 4-0 vote was cast to that question. Commissioner Curran states the particular topic is not on the agenda and questions the city attorney about discussing personnel in a closed session. Attorney Andreoni states it would need to be on the agenda.

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

AAA TREE SERVICE \$10,800.00; AIRGAS USA, LLC \$165.54; ANIXTER INC. \$22,149.99; CENTRAL IL POLICE TRAINING CENTER \$ 834.00; COMCAST BUSINESS CENTER \$ 647.28; COMCAST BUSINESS \$68.40; COMMUNICAITONS DIRECT \$ 95.94; DALEY'S SUPER SERVICE \$ 165.95; DEBO ACE HARDWARE \$ 44.96; DEPUE POLICE DEPARTMENT \$ 200.00; FASTENAL COMPANY \$ 343.02; HOSCHEIT, SARAH \$ 115.00; HYGIENIC INSTITUTE \$355.55; ILLINI STATE BANK MC \$ 2,410.25; INDEED INC. \$ 423.68; JOHN'S TROPHY & PLAQUE \$ 654.53; JOHN SENIA JR. \$ 83.09; KITTILSON'S GARAGE \$ 1,214.69; LA FARGE AGGREGATES II \$ 330.56; MAUTINO DISTRIBUTING \$ 13.00; MENARDS \$ 119.66; MTCO \$139.67; NORTHERN IL AMBULANCE \$ 1,671.72; PERONA, PETERLIN, ANDREONI & BROLLEY \$ 2,611.85; POINTCORE INC. \$ 181.25; PRESTHUS, TRACI \$ 20.51; REPPIN, LES \$ 26.38; ROBERSON, AMANDA \$ 249.21; SCHROCK REPAIR INC \$ 276.71; SHAN, JODY \$ 1,114.40; SMITH'S SALES & SERVICE \$ 35.00; SPRINGFIELD ELECTRIC SUPPLY \$ 288.89; STARVED ROCK MEDIA \$ 562.50; T.E.S.T. INC \$ 16,458.33; TELEFLEX INC. \$ 379.50; TOEDTER OIL INC \$ 147.95; UNIVESAL UTILITY SUPPLY CO \$ 282.54; WESTERN AGGREGATES LLC \$ 379.71; ZITOUN, MARGE \$ 100.00
TOTAL \$66, 834.92

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CURRAN, SECONDED BY LIJEWSKI to enter into closed session AT 7:14 P.M. for *the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee or legal counsel for the public body. Also, collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representative, or deliberation concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees ILCS120/2(c)(1)*. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

A MOTION TO GO BACK INTO OPEN SESSION WAS MADE AT 7:56 p.m. by ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY CURRAN. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LIJEWSKI, SECONDED BY CURRAN to approve the Mayoral nomination of Chief of Police, Scott Pavlock and Council vote to accept nomination. AYES: CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA ABSTAIN: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY LIJEWSKI to Notify the Board of Fire and Police Commission that a vacancy exists in the rank of Patrolman and request Board of Fire and Police Commissioner's to select individuals to be promoted to fill vacancy. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT,

CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA. Commissioner Lijewski it is to fill the vacancy left by Officer Klinefelter who went to the Illinois State Police.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY CURRAN to place on file Ordinance 1108-040620 an Ordinance vacating a utility easement in the city of Oglesby. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA. Mayor Rivara states it is located by Memorial Park.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY CURRAN to place on file Ordinance 1109-040620 an Ordinance amending Section 13.04.220, fees and schedules of Chapter 13.04 electrical utility rules and policies of Title 13, public utilities of the Oglesby city code. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA. Mayor Rivara explains Ordinance

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY LIJEWSKI to place on file Ordinance 1110-033020 an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 1093-120219 entitled an ordinance establishing the terms of employment, including the wage structure for the Chief of Police. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA. Attorney Andreoni explains that the purpose is to allow Chief Knoblauch to carry over, if necessary, any vacation time while/if he is needed to assist in training the new Chief. Atty. Andreoni also states that it allows the Chief to return to the City's health insurance in the event that he obtains other employment, leaves the City's insurance, then returns.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY CURRAN to place on file Ordinance 1111-040620 Amending TIF I Extension Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and Oglesby Elementary School District. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA. Attorney Andreoni explains hat Attorney Herb Klein couldn't attend the meeting. Attorney Andreoni explains that the amount the schools would receive in the TIF I would go down, making the amendment keeps the amount the same in TIF I; which expires in two years.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY CURRAN authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a letter of clarification between the City of Oglesby and AT&T cell tower lease assignment. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA. Attorney Andreoni explains the lease agreement; in that by AT&T leasing to a 3rd that would not increase their rent.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LIJEWSKI, SECONDED BY CURRAN to adopt the corrected minutes from the January 20th, 2020 city council meeting. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA. Attorney Andreoni gives explanation that the motion to go into closed session was not noted on the minutes; it has been corrected.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY LIJEWSKI to approve the amended agenda from the January 20th, 2020 city council meeting. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA. Attorney Andreoni states that this is adding the statutory site to the minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY LIJEWSKI to comply with the Public Access Bureau's request that Tom Collins be allowed to listen to the last 12 minutes of the closed session minutes form the January 20th, 2020 city council meeting. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA. Attorney Andreoni explains it is the last twelve minutes only.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY CURRAN to allow the release of excerpts of minutes from the January 20th, 2020 closed session pursuant to the request of the Public Access Bureau. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA. Attorney Andreoni explains that is the typed version of the last twelve minutes of the closed session.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LIJEWSKI, SECONDED BY CURRAN to approve opening a money market account at Illini State Bank to deposit funds received for the Seneca Square grant. AYES: CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA. ARGUBRIGHT ABSTAINS. Commissioner Argubright explains the money needs to be in an interest-bearing account by itself. Commissioner Lijewski comments about city spread being spread out to other banks. Commissioner Lijewski also asks about rate of interest from various institutes. Commissioner Curran asks that by accepting the money does not obligate the City's obligation to accept the grant.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY LIJEWSKI to approve Tag Day requests. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA. Mayor Rivara reads the dates: girls softball/April 4, boys baseball/April 18 or May 2, Oglesby Ambulance Service/May 30th. Knight of Columbus/September 19th; Oglesby American Legion/May 23; Oglesby Fire Department/October 31st.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CURRAN, SECONDED BY LIJEWSKI for Approval for \$500.00 donation to Cops 4 Cancer for 2020 event. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA. Commissioner Curran states it is for a great cause but would like to address how donations are handled.

Old Business: Commissioner Curran addresses concerns that were brought up by Drew Merriman at the 03/02/2020 council meeting. Commissioner Curran provides printouts of wage scale, safety, shoring, a leak in the fire hydrant. The documents were asked to be kept on file with the City Clerk's office.

Public Comment: Drew Merriman asks what the new Chief's salary will be? Commissioner Lijewski responds that it has not been made official as it needs to be drafted in an Ordinance. Drew Merriman asks again and continues to comment. Commissioner Lijewski states that she believes a prevailing wage will be paid. Mark Lijewski addresses the Council. Mark Lijewski states that the hiring process was done legally and unbiasedly and the prevailing wage will be decided at the next council meeting. George Cullinan address the council: George Cullinan commends the council for having a discussion. George Cullinan feels that anything regarding TRIDENT and police officers should not be brought up in public as it could be dangerous to those involved.

Commissioner's Reports:

Argubright - None

Lijewski - Fire Department collected \$ 1,740.00 during their recent tag day. Commissioner Lijewski has made sure that the Fire, Police and Ambulance departments have their ppe (personal protective equipment) in place. Lijewski states the IVRD also has implemented a new screening processing during this time.

Curran –discusses a road near the lift station. New transformer is in. GTI is on schedule with their expansion.

Cullinan- none

Mayor Rivara- lets Attorney Andreoni speak.

Attorney Andreoni addresses those in attendance that on 03/17/2020 an emergency Ordinance will be adopted to declare a state of emergency if necessary. Attorney Andreoni states that surrounding Mayors and city attorney's have met and are agreeing to adopt the ordinance. Attorney Andreoni gives information about the upcoming Ordinance. Commissioner Argubright states that the inside of City Hall will be closed to the public, late fees will be waived as well.

Mayor Rivara- states there are 36 banners left for sale. Requests the residents use the drive up to conduct business. They City proclaimed Junior Achievement Day on April 2, 2020 and Motorcycle Awareness for the month of May. Food pantry drop off should be dropped inside City Hall in the South entrance lobby. Local taverns and gambling machines will be shut down at 9:00 p.m. Shut off and late fees on utility bills will be postponed. Anyone in need of meals is to contact City Hall. A special meeting will be held on March 30, 2010. Garbage pick up will not be affected.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY CURRAN at 8:27 p.m. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

Amy Eitutis, City Clerk