

Special Meeting Minutes: March 23, 2020

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020 AT CITY HALL. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30 P.M.

(The meeting was not open to the public, it was live-streamed on Facebook).

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

Public comments on agenda items only: none

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LIJEWSKI, SECONDED BY ARGUBRIGHT to approve 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 begins to speak on the matter, then stops.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LIJEWSKI SECONDED BY CURRAN to approve Ordinance 1112-033020 pertaining to local state of emergency. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA. Attorney Andreoni speaks on the matter: Attorney Andreoni states that when the Ordinance was placed on file on 03/17/2020 a resident questioned why it wasn't approved on the same day? Andreoni continues that he believes the purpose of the Ordinance is to authorize the declaration of the state of emergency and the Ordinance is not effective unless the declaration is made. Attorney Andreoni states he has changed his interpretation.

Mayor Rivara discusses the issue of allowing employees to carry over any vacation they had planned but are now not allowed to use due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Chief Knoblauch also asks that the Oglesby Police officers be allowed to do the same things. Andreoni gives further explanation about the timeline of declaration (it in only in effect for 7 days)

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ALLOWANCE IS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY LIJEWSKI. AYES; ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

Public Comments: none

Mayor Rivara suggests moving the regularly scheduled council meeting from April 6, 2020 to April 8, 2020 due to the Stay-At-Home Order.

A MOTION AGREEING TO CHANGE THE DATE WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY CURRAN. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

Mayor Rivara proposes postponing the increase of the water and sewer rates for 30 days due to current pandemic.

A MOTION AGREEING TO POSTPONE THE WATER RATE INCREASE WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY CURRAN. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA,

Mayor Rivara states that Scott Schweickert has agreed to represent the City of Oglesby, if needed in regards to the possibility of St. Margaret's Hospital opening a COVID 19 testing facility located on West Walnut street. Commissioner Lijewski states that the testing was up and running for one day. Attorney Andreoni explains that he is on the Board of St. Margaret's Hospital and that is why he cannot represent the City of Oglesby should the need arise.

A MOTION AGREEING TO USE ATTORNEY SCOTT SCHWEICKERT TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF OGLESBY, IF NEEDED WAS MADE BY LIJEWSKI AND SECONDED BY CULLINAN. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

Mayor Rivara states that the City Clerk's office will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. until further notice. Mayor Rivara also states that the front lobby will be open during that time for anyone wanting to drop off food for the micro pantry.

Mayor Rivara states that the electronics recycling event that was planned for the Spring will now be moved to the Fall due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY CULLINAN at 6:77 p.m. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

Amy Eitutis, City Clerk

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