

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2020 AT CITY HALL. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LIJEWSKI SECONDED BY CURRAN to approve the minutes from October 5, 2020. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

Public Comments: Sam Tillman questions the council about

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SECONDED BY , to approve quarterly building permits totaling \$183,083.00. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

There is no old business.

Public Comments: Drew Merriman addresses the council and is upset over the outage on 10/05/2020. Merriman states that the fire department truck had no lights on, the intersections had stop signs out that were not visible. Merriman questions why extra patrolman were not brought in. Merriman also gives his opinion about past and current employees. Merriman gives his opinion if Ameren were to handle the outage how it would have been done faster. Merriman said the timing was bad also and feels there needs to be other ways to notify the residents.

Commissioner Curran responds to Drew Merriman in that he agrees that a Code Red should have gone out earlier. Curran explains that additional complications came up as the repairs were being made to the pole that was hit south of town. Commissioner Curran said a Facebook post and Code Red were sent out. Commissioner Curran feels it best to put out as much information as possible. Curran feels no matter what information is given it is not good enough.

Mayor Rivara responds to Drew Merriman and states that he feels all those involved did a great job. Mayor Rivara said if the switch would have worked the outage would have been minimal. Mayor Rivara praised the City of Peru Electric Department for their assistance in helping set a 70- foot pole.

Commissioner Curran gives explanation as to how the pole snapped that caused the outage. Commissioner Curran gives his apologies and said Drew Merriman is free to run for office and would welcome him to the Council. Mayor Rivara states the job got done, the outage went

longer and the switch will be looked at. Mayor Rivara said the city is always looking to improve their liability. Drew Merriman gives his opinion about past city employee's.

Commissioner Reports:

Argubright, none

Lijewski, none.

Curran – the electric department will continue to do more testing on switches within the city.

Cullinan, absent

Mayor, none.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY CURRAN. AYES:
ARGUBRIGHT, LIJEWSKI, CURRAN, RIVARA. ABSENT: CULLINAN