

Meeting Minutes: October 21, 2019

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2019, AT CITY HALL. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT SECONDED BY CURRAN to approve the regular meeting minutes from October 7, 2019. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, RIVARA.

Public comments on agenda items only: none

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

A.H. Stock Manufacturing \$ 145.18; Ameren IP \$ 158.21; Apple Press \$ 190.35; Argubright, Thomas \$ 145.25; Brownlee Data Systems \$ 864.00; Calderon, Sergio \$ 61.27; Carretto, Mario \$ 1,071.88; Carrico, Nick \$ 3,980.00; Columbia Pipe & Supply Co \$ 390.17; Comcast Business \$ 609.09; Comcast Internet \$ 173.96; Complete Integration & Service \$ 1,625.00; Connecting Point \$ 330.00; Core & Main \$ 1,800.00; Cosgrove Distributors \$ 74.29; Davis, Chelsea \$ 251.43; De Lage Landen Financial Services \$276.19; Delta Glowves \$ 95.40; Double M Trucking \$ 420.00; Dresbach Distributing \$ 24.95; IL Mun. Elec Agency Revenue \$ 286,095.61; Hawkins Inc \$ 800.20; Ficek Electric \$ 4,671.05; First Impression \$1,238.00;Ince, Stephanie \$204.41; Illini State Bank Mastercard \$ 7,566.03; IVCH \$ 355.55; Jacob & Klein \$ 8,779.25; John Senica, Jr. \$ 230.63; John's Service & Sales \$ 272.36; Kenco Fire Equipment \$ 988.42; Killilson's Garage \$ 599.46; LaFarge Aggregates \$ 775.46; Menard's \$ 55.32; Mertel Gravel Co, \$ 804.75; Newstribune \$ 282.83; Oscar's Automotive \$ 4,117.00; P & D Sign Company \$ 2,725.00; Peterlin, Andreoni & Perona \$ 2,321.75; Positive Promotions \$ 147.93; Ray O'Herron Co. \$ 1,588.00; Republic Services \$ 27,366.58; Pavers & More \$ 520.00; Rush Power Systems \$ 5,448.04; Sherwin Williams \$ 198.36; Springfield Electric \$ 1,550.46; Sterling Commercial Roofing \$ 1,950.00; TEST \$ 16,470.33; Town & County Services \$ 7,387.48; Universal utility Supply \$ 1,728.00; Utility Equipment \$ 72.00; Watson, Patrick \$ 160.00
TOTALS : \$410,571.28

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CURRAN, SECONDED BY ARGUBRIGHT to approve Ordinance 1085-102119 Public Comment at council and committee meetings. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, RIVARA. NAYS: CULLINAN

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY CURRAN to approve Ordinance 1086-102119 Bonus \$1,200.00 for Asst. City Clerk Patty Eichelkraut. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, RIVARA.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY , SECONDED BY to approve Ordinance 1088-102119 agreement between the City of Oglesby and IBEW 51 Electrical workers. ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, RIVARA.

Argubright makes comments on his feelings. Curran and Argubright discuss the pros and cons of the establishing a raise to the Electric department. Mayor Rivara explains the reasons behind

trying to establish a higher rate of pay for the Electric Department. Discussion and explanation goes back and forth in regards to the topic. Cullinan asks if Wrobleski still works in the Electric Department? Cullinan states that this is the second employee to leave the Electric department and asks what the problem is? Cullinan states that he believes it's not because of money. Mayor Rivara suggests making a motion to table the Ordinance until a later time.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY CURRAN to table Ordinance 1088-102119 agreement between the City of Oglesby and IBEW 51 Electrical workers.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CURRAN, SECONDED BY ARGUBRIGHT to approve the bid for the Prospect Street Water Main Improvement Project.

AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, RIVARA.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CURRAN, SECONDED BY ARGUBRIGHT to approve the purchase of 2 transformers from T & R Electric for the GTI expansion project.

AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, RIVARA.

Curran gives explanation and costs of the two transformers.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY CURRAN to place on file Ordinance 1088-110419 authorizing the purchase of real estate located at 246 E. Walnut Street, Oglesby.

AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, RIVARA.

Old Business: none

Public Comment: George Cullinan states that the Electric Department is what generates revenue for the City. He feels that the City has a strong department and needs to protect it. He cites reasons why it would be good to work for the City and that he supports increases the base pay for the Electric department. Mayor Rivara gives more explanation as to why the City needs qualified workers. Mayor Rivara and George Cullinan continue to discuss the matter. Drew Merriman states that he feels it may benefit to look at Southern states to find qualified workers and to try and put together an employment package to entice people from other areas. More discussion ensues between the Council members and Drew Merriman. Rick Rigazio suggests creating a temporary job using retired lineman who would be willing to work on a short term basis. Mayor Rivara gives his opinion as to why this may or may not work. Argubright and Curran also give some input on the subject. Greg Stein asks the Council questions about the proposed and current wages. Stein asks if the proposed rates will be enough to attract qualified candidates.

Commissioner's Reports:

Argubright-none

Lijewski- absent

Curran – Street dept: leaf vac will continue through Thanksgiving. Electric dept: GTI work is happening. Water dept: Curran discusses the recent water main breaks and gives explanation as to what happened. Curran discusses the current plan for disasters. Curran advises that

department heads will meet to come up with an updated plan for issues that arise on a more frequent basis.

Cullinan- none.

Mayor Rivara-Mayor Rivara thanks the public who helped make HarvestFest a success. Mayor reminds of the Trick or Treat hours. Mayor reminds that Senica Square bids will be opened on 11/14/2019 at 10:00 a.m. Mayor thanks Cookie Kingdom for their efforts for Cops 4 Cancer.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE by ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY CURRAN. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, RIVARA.

Amy Eitutis, City Clerk