

# Meeting Minutes: November 4, 2019

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019, 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 presentation was made by Commissioner Cullinan to honor the retirement by Sergeant Bob Stone. A brief history of Sergeant Stone's work history was given by Commissioner Cullinan. A plaque was presented to Sergeant Stone.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT SECONDED BY CURRAN to approve the regular meeting minutes from October 21, 2019. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

Public comments on agenda items only: none.

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

ATD of Lasalle County \$1,420.00; AEA Inc. \$ 3,545.71; AFLAC \$ 35.90; Airgas LLC \$93.75; ALtec Industries \$1,052.27; Ameren IP \$820.99; Argubright, Thomas \$ 20.20; Bennett, Fred \$741.05; BHMG Engineers \$ 1,774.81; Blue Cross Blue Shield \$ 72,167.06; Call One \$2,139.84; Carrico, Nick \$ 11,618.50; Central Millwright \$ 1,967.42; Columbia Pipe & Supply \$356.07; Comcast Business \$66.90; Core & Main \$ 707.00; Country Kids Farm Fresh Produce \$ 250.00; De Lage Landen Financial \$ 147.53; De'Vine Floral \$ 66.06; Dollar General \$ 47.10; Dresbach Dist. \$ 189.70; Efficient Billing \$ 270.28; Emergency Medical Services \$ 2,075.16; Fastenal Company \$ 136.62; Feece Oil Co. \$ 3,269.24; Ficek Electric \$ 261.00; Foster Coach Sales \$ 27.73; GI Scheri Electric \$ 2,110.00; Halm's Auto Parts \$ 455.89; Harlow, Holden \$ 160.29; Hawkins \$ 532.30; Holloway's Portable Restroom \$ 570.00; IL Dept. of Innovation & Tech. \$ 539.30; IL Public Risk Fund \$ 4,488.00; Il Valley Cellular \$ 1,065.47; IVRD \$ 5,865.00; IVCH \$ 274.11; John Deere Financial \$ 410.73; John Senica Jr. \$ 39.94; John's Service & Sales \$ 418.44; Kendrick Pest Control \$ 105.00; King Tire \$ 35.00; Klein , Thorpe & Jenkins \$ 450.50; Lafarge Aggregates \$ 496.34; Lasalle Office Supply \$ 164.55; Mautino Dist. \$ 32.50; Menards \$ 1,105.48; Mertel Gravel \$2,593.63; Meters & Controls \$3,506.04; Mississippi Valley Pump \$ 7,557.00; Newstribune \$230.45; Oglesby Elks Lodge \$ 100.00; Putnam County Painting \$ 21,700.00; Republic Services \$ 27,315.68; Rivara, Dominic \$163.56; Rivara, Jeff \$ 48.49; Schrock Repair \$3,623.00; Shelor, Mary Jo \$154.35; Smart Source \$2,852.70; Springfield Electric \$ 472.69; Standard Insurance \$697.62; Staples \$ 105.72; Starved Rock Communication \$ 130.00; Sterling Commercial Roofing \$ 17,550.00; Storm, Jamie \$ 50.00; Stryker Sales Corp. \$ 310.00; T.E.S.T. \$ 278.00; Teleflex \$574.00; USPS \$707.78; USA Bluebook \$ 488.23; Wex Fleet Services \$ 3,418.05; Wolseley Indust. \$16.39 **TOTALS : \$224,355.28**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CURRAN, SECONDED BY LIJEWSKI to approve Ordinance 1088-102119 agreement between the City of Oglesby and IBEW Electrical workers. AYES: CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA. NAYS: CULLINAN, ARGUBRIGHT

Mayor Rivara gives an explanation as to how the pay rates will change. Lijewski asks the Council what alternatives where? Argubright and Curran discuss the hiring outside workers. Argubright and Curran continue to discuss the expenses, work needing to be done and staffing of the Electrical department. Mayor Rivara comments on the current rates the City of Oglesby offers compared to surrounding municipalities. Argubright questions what other officers make in comparison to those in surrounding areas. Mayor Rivara states the insurance and benefits. Argubright questions Curran as to who negotiates the IBEW increase? Mayor Rivara responds he did. Drew Merriman comments. Curran gives his reasons as to why he is in favor of the increase. Argubright and the Mayor discuss bringing in outside sources to assist the City. Argubright continues to give his opinion. Curran gives more explanation as to the current state of the Electric department and to how they are behind in their workload and how he hopes to maintain it because it generates revenue. Curran and Argubright debate the issue.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY LIJEWSKI to approve Ordinance 1089-110419 authorizing the purchase of real estate located at 246 E. Walnut Street, Oglesby. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CURRAN, SECONDED BY LIJEWSKI to approve Ordinance 1090-111819 an Ordinance amending Ordinance 1084-091619 entitled an Ordinance establishing fees for provisions for disposal of tree branches and lawn care refuse. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

Curran gives explanation of the changes made to the Ordinance. Argubright questions who will keep track of the time the employees are at the residence and the pricing breakdown. Curran reads the Ordinance and fees. Argubright asks if the fees being charges will cover the costs to the City. Curran and Argubright discuss the matter. Argubright states he thinks the fees are too high. Mayor Rivara gives explanation also as to why the Ordinance and fees were put in place. Curran asks Argubright for his suggestions. Lijewski also agrees with the changes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CURRAN, SECONDED BY ARGUBRIGHT to table Ordinance 1090-111819 an Ordinance amending Ordinance 1084-091619 entitled and ordinance adopting the land development code of Oglesby.

AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, RIVARA.

Attorney Andreoni recommends tabling the Ordinance and gives explanation as to why. Andreoni continues to discuss the changes and criteria regarding the Ordinance and possible changes that will need to be made to the personnel policy.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY LIJEWSKI to Place on file Ordinance 1092-111819 authorizing the hiring of an Economic Developer for the City of Oglesby. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

Argubright gives some background on Jeff Ratajczak. A MOTION WAS MADE BY LIJEWSKI, SECONDED BY ARGUBRIGHTI to approve a \$100.00 donation to the Oglesby Elks Lodge for Trivia Night on 11/02/2019. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

Argubright states criteria should be established to determine donations in the future. Mayor Rivara states that he tries to keep the donations local.

Discussion of the addition of other commercial use electric rates is made by Curran. Curran gives explanation of the rate breakdowns. Curran discusses how this may effect local business owners both present and possible new ones from coming to the City. Argubright asks about what an electrical study would do for the City. Curran states that there would be a cost to perform the study. Argubright voices his concerns in regards to spending in more money than you bring in now and in the future. Curran responds to Argubright's concerns. Mayor Rivara gives details in regards to the electric department and the need to be able to attract new business to the West end of town and how the Electric department pays for a lot of the City's expenses. Curran mentions the different DS rates and how they can help. Argubright questions this. A discussion is had in regards to the billing software we use.

Old Business: none

Public Comment: Drew Merriman questions why Halloween was not called off. He also thinks the electrical concerns are more important than the proposal of Seneca Square and also a new Police Station. Mayor Rivara starts to address Merriman when Argubright asks whose decision it was to make the call to which the Mayor responds "his". Mayor Rivara gives example of surrounding towns and how he came about keeping it on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Rivara addresses the concerns in regards to where money is to be spent. Merriman questions how much lineman experience Mark Marincic has. Mayor Rivara gives a background of his experience but states he is not a lineman. Greg Stein states he was happy Trick or Treat went ahead as planned. Stein questions the figures in regards to the IBEW wage increase. Curran gives explanation of who this will effect. Greg Stein asks what the City's plan is with the property at 246 E. Walnut St? To which the Mayor replies it will be torn down. Stein comments about the smells in regards to cannabis.

Commissioner's Reports:

Argubright-none

Lijewski- reports that her departments are running smoothly. The ambulance department had 95 call outs and the fire department had 19 calls. Nothing from the Parks department.

Curran - electrical dept is focusing on current projects. A water rate study was conducted and will be making a presentation on the matter. Prospect street water line will begin soon. The Cedar Creek subdivision inspection's are about ½ done. Curran thanked the residents for their cooperation. Argubright questions the drainage issues. Curran states his concern is to make sure residents are not breaking law. Argubright feels there should be a plan in place to fix the issue. A discussion continues between Argubright and Curran in regards to the issues in the Cedar Creek Subdivision. Street: leaf vac will continue until Thanksgiving. Curran discusses a Hazard and Outage Plan that is being implemented and updated. Argubright questions if it just

utilities to which Curran replied no and that discussions were held with all parties concerned. Curran asks for further input from the Council

Cullinan- questions Attorney Andreoni in regards to the current ATV Ordinance that is in place.

Andreoni gives the history behind the Ordinance that was adopted in Spring Valley. Andreoni feels that the ordinance is geared more towards golf carts and not ATV's and that it should be revised. Cullinan states that he and Chief Knoblauch would like to set a specific date for inspections. Argubright says that stickers are ordered but not in yet. Greg Stein states the ordinance is unfair in regards to how it effects Oglesby to which Argubright replied that we are not home ruled. Drew Merriman states they are not made to be driven on the street. More discussion continues in regards to the speed limits on certain streets within the City. Chief Knoblauch replies to public comments.

Mayor Rivara- discusses adding buildings to IVCC and how it would benefit. Mayor talks about plants that are closing, the loss of jobs and what the kilowatt rates currently are.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CURRAN SECONDED BY ARGUBRIGHT to enter in to closed session at 8:16 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 deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

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

A MOTION TO GO BACK INTO OPEN SESSION WAS MADE AT 9:26 p.m. by ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY LIJEWSKI. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING WAS MADE AT 9:28 p.m. by LIJEWSKI SECONDED BY CURRAN. ARGUBRIGHT absent from regular session.

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

Amy Eitutis, City Clerk