

OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2024

The Oglesby City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Jason Curran.

PRESENT: Commissioners Richard Baldrige, 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 Finley, **SECONDED BY** McDermott to approve the August 5, 2024, meeting minutes. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Stefanelli, **SECONDED BY** Baldrige to approve the bills presented for payment in the amount of \$724,219.22. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT: A&J Lawncare, \$45.00; Airgas Usa, LLC, \$462.7; Ambrose, Lori, \$300.00; Ameren Ip-01159-82892, \$410.24; Anderson Pool Supply, Inc., \$180.00; Anixter Inc, \$103.50; Asphalt Restoration Systems, \$1,880.00; Barnes, Jack, \$900.00; Bhmng Engineers, \$4,323.35; Block, Laura, \$180.00; Blue Cardinal Chemical, \$250.32; Chamlin & Associates Inc, \$51,841.50; Chard Snyder, \$189.30; Clegg-Perkins Electric, \$1,516.25; Comcast Business, \$664.38; Comcast Business, \$756.84; Connecting Point, \$2,642.75; Conway Shield, \$12,098.35; Core & Main, \$242.16; Cosgrove Distributors, \$212.14; Daley's Super Service, \$883.13; Debo Ace Hardware, \$436.80; Duttlinger, Evan, \$900.00; Eichelkraut, Patty, \$87.77; Esmurria, Dora, \$76.49; Flags Usa, \$2,604.00; Fletcher-Reinhardt Co, \$8,853.01; Foster Coach Sales Inc., \$58.93; Gill, Amber, \$50.00; Gonzalez Jr, Victor H, \$900.00; Hawkins, Inc, \$2,162.07; Heartland Bank Visa, \$12,636.24; Heipp, Chad, \$636.90; Il Department Of Innovation And Tech, \$447.70; Il Valley Regional Dispatch, \$7,461.12; Illinois Municipal Electric Agency, \$496,389.80; Illinois River Road Scenic Byway, \$1,500.00; Ilmo Products Co, \$196.50; Iv Net, Llp, \$99.00; Jack's Gas & Service Inc, \$150.00; John's Service & Sales, \$313.98; Johnson, Katherine, \$165.86; Jts Pools Inc., \$419.28; Knoblauch Advertising, \$532.37; Lauterbach & Amen, Llp, \$2,510.00; Margis, Michael, \$900.00; Mautino Distributing Co Inc, \$15.50; Maze Lumber, \$151.73; Menards, \$527.26; Mertel Gravel Co, \$531.25; Modern Marketing, \$1,185.06; Mtco, \$164.87; Ncpers Group Life Ins, \$16.00; New World Management, \$8,415.00; News-Trib, \$187.31; Northern Illinois Ambulance Bi, Inc, \$2,720.24; Northwest Lineman College, \$4,174.50; Nuftul, Scott, \$900.00; Oscepiniski, Randy, \$900.00; Ottawa Office Supply, \$99.48; Ottosen Dinolfo, \$137.50; Panoptic Solutions, \$8,000.00; Peerless Network, Inc., \$8,405.46; Petersen, Paul, \$900.00; Rivara, Michael, \$900.00; Ro Pros, \$24.40; Seico Inc., \$1,264.04; Self, Joshua, \$87.61; Shaw, Spencer, \$900.00; Smith's Sales And Service, \$1,584.78; Springfield Electric Supply, \$720.89; Sunbelt Solomon, \$18,126.33; T.E.S.T Inc., \$10.00; Thurman Truevalue Hardware, \$129.90; United Health Care, \$35,191.53; Valle, Brett, \$900.00; Verizon, \$1,618.38; Wex Bank, \$4,682.11; White, James, \$53.36; Zamin Insurance Agency, \$25.00; Total, \$724,219.22 **TOTAL: \$724,219.22**

Talk then turned to an old ordinance that was drafted in 2016 to meet state requirements for public official travel. The ordinance, thought to be in effect, was placed on file in January 2016, but was never brought

before the council for a formal vote. It was Attorney Barry's suggestion that the old ordinance be approved, while discussion about what type of changes should be made were discussed. He pointed out that the city was in violation without an active ordinance. Baldrige and Stefanelli both said they felt that travel by city officials should be approved beforehand. Curran disagreed, saying that it wasn't always possible to get council approval beforehand, citing the example of having to meet with a developer with little warning. Finley agreed, but said that when he was Mayor, he paid for any travel expenses himself. Stefanelli said that while the ordinance did not call for preapproval, he thought it best practice. Clinard asked about travel expenses that are placed on the city credit cards, noting that she and the mayor have credit cards in their names. Barry said that since the ordinance only addressed "reimbursement," expenses placed on a credit card wouldn't be subject. Baldrige said he felt that that was "skirting" the intent of the ordinance.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Baldrige, **SECONDED BY** McDermott to approve Ordinance No. 938-081924, previously place on file in 2016, concerning official travel costs with the intent to look at making changes to the ordinance in the future. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

When the discussion turned to the proposed disciplinary policy, it was noted that the attorney recommended that an ordinance be drafted to address prohibiting political activity in the workplace. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Stefanelli, **SECONDED BY** