**OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Oglesby City Council was held on Monday, September 18, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Jason Curran.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Jason Curran, Commissioners Richard Baldridge, Terry Eutis, Gregory McDermott, Tony

Stefanelli, City Clerk Becky Clinard and Attorney Pat Barry.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** McDermott, **SECONDED by** Stefanelli, to approve the minutes from the September 5, 2023, meeting. AYES: Baldridge, Eutis, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None **MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Stefanelli, **SECONDED by** Eutis to approve the bills presented for payment in the amount of $588,469.20. **AYES:** Baldridge, Eu􀆟s, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None **MOTION CARRIED.**

**BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:** Advanced Asphalt Co, $1,822.50; Air One Equipment Inc., $165.00; Altorfer Industries, Inc, $1,174.19; Ambrose, Lori, $300.00; Ameren Illinois-7419559858, $30.09; Ameren Illinois-8218382099, $268.43; Baldridge, Rich, $350.00; Bhmg Engineers, $14,585.39; Bobs' Business Inc, $115.72; Card Service Center-Police, $137.23; Central Millwright, $2,136.87; College Of Dupage, $325.00; Columbia Pipe & Supply Co, $573.35; Comcast Business, $604.96; Complete Integration & Service, $398.75; Connecting Point, $2,773.44; Core & Main, $3,343.44; Cosgrove Distributors, $1,123.28; Curran, Jason, $300.00; Debo Ace Hardware, $1,120.28; Double M Trucking, $1,122.00; Dresbach Distributing, $133.90; Emergency Medical Products Inc, $412.51; Emergency Services Marketing C, Inc, $785.00; Emling Canvas Products, $1,875.00; Euclid Beverage, $2,233.00; First Impression, $559.35; Graphic Electronics Inc., $55.00; Grosenbach's Auto Repair, $162.57; Hawkins, Inc, $2,081.38; Heartland Bank Visa, $11,198.96; Holloway's Portable Restrooms, $560.00; Il Department Of Innovation And Tech, $518.49; Il Valley Excavating, In, $8,984.95; Illinois Municipal Electric Agency, $467,683.85; International Institute Of, $210.00; John Senica Jr., $296.45; Kendrick Pest Control Inc., $180.00; Knoblauch Advertising, $574.87; Kundert, Tiffany, $50.00; Lakeshore Beverage, $0.00; Lakeshore Beverage, $1,851.91; Mann, Robert, $3.25; McDermott, Gregory, $350.00; Menards, $1,041.84; Mertel Gravel Co, $2,119.38; News-Trib, $146.36; Osf Saint Elizabeth Medical Center, $59.32; Ottawa Office Supply, $7.91; Phelan, Carol, $50.00; Ro Pros, $14.00; Secretary Of State, $151.00; Senica Interstate Towing, $495.00; Smart Source Llc, $3,468.00; Smith's Sales And Service, $1,508.00; Springfield Electric Supply, $192.83; Starline Construction Company, $11,520.00; Starved Rock Communications, $840.00; Stefanelli, Tony, $350.00; T.E.S.T Inc., $19,845.97; Universal Utility Supply, $698.92; Verizon, $129.09; Wex Bank, $6,141.20; Workman, Rebekah, $18.82 **TOTAL: $588,469.20.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Stefanelli, **SECONDED by** Baldridge to approve the September 15, 2023, payroll in the amount of $52,415.15. **AYES:** Baldridge, Eu􀆟s, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None **MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Eutis, **SECONDED** by Stefanelli “to send Jason’s (Curran) version to the labor attorney.” **AYES:** Curran. **NAYS:** Baldridge, Eu􀆟s, McDermott, Stefanelli, **MOTION DENIED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Eutis, **SECONDED** by Stefanelli “to send my (Eutis) version to the labor attorney.” **AYES:** Baldridge, Eutis, Stefanelli. **NAYS:** McDermott, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Baldridge then updated the council on the Mallick Substation project, asking the council for permission to go out to bid for equipment needed to complete the project. Baldridge said that the cost of the equipment was about $1 million, but said the good part was that the electrical superintendent felt that he could do a lot of the work himself, cutting down on any labor costs.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Baldridge, **SECONDED** by Eutis to seeks bids for the Mallick Substation equipment. **AYES:** Baldridge, Eutis, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS**: None **MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by McDermott, **SECONDED** Baldridge to purchase a high service pump at the cost of $22,500 **.** McDermott told the council that they had one, but needed two pumps. **AYES:** Baldridge, Eutis, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS**: None **MOTION CARRIED**

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Stefanelli, **SECONDED** by Baldridge to move the city cell phone service plan to Verizon. **AYES:** Baldridge, Eutis, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS**: None **MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Baldridge, **SECONDED** by McDermott to table discussion on the cost-sharing ordinance for sewer check valves until more information is available. **AYES:** Baldridge, Eutis, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS**: None **MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Stefanelli, **SECONDED** by Eutis to approve the request to expand TIF VI to include the downtown area. **AYES:** Baldridge, Eutis, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS**: None **MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by Stefanelli, SECONDED by Eutis to approve the request from Starved Rock Runners to hold the Turkey Trot in Oglesby. **AYES:** Baldridge, Eutis, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS**: None **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Old Business**

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by McDermott, **SECONDED** by Baldridge to place the bids for the Clark Street Sewer Separation project and the Hickory and Clark culvert replacement project on file. **AYES:** Baldridge, Eutis, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS**: None **MOTION CARRIED.**

**New Business**

Curran then told the council that he had an issue with how an item was removed from the agenda last meeting and the use of “point of order” when he tried to discuss the item at the last meeting. The council continued the discussion for some time without resolution.

**Public Comments**

Former Mayor Dominic Rivara said he was a “little bit confused” about the talk about a commissioner’s right to terminate an employee. Rivara asked Baldridge who would be at a grievance hearing – to which he was told the negotiation team and the city attorney. He was assured that the employee would have union representation and that the process outlined in the contract would be follow.

Greg Stein asked about the personnel policy and commented that he felt that the council would be “hog tying” itself if it didn’t allow conversation about topics not appearing on the agenda.

**Commissioner Updates**

**Tony Stefanelli, Commissioner of Accounts and Finance**

* Announced that the online Municipal Code would now be updated quarterly, rather than annually.
* Announced he would be moving forward with the plan to move meeting packets to digital form and asked the council for their preference of devices.

**Terry Eutis, Commissioner of Public Safety**

Said he was saddened by a recent newspaper article on the new dog park and disc golf park that failed to mention Commissioner Baldridge. Eutis said he wished to publicly acknowledge Baldridge for his work on both the dog park and the disc golf park.

**Gregory McDermott, Commissioner of Streets, Water and Sewer**

* Reminded residents about the cross-connection survey which is required by the EPA
* Announced that hydrants will be flushed the week of Oct. 2
* Branch chipping and leaf vac services start soon

**Rich Baldridge, Commissioner of Public Property**

* Thanked the “many others” who were involved in the disc golf and dog park, noting that it takes more than one person to make things happen.
* Read a letter from Jeff Blanco who thanked the electric department for taking care of some lines in his yard.
* Thanked Terry Eutis and the 17 volunteers who helped at the disc golf course the weekend of Sept. 16-17.
* Said Boots, Brews and BBQ was great while it lasted – and thanked those who worked the event.
* Announced Harvest Fest on Oct. 21
* Announced the We Are Oglesby Scarecrow contest, which will be judged Oct. 21

**Mayor’s Report**

* Reported on Boots, Brews and BBQ and reminded residents about Harvest Fest
* Announced that the city had received a $210,000 Strong Communities grant to address nuisance properties.
* Told the council that the burn ban did not get on the agenda, but that it would be discussed at the next meeting and also cleared up the question about when recreational fires were allowed. Recreational fires are allowed everyday but Monday.

**A MOTION WAS MADE** by McDermott, **SECONDED** by Stefanelli, to adjourn at 7:58 PM. **AYES:** Baldridge, Eutis, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS**: None **MEETING ADJOURNED.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Becky Clinard, City Clerk