A MEETING OF THE OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2015, AT CITY HALL. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY CAREY to approve the regular meeting minutes from May 18, 2015 meeting. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RIVARA, SECONDED BY YBORRA to approve the bills as presented: Municipal Well & Pump, $39,915.00; IVCH, $52.00; City of Oglesby, Petty Cash, $133.55; Robert Stone, $100.00; Postal Service, $730.48; City of Oglesby, Start up Cash, $200.0; ASK Enterprises, $6.558.75; AFLAC, $117.67; Allied Counseling Group, $300.00; Ameren IP, $2,349.44; Apple Press, $65.00; BPC, Inc., 247.90; BHMG Engineers, $4,070.95; Call One, $2,465.25; Center Stage Sound Co., $150.00; Comcast, $53.95; Communications Direct, $1.125.00; Connecting Point, $147.00; D&M Landscaping, $1,300.00; Daley’s Super Service, $145.99; Double M Trucking, $300.00; Emergency Medical Products, $1,611.97; Fastenal Company, $181.70; Feece Oil, $1,970.39; Robert Ghighi, $60.00; Mike Goskusky, $202.40; Grainco, $68.55; Ron Greening, $249.53; Hawkins Inc., $1,241.98; HD Power Supply, $756.00; Health Alliance Medical Plans, $1,412.00; Heartland Bank & Trust, $133,400.00; Holloway’s Portables, $150.00; Hy-Vee, $250.33; IL Public Risk Fund, $479.35; Kendrick Pest Control, $150.00; Knoblauch Advertising, $200.00; Landcomp Landfill, 315.25; Mautino Distributing, $12.00; Menards, $1,261.71; NCICG, $1,545.00; Oglesby Hotel Group, $17,636.25; PF Pettibone, $163.90; Susan Rabenberg, $75.25; Riverstone Group, $409.43; Sherwin Williams, $818.38; Smith’s Sales and Service, $29.00; Stuart Tree Service, $160.00; USA Bluebook, $538.37; Venturelli’s Appliance, $1,634.64; Wex Fleet Services, $3,230.88; Mike Wrobleski, $300.00. ; **TOTAL: $230,938.19** AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RIVARA, SECONDED BY PORTER to again table discussion on the canoe river access project pending a working meeting to discuss the matter further. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY RIVARA to accept Ordinance No. 899-060115, which authorizes the sale of city property. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY CAREY to appoint Cathie Edens director of the ambulance service. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RIVARA, SECONDED BY CAREY to place Ordinance No. 900-061515 on file. The ordinance addresses the ambulance director’s pay. Before the vote, Commissioner Porter said he could not support the ordinance that gave the director 2 percent increases per year. He said he felt the director deserved “a substantial increase” in salary, and pointed out that although she directs a staff of more than 25 employees, she is at the bottom of the pay schedule for department heads. She receives no “on call” pay although she is on call 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. She also works most holidays without pay. Porter said he did not understand “why the council is willing to pay other department supervisors … thousands of dollars more” than the ambulance director. AYES: CAREY, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. NAY: PORTER. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY YBORRA, SECONDED BY PORTER, to approve emergency repairs to Well No. 3. Yborra explained that the well pump went out, prompting an emergency situation in which the pump had to be replaced with no time to go out to bid. Yborra estimated the costs to be between $85,000 and $89,000. This is not to be confused with Well No. 4, for which the city is seeking grant monies to repair. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Rivara then read a prepared statement concerning the city’s financial status. He said that after reviewing expenses, he found that the city is spending approximately 20 percent more per year than it’s bringing in. He asked to schedule working meetings to find “some common ground,” and to get the city’s “house in order.” A discussion then ensued with Commissioner Yborra and Finley defending the city’s actions, noting that the “gap” had closed somewhat in the past few years. Commissioner Carey suggested that the city cancel the new truck for the electric department, noting that although the department could use a new truck, the $172,000 savings would help the city. Rivara, who was electric department commissioner when the truck was ordered, disagreed. Rivara said the $64,000 the city received from Ameren was supposed to be used for the truck. Attorney Andreoni said the city couldn’t take formal action to cancel the order, but suggested a special meeting to discuss the matter.

The Mayor then opened the floor for comments:

Tony Dennett asked if the City was seeing any revenue from Love’s yet. Mayor Finley said that the city was receiving sales tax and video gaming monies from the business.

Greg Stein asked about the street sweeper and questioned how the street department was being paid for putting up snow fence around the Summer Fun Fest grounds.

Vern Seimers asked about TC Enterprises, who lost a recent bid for a zoning change. Seimers noted that trucks were still blocking Walnut Street and pulling in to the medical clinic’s driveway. He wondered aloud if “plastics were coming in or going out” of the building. The mayor assured him that the city was on top of it.

Carrie Lejewski applauded Commissioner Rivara for his efforts to curb spending and balance the budget.

Caroline Powell complained about a sewer smell, saying that the city used to flush the sewers but hadn’t done it “this year or last,” resulting in the odor.

Commissioner & Mayor Reports:

Commissioner Yborra updated residents on the resurfacing of Walnut Street.

Mayor Finley told the council about the upcoming Summer Fun Fest, including the ambulance pork chop dinner. He also reminded residents that fishing at McPhedran Park is “catch and release” only.

A MOTION WAS MADE at 7:26 PM BY PORTER, SECONDED BY CAREY to adjourn the regular meeting. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MEETING ADJOURNED.

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Becky Clinard, City Clerk