

**OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JULY 1, 2024**

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

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

A moment of silence was observed for Former Mayor Tony Torres.

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

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Finley, **SECONDED BY** McDermott, to approve the June 17, 2024, minutes. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Stefanelli, **SECONDED BY** McDermott, to approve the bills presented for payment in the amount of \$232,815.42. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None **MOTION CARRIED.**

**BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT** Air One Equipment Inc., \$325.25; Ameren Illinois-7419559858, \$0.69; Augustyniak Construction, \$1,388.97; Bound Tree Medical Llc, \$157.84; Boyd Signs And Graphics, \$230.00 Brownlee Data Systems, \$1,350.00; Chard Snyder, \$80.00; Comcast Business, \$482.87; Connecting Point, \$2,402.50; Conserv Fs, Inc., \$3,076.92; Core & Main, \$1,663.15; Cosgrove Distributors, \$154.12; De Lage Landen Financial Services, \$345.27; Debo Ace Hardware, \$204.44; Delani, Anthony & Margaret, \$259.70; Double M Trucking, \$528.00; Dresbach Distributing, \$134.85; Econo Signs, \$783.73; Fender Menders, \$976.45; Figgiani, Joseph, \$145.78; Flags Usa, \$133.60; Foster Coach Sales Inc., \$80.44; Gillan Construction, Llc, \$2,880.00; Gillan Construction, Llc, \$65,258.10; Grainco Fs Inc., \$728.80; Grave; Environmental, \$1,225.00; Halm's Auto Parts, \$200.91; Hawkins, Inc, \$1,116.00; Heartland Bank Visa, \$8,130.70; Holloway's Portable Restrooms, \$2,995.00; Il Public Risk Fund, \$8,327.00; Il Valley Excavating, In, \$15,760.00; Illinois Municipal Electric Agency, \$1,050.00; Impact Networking Llc, \$97.71; Kendrick Pest Control Inc., \$180.00; Kittilson's Garage, \$6,811.17; Margis, Michael, \$116.74; Mautino Distributing Co Inc, \$59.00; Mejia, Melissa, \$50.00; Menards, \$1,466.28; Mertel Gravel Co, \$1,773.50; Midwest Environmental Consulting Service, \$1,200.00; Mississippi Valley Pump, Inc, \$800.00; Ncpers Group Life Ins, \$16.00; Ottawa Office Supply, \$223.45; Overhead Door Co., \$130.00; Radar Man Inc, \$400.00; Rental Pros, \$1,530.00; Republic Services -- Allied Waste, \$33,070.80; Roop, Olivia, \$50.00; Semaconnect Llc, \$19,762.51; Senica Interstate Towing, \$250.00; Sherwin Williams Co, \$200.34; Smith's Sales And Service, \$90.00; Standard Insurance-Life, \$919.39; Sunbelt Solomon, \$238.90; Superior Lighting, \$1,320.00; T.E.S.T Inc., \$225.00; Thurman Truevalue Hardware, \$453.11; Traub, Michael, \$50.00; United Healthcare Insurance, \$35,191.53; United States Postal Service, \$892.54; Universal Utility Supply, \$1,138.64; Verizon, \$332.06; Vortex Technologies, Inc, \$755.00; Wadia, Saloni, \$9.11; Western Aggregates Llc, \$436.56;  
**TOTAL \$232,815.42**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Stefanelli, **SECONDED BY** Finley, to approve the June 21, 2024, payroll in the amount of \$127,980.96 **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED**

Attorney Barry then briefed the council on the Zoning Board of Appeals' recommendation regarding the Augustyniak's request for a variance from the stormwater ordinance for their property on East Walnut Street. Barry told the council that the board voted to recommend the variance with two caveats: That if the stormwater problem worsened after the improvements, the Augustyniak's would work with the neighbors to fix it and if they added onto the paved areas in the future, they would address any additional runoff worries at the same time.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Baldrige, **SECONDED BY** McDermott, to place the zoning board of appeals recommendation on file. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Barry also discussed an issue that he and Clinard had discussed recently about the added "step" in the variance process. He asked that, from now on, Clinard be able to direct him to prepared the variance ordinance if there were no concerns. The council agreed, with Curran noting that it would be unlikely that the council would go against a board's recommendation and Stefanelli agreed.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Stefanelli, **SECONDED BY** Finley, to approve Ordinance No. 1260-070124, which approves the granting of a variance from the stormwater detention ordinance with stipulations. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Stefanelli, **SECONDED BY** McDermott, to approve Resolution R-070124, which outlines the necessary fund transfers to close out FY24. Stefanelli told the council the transfers were needed to balance out the funds. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Stefanelli, **SECONDED BY** McDermott, to approve Ordinance No, 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:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

