

Minutes: March 2, 2015

A MEETING OF THE OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015, AT CITY HALL. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS DANEKAS, RIVARA, YBORRA, MAYOR FINLEY, ATTORNEY JIM ANDREONI AND CITY CLERK BECKY CLINARD.

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER PORTER

A MOTION WAS MADE BY YBORRA, SECONDED BY RIVARA to approve the regular meeting minutes from February 17, 2015 meeting. AYES: DANEKAS, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DANEKAS, SECONDED BY YBORRA to approve the bills as presented: Allied Waste, \$35,437.00; AEA, Inc., \$5400.00; United States Post Office, \$765.90; ASK Enterprises, \$1,963.15; AEA, Inc., \$6,000.00; Mark Ambrose, \$300.00; Ameren IP, \$153.23; Benefit Planning Consultants, \$349.80; Bob's Business, Inc., \$72.39; BSN Sports, \$81.13; Call One, \$2,254.34; City of Oglesby, \$300.00; Becky Clinard, \$300.00; Comcast Cable, \$113.01; Comm. Revolving Fund, \$635.85; Compass Minerals, \$2,126.38; Dever & Sons, \$518.01; Cathie Edens, \$14.00; Efficient Billing Services, \$1,388.94; Emergency Medical Products, \$764.80; Fastenal Co., \$89.94; Feece Oil, \$1,462.00; GL Scheri Co., \$115.00; Grosenbach's, \$434.00; Hawkins, Inc., \$392.50; Health Alliance Co., \$21,248.00; Joseph Hegland, \$45.42; Scott Hoeft, \$200.04; Il Association of Chiefs, \$95.00; Il Public risk Fund, \$5,910.00; Knoblauch Advertising, \$1,450.00; LaSalle Office Supply, \$445.38; Mautino Distributing, \$12.00; Menards, \$235.11; Monroe Truck Equipment, \$35.86; Motorola, \$239.46; Mike Naas, \$300.00; NCICG, \$300.00; NewsTribune, \$214.20; Patten Industries, \$8.40; Pavers & More, \$282.00; Quad City Electric, \$420.00; SD Myers, \$3,531.00; Patti Sieg, \$75.00; Smith's Sales & Service, \$76.50; St. Margaret's Hospital, \$40.00; Stevens Service Center, \$384.00; Paul Strack, \$247.94; TEST, Inc., \$80.00; USPS, \$220.00; Universal Asphalt & Excavating, \$350.00; Kyle Waterman, \$216.86; Fleet Services, \$2,647.14. Witmer Safety Group, \$143.17. **TOTAL: \$90,083.85.** AYES: DANEKAS, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

The Mayor then opened the floor to the public for questions concerning agenda items.

Wanda Lent questioned a payment to North Central Illinois Council of Governments, asking if the \$300 was for grant writing. Finley told her the \$300 was the city's share of a hazard mitigation plan being put together for the area.

Tod Misener asked why the city was purchasing a new truck for the electric department at a cost of more than \$170,000.00 and had recently borrowed \$700,000 to pay bills when the council had ignored the Oglesby Ambulance Board's salary recommendation for director pay. The mayor said that the council had approved a 3 percent raise, not the \$10,000 the board recommended. "It's what we're going with," said Finley.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RIVARA, SECONDED BY YBORRA to hold over the bid received for the old electric department truck. Jerry Gramer's bid of \$2800.00 was the highest of three bids received. AYES: DANEKAS, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DANEKAS, SECONDED BY RIVARA to approve Ordinance No. 890-030215, which Sets the Wages for the City Clerk and City Attorney. The ordinance grants a 3 percent raise retroactive to May 1, 2014 and expires April 30, 2015, for the clerk and increases the attorney's fee to \$185.00 an hour. AYES: DANEKAS, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DANEKAS, SECONDED BY RIVARA to approve Ordinance No. 891-030215, which Sets the Wages for the Ambulance Director and Part-time Staff. The ordinance grants a 3 percent raise retroactive to January 1, 2014, and expires April 30, 2015, for the director. Part-time staff will see 2 percent raises retroactive to January 1, 2104, for 2014, 2015, and 2016. AYES: DANEKAS, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RIVARA, SECONDED BY YBORRA to accept Ordinance No. 893-030215, which authorizes the purchases of a material handling truck for the electric department at a cost not to exceed \$170,000. AYES: DANEKAS, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY YBORRA, SECONDED BY RIVARA to place on file the bids for the Walnut Street Water Main Project. Commissioner Yborra said Universal Asphalt's \$269,987.19 was the lowest bid of six bids. The engineer's estimate was \$288,340.00. AYES: DANEKAS, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY YBORRA, SECONDED BY RIVARA to place the bids for the Holiday Street Water Main extension on file. J.W. Ossola Co.'s bid of \$28,621.00 was the lowest of six bids and was less than the engineer's estimate of \$32,899.00. AYES: DANEKAS, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DANEKAS, SECONDED BY YBORRA to accept the letter of engagement with Hopkins & Associates for the FY2015 audit. Danekas said the city is changing auditors this year. The agreement with Hopkins is for \$19,000. AYES: DANEKAS, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION PASSED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY YBORRA, SECONDED BY RIVARA to approve the agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for the Walnut Street improvements. The city will split the cost with IDOT. The city will pay 20% of the \$683,000 cost using motor fuel tax funds (not more than \$140,000). AYES: DANEKAS, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY YBORRA, SECONDED BY RIVARA to place on file a resolution to expend motor fuel tax funds in an amount not to exceed \$140,000 for the Walnut Street project. AYES: DANEKAS, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RIVARA, SECONDED BY YBORRA to place Ordinance No. 894-031615, Renews a Farm Lease with Jack Mills, on file. Attorney Andreoni said that the current lease was set to expire and this new ordinance would require only an action item on a year-end agenda to continue the lease from year to year. AYES: DANEKAS, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

The Mayor then opened the floor for comments.

Tony Dennett asked about GTI, the medicinal marijuana plant slated for Oglesby. Finley said that he had spoken with representatives earlier, and that ground work was set to being in the next couple of weeks. Finley addressed concerns about GTI not coming, by telling the council that he had been assured "everything is a go for Oglesby."

Wanda Lent asked about a rumor that County Market was now selling the property they purchased in late 2013 for a grocery store. Finley replied that he had spoken with Rich Niemann last month and he had told Finley that he "had no intention of selling." Finley said he'd look into it.

Tod Misener, then questioned the council about elected officials' IMRF eligibility and healthcare. (note: The mayor and commissioners **do not** receive healthcare benefits from the city) Misener questioned whether it was the right thing to do, given the city's financial status, and urged the council to rescind

elected official eligibility. Commissioner Yborra responded to Misener's request, saying that after 12 years of service, his own "pension" would amount to just about \$28 a month. Yborra quipped that "he may be able to pay for the gas he spends driving around town" in his role as commissioner. Misener then asked to meet with the mayor and city attorney after the meeting about a Freedom of Information Act request.

Mayor and Commissioners' Reports:

Danekas had nothing to report, other than that he "was counting down the meetings" until his term ends.

Rivara thanked the council for his department's new truck.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY YBORRA, SECONDED BY RIVARA to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. AYES: DANEKAS, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

Becky Clinard, City Clerk