**OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024**

The Oglesby City Council meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Jason Curran.

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Rich Baldridge, Don Finley, Gregory McDermott, Tony Stefanelli and Mayor Jason Curran. City Attorney Pat Barry and City Clerk Becky Clinard were also present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** (None)

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Stefanelli, **SECONDED BY** , to approve the June 3, 2024, minutes. **AYES:** Baldridge, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **ABSTAIN:** Finley **NAYS**: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Stefanelli, **SECONDED BY** McDermott, to approve the bills presented for payment in the amount of $612,452.93. **AYES:** Baldridge, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None **MOTION CARRIED.**

**BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT TOTAL $612,452.93.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Stefanelli, **SECONDED BY** Baldridge, to approve the June 7, 2024, payroll in the amount of $105,012.00 **AYES:** Baldridge, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED**

Curran then expressed his concerns about the next agenda item, allowing We Are Oglesby to place a sign on city property that only lists businesses that are members of the organization. Curran also questioned the placement of the sign, saying he felt that having it near the canoe landing was a better place than near Ed Hand Highway entrance. Baldridge said he appreciated those suggestions.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Baldridge, **SECONDED BY** McDermott, to allow WAO’s request to purchase, place and maintain a sign at the entrance of the boat landing in collaboration with the Commissioner of Public Property, who shall final approval. Stefanelli said that if the motion passed, he felt the next step was to sign a letter of support for We Are Oglesby to give to the county. **AYES:** Baldridge, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli. **ABSTAIN:** Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Baldridge, **SECONDED BY McDermott**, to approve Ordinance No. 1253-061724, a Construction Agreement with Ameren for the Mallick Road Delivery Point Project. **AYES:** Baldridge, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Baldridge, **SECONDED BY** Finley, to approve Ordinance No. 12354-061724, a Wholesale Connection Agreement with the City of Oglesby, IMEA and Ameren. **AYES:** Baldridge, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Baldridge, **SECONDED BY** McDermott, to approve Ordinance No. 1258-061724, which Allows the use of City-owned Property for a solar generation project and authorizes the execution of a Generation Siting and Operating Agreement with the IMEA. **AYES:** Baldridge, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Stefanelli, **SECONDED BY** Finley to approve Ordinance No. 1259-061724, which Grants the Lungers a Variance (rear setback to allow for a fence.) **AYES:** Baldridge, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Old Business**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Stefanelli, **SECONDED BY** Baldridge, to approve the Maintenance Contracts with Connecting Point Computer Center for support. Stefanelli told the council that the agreement covered ransom and malware protection. **AYES:** Baldridge, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The council then discussed briefly Stefanelli’s proposal to change the council meeting time to 6 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. He pointed out that if the meeting started earlier, it would end earlier. Curran expressed his concerns, calling the 7 p.m. meeting time a “long-standing tradition,” and voiced his concerns that an earlier start time may prevent some from attending. Stefanelli invited the persons in the audience to come up and discuss any concerns they might have. After some discussion, the council agreed to discuss the matter at the next meeting.

Curran then told the council that the chairman of the Plan Commission had asked for a vice chairman in the event he is unable to attend the meetings. Barry told the council that the commission could elect a protem chair if (Ken) Ficek was unable to attend or that they could create the position. McDermott asked if there was any ordinance establishing the position, he was told there was not. Stefanelli said he was inclined to let the Plan Commission to do “their thing independently.” He didn’t feel council action to create a vice chair position was with the council’s purview. **A MOTION WAS MADE** BY McDermott, **SECONDED BY** Finley, to table the discussion. **AYES:** Baldridge, Finley, McDermott, Curran. **ABSTAIN:** Stefanelli. **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Curran then asked the council for approval to join the Illinois River Scenic Byway. He called the membership “one more tool in the tool box” for attracting visitors to Oglesby. Finley asked if the group was able to provide any quantifiable results (tracking). Curran said that they were not. Stefanelli suggested that the Mayor contact other municipalities to see if they found value in the group. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Stefanelli, SECONDED By McDermott to table Curran’s request to join the Illinois River Road National Scenic Byway. **AYES:** Baldridge, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Curran then told the council about his suggestions to expand the incentives the city offers to new businesses. He asked that the council send the proposal to the Building Improvement Grant committee for review. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Finley, SECONDED by McDermott to send the proposal to the BIG committee for review. **AYES:** Baldridge, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Public Comment on any topic**

**COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:**

**Tony Stefanelli, Accounts and Finance**

* Thanked city employees and the many volunteers for their work at Summer Fun Fest.
* Told the council the conduct policy has been reviewed by the attorney and will be coming back for approval.

**Don Finley, Public Health and Safety**

* Thanked everyone for their hard work to make Summer Fun Fest a success. Said that the Oglesby Police Department logged 173 hours at the festival, with only one arrest. He also thanked the Mendota, LaSalle and LaSalle County for their assistance. And he thanked the Oglesby Fire Department and the Oglesby Ambulance Service for their help as well.
* Told the council the Ambulance Association served 1108 meals at their annual pork chop dinner.
* Reminded residents that they can ask for Oglesby Ambulance Service when needing a transfer to another hospital or nursing home.

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

* Thanked the many volunteers and sponsors who make Summer Fun Fest possible.

**Rich Baldridge, Public Property**

* Thanked the clerk’s office staff and the city workers for their work on Summer Fun Fest.
* Gave a brief update on We Are Oglesby’s Ducky Derby
* The new transformer will be delivered July 1.
* Thanked Axe Church for their work on the city parks during their Hope Week.
* Announced Aqua Zumba classes start June 26 at 8:30 a.m.

**Mayor’s Report**

* Talked about Summer Fun Fest and thanked the volunteers by name.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** McDermott, **SECONDED BY** Stefanelli to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. **AYES:** Baldridge, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **MEETING ADJOURNED.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Becky Clinard, City Clerk