

**OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Oglesby City Council was held on Monday, May 1, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Rivara

**PRESENT:** Mayor Dom Rivara, Commissioners Tom Argubright, Jim Cullinan, Jason Curran and Terry Eutis; City Clerk Clinard and Attorney Pat Barry.

**There was no public comment on agenda items.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Curran, SECONDED by Argubright to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2023, meeting: **AYES:** Argubright, Cullinan, Curran, Eutis, Rivara. **NAYS:** None **ABSTAIN:** None **MOTION CARRIED.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Curran, SECONDED by Eutis to approve the corrected minutes from the February 21 and March 6, 2023, meetings. The minutes were revised to correct the amount of the bills presented for payment. **AYES:** Argubright, Cullinan, Curran, Eutis, Rivara. **NAYS:** None **ABSTAIN:** None **MOTION CARRIED.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Argubright, SECONDED by Eutis to approve bills in the amount of \$226,137.98. **AYES:** Argubright, Cullinan Curran, Eutis, Rivara. **NAYS:** None **ABSTAIN:** None **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commissioner Curran then publicly thanked outgoing Mayor Rivara for his 12 years of service to the city. Rivara served eight years as a commissioner and the last four years as mayor. Rivara was presented a marble plaque.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Curran, SECONDED by Eutis to accept and place on file the April 4, 2023, General Election Results. **AYES:** Argubright, Cullinan, Curran, Eutis, Rivara. **NAYS:** None **ABSTAIN:** None **MOTION CARRIED.**

At this point, the outgoing Mayor and Commissioners relinquished their seats to the newly elected officials. Attorney Patrick Barry administered the oath to Commissioners Tony Stefanelli, Terry Eutis, Rich Baldrige, Greg McDermott and Mayor Jason Curran separately.

Mayor Curran then summarized the changes to Chapter 2.03 of the Municipal Code which details the responsibilities of each Department. Curran said he felt it best to do this before making the commissioner appointments, so that the public knew what each commissioner would be responsible for. Curran said the goal was to distribute responsibilities more evenly than the previous version.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Eutis, SECONDED by Stefanelli to approve Ordinance No. 1220-050123, Amending Title 2, Administration and Personnel, Chapter 2.03, Council. **AYES:** Baldrige, Eutis, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None **ABSTAIN:** None **MOTION CARRIED.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Stefanelli, SECONDED by McDermott to approve Ordinance No. 1219-050123, which Designates Elected Commissioners to Departments. **AYES:** Baldrige, Eutis, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None **ABSTAIN:** None **MOTION CARRIED.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Eutis, SECONDED by Stefanelli to approve Ordinance No. 1221-050123, which Revises Various Ordinances on Board, Commission and Committee Appointments. This ordinance essentially removes commissioners from most boards and committees, with Curran explaining that the council favored appointing citizens to these advisory committees. Other minor changes were made to the make-up of the boards and committees. **AYES:** Baldrige, Eutis, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None **ABSTAIN:** None **MOTION CARRIED.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Stefanelli, SECONDED by McDermott to approve Ordinance No. 1222-050123, Changes the Composition of the Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch Board. The Mayor, Health & Safety Commissioner, Fire Chief and Police Chief represent the City on this board. **AYES:** Baldrige, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None **ABSTAIN:** Eutis **MOTION CARRIED.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Eutis, SECONDED by Baldrige to approve Ordinance No. 1223-050123, which Appoints the Mayor the IMEA representative. **AYES:** Baldrige, Eutis, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None **ABSTAIN:** None **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Mayor then offered up his slate of appointments:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Stefanelli, SECONDED by Baldrige, to appoint Becky Clinard City Clerk. **AYES:** Baldrige, Eutis, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None **ABSTAIN:** None **MOTION CARRIED.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Eutis, SECONDED by McDermott to appoint Mike Margis Police Chief. **AYES:** Baldrige, Eutis, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None **ABSTAIN:** None **MOTION CARRIED.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Eutis, SECONDED by Stefanelli, to appoint Ron Popurella to Fire Chief. **AYES:** Baldrige, Eutis, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None **ABSTAIN:** None **MOTION CARRIED.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Eutis, SECONDED by Stefanelli, to appoint Steve Maltas Assistant Fire Chief. **AYES:** Baldrige, Eutis, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None **ABSTAIN:** None **MOTION CARRIED.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermott, SECONDED by Stefanelli to approve the list of appointments as presented by Mayor Curran (list attached). **AYES:** Baldrige, Eutis, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None **ABSTAIN:** None **MOTION CARRIED.**

The clerk, fire chief and assistant fire chief were then sworn in by their respective commissioners. Police Chief Margis is to be sworn at a later time.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Eutis, SECONDED by Stefanelli to approve and place on file the recommendation from the Design and Review Board concerning the property located at 101 S. Lewis Ave., the former Taco Bell property. The new owner is making changes to the exterior appearance. **AYES:** Baldrige, Eutis, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None **ABSTAIN:** None **MOTION CARRIED.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Baldrige, SECONDED by Eutis to approve the raffle license application from the LaSalle Co. Democratic Central Committee. **AYES:** Baldrige, Eutis, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None **ABSTAIN:** None **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Mayor then read a proclamation naming May Motorcycle Awareness Month.

### **Old Business**

Under old business, Curran explained that he was adding an item, "Review Tabled Items." He explained that he added the item as a way to ensure that tabled items "just don't go away forever."

### **Public Comments**

Austin Cullinan told the new council that he "loved nights like these" when the "torch is passed" from one council to another. He wished the new council well.

Drew Merriman "asked again" for a no-burn ordinance. Merriman has asked repeatedly over the years for the council to adopt a no-burn ordinance. He pointed out that the city provides services for residents to get rid of yard waste without burning, but that councils still allow burning. Merriman wants residents to be able to "breathe clean air."

### **Commissioner Updates**

The updates from the commissioners all focused on the common thread of thanking residents for the opportunity to serve and pledging to do good things for the city.

- Stefanelli promised to approach his new duties with "a team" approach and to advocate for "getting it right from the get-go."
- Eutis said he was humbled by the support he received and vowed to "give it all I have."
- McDermott said he was thankful for the opportunity to serve the city and was confident the new council "would do great things."
- Baldrige reminded the council to "never lose sight of past councils work" as they take on the leadership role for the next four years and acknowledged that "it takes more than just us" to make Oglesby a better place.

### **Mayor's Report**

Curran thanked both former Mayors Rivara and Finley for their work to make Oglesby a better place during their terms. Curran said he hoped that four years from now, the same thing would be said about his term as mayor. He also thanked the residents for their support during the campaign and election.

Curran also explained that tonight's meeting was designed to be quick and lay the groundwork for meetings to come. He will schedule a working meeting in the near future to begin discussing the things this new council hopes to accomplish during its term.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Stefanelli, SECONDED By Eutis to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. **AYES:** Baldrige, Eutis, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None  
**MEETING ADJOURNED.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:**

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Becky Clinard, Oglesby City Clerk