

Minutes: May 15, 2107

A MEETING OF THE OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017, AT CITY HALL. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7 P.M.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, MAYOR FINLEY, ATTORNEY ANDREONI AND CITY CLERK CLINARD

Before the regular portion of the meeting, Ed Cobau, of the Illinois Municipal Utility Agency, presented a scholarship to Evan Knoblauch, son of James and Susan Knoblauch. Evan's essay was "one of the best – if not the best" essay entered into the contest, said Cobau.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY RIVARA to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2017, meeting. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

Before the bills were presented for payment, Commissioner Porter asked Fire Chief Ron Popurella to explain the recent purchases made with a combination of grant and city funds. Commissioner Rivara has asked for clarification twice when the bills were presented for payment at previous meetings. Chief Popurella explained that the city has received \$57,682.00 in federal grant monies to date, with another \$3,000 expected. The city has been able to purchase 20 complete sets of firefighting gear. Rivara has questioned two invoices, for \$58,976.00 and \$12,221.15, to Dinges Fire Company. Popurella pointed out that the city's cost for the equipment is "less than \$21,000," for equipment with a value of more than \$270,000.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RIVARA, SECONDED BY CAREY to approve the bills as presented AFLAC, \$35.90; Airgas USA, \$106.29; Alan Environmental Products, \$756.36; Ameren, \$339.61; ASK Enterprises, \$1,776.70; Brownstown Electric Supply, \$20.00; BSN Sports, \$259.99; Cintas First Aid and Safety, \$28.02; Comcast Business, \$498.49; ComcastCable, \$104.90; Connecting Point, \$557.50; Dollar General, \$21.50; Dinges Fire Company, \$12,221.15; Dresbach Distributing, \$594.15; Cathie Edens, \$14.52; Emergency Medical Products, \$1,205.06; Kevin Ewbank, \$140.00; Fastenal Company, \$59.16; First Impression, \$398.00; Robert Ghighi, \$500.00; Shane Goskusky, \$102.79; Grainco FS, \$106.56; Halm's Auto Parts, \$109.26; Hawkins, \$704.50; Hygienic Institute, \$355.55; IMEA, \$232,302.06; Illini State Bank-Visa, \$824.92; IV Cellular, \$1,225.35; Illinois Valley Crime, \$758.00; John Senica Jr., \$80.23; Kendrick Pest Control, \$105.00; King Landcare, \$60.00; King Tire, \$838.00; Knoblauch Advertising, \$10,106.33; LaSalle County Public Record Bulletin, \$180.00; LaSalle Office Supply, \$337.87; Mautino Distributing, \$18.75; Menards, \$359.86; Mertel Gravel, \$1,285.26; Lesley Meyer, \$186.29; MTCO, \$140.87; Robert Murch, \$195.96; National Seed, \$785.00; NCPERS Group Life Ins., \$48.00; News Tribune, \$23.65; Oglesby Elks Lodge, \$50.00; PF Pettibone and Co., \$169.85; David Pavy, \$175.59; Perona Peterlin Andreoni and Brolley, \$1,942.50; Pomp's Tire, \$1,163.93; Republic Services, \$19,830.00; Revere Electric, \$2,127.73; Dominic Rivara, \$295.40; RiverStone Group, \$158.83; Kirstin Rogers, \$120.86; Romeoville Fire Academy, \$300.00; Smith's Sales and Service, \$21.00; Staples Credit, \$164.55; Timothy Stephens, \$205.36; Stryker Sales Corporation, \$453.90; Sunrise Supply, \$65.79; T.E.S.T., \$96.00; Verizon, \$167.15 **TOTAL \$298,700.80** AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

The Mayor opened the floor to the public for comments on agenda items, there were none.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY YBORRA, SECONDED BY CAREY to seek bids for Motor Fuel Tax Street Program. Spring Street, from First to Third Streets, and Dale from First to Second Streets will be fixed. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY YBORRA, SECONDED BY CAREY to seeks bids for repairs to School Avenue. Repairs will be necessary after the water main work is completed, explained Yborra. TIF funds will be used to pay for the repairs. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

Bids for both projects will be opened at 10 a.m. at City Hall on June 5th.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY RIVARA, to approve the reimbursement of unused holiday pay to the police department. Porter explained before the vote that the issue had been discussed in executive session, and this vote was necessary. The police department has been short staffed since the beginning of the year. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, to approve the reimbursement of unused holiday pay to the Ambulance Director. The motion died due to a lack of a second.

The Mayor asked for comments from the public.

Tony Dennett asked about the medical marijuana plant. Mayor Finley said it was his understanding that the plant is growing 1 or 2 plants. Commissioner Yborra, said that one of the problems was that the group that won the right to build the Oglesby plant, was successful in bidding on two other locations. The Rock Island plant was built first, so is growing the bulk of the product needed. Oglesby's plant will begin growing when the market picks up.

Jason Curran asked about an earlier discussion the city had concerning a solar plant. He said he felt the city should pursue the opportunity, especially since it was at no cost to the city.

Commissioner & Mayor reports:

Commissioner Rivara talked about his concerns for the availability and rising cost of energy in Illinois. He echoed resident Curran's thoughts that the city should pursue the solar plant because the city has "an ideal piece of property," on which to locate the plant.

Mayor Finley updated residents on the pool repairs. The hope is to have the pool opened Memorial Day, weather permitting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY CAREY to enter into executive session at 7:22 to discuss "collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees" and to discuss " the possible acquisition or sale" of property. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY CAREY TO resume the regular city council meeting at 7:48 p.m. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RIVARA, SECONDED BY CAREY to adjourn. (7:49 p.m.) AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MEETING ADJOURNED.

Becky Clinard, City Clerk