In other financial matters, Stefanelli told the council that the FY25 appropriations ordinance would be placed on file with final approval at the July 15, 2024, meeting. Barry explained that the clerk was still going over the numbers, but would have any changes made and ready to place on file on Wednesday, July 3, to meet the posting requirements.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Stefanelli, **SECONDED BY** Finley to place on file Ordinance No. 1261-070124, FY25 Appropriations Ordinance on July 3, 2024. Curran expressed concerns that because the appropriations included an amount to cover the city's portion of a parks grant. He wanted to be assured that discussion about the grant and the improvements would continue before anything was decided. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** McDermott, **SECONDED BY** Baldrige to send the IVCC Ag Center site plan to the Plan Commission. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **Old Business**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Baldrige, **SECONDED BY** Stefanelli, to direct the city attorney to draft an ordinance changing the meeting start time from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m. The council had not received much

feedback either for or against the move since its last meeting. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The council then discussed the Illinois River Road National Scenic Byway, it was decided that it would be helpful to their decision if the organization made a presentation at the next meeting. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** McDermott, **SECONDED BY** Stefanelli to table the matter. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MATTER TABLED.**

### **New Business**

Curran then read a letter from Angie Partridge, who asked that the city allow Bulldog's Bar to close Glen Avenue on July 13, 2024, from 5 to 11 p.m. The letter said that this would be the last time this year the bar asked for a city street to be closed.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** McDermott, **SECONDED BY** Finley to close Glen Avenue in front of Bulldog's Bar on July 13<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 11 p.m. **AYES:** Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **ABSTAIN:** Baldrige. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Curran then told the council that a representative from North America Midway Entertainment, the Summer Fun Fest carnival, approached him about a fifth night. The additional night would be open to those with special needs the first two hours, then open to the public at a reduced price. Curran said he didn't believe the city would be taking on an additional costs, and supported trying it. Stefanelli said he was okay with the idea, if the employees who staff the event are on board with it. Curran said he would talk with NAME in the near future to iron out details.

### **Public Comment on any topic (none)**

### **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:**

#### **Tony Stefanelli, Accounts and Finance**

- Told the council that he would be working with the commissioners to come up with a working budget for FY25.
- Congratulated the softball team.
- Commented on Mayor Curran's statement about businesses that is being played on WLPO – and said that he believes that “free enterprise makes a city great.”

#### **Don Finley, Public Health and Safety**

- Announced the Firefighters Association had purchased a new UTV and trailer for the fire department.
- Told the council that the police department's new drone was used to find two women who had fallen out of their raft on the Vermillion River.
- Congratulated both the baseball and softball teams who won District Championship.
- 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**

- Updated the council on the projects on Clark and Hickory Streets.
- Congratulated the baseball and softball teams and wished them luck.

- Said he supported businesses.

### **Rich Baldrige, Public Property**

- Congratulated the girls and boys teams on their success
- Announced that the new 75,000-pound transformer had been delivered
- Talked about Wes Black and the popularity of the disc golf course. There is a league on Mondays.
- Reminded residents about the Aqua Zumba classes at 8:30 a.m. Wednesdays.

### **Mayor's Report**

- Clarified his comments at the OSF public hearing, saying that he probably could have done a better job. Curran said he was not anti-business, but was pointing out that he trusted that OSF's plan was based on what they felt would be most profitable.
- Congratulated the District 20 champions, but also wanted to acknowledge the "recurring theme" with this area's youth sports success – the coaches. He said he also hoped that the games would be streamed and encouraged residents to patronize local businesses that would have the games.
- Wished everyone a happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July and encouraged them to be safe.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** McDermott, **SECONDED BY** Stefanelli to enter into executive session at 7:35 p.m. for the purpose of *"the discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the OMA, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated in Section 2.06 % ILCS 120/2(c)21."* **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The council entered into regular session at 7:45 p.m.

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

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Stefanelli, **SECONDED BY** Baldrige to release Executive Session Minutes from January 15, 2024, February 2, 2024, and March 18, 2024. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Finley, **SECONDED BY** Stefanelli to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **MEETING ADJOURNED.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Becky Clinard, City Clerk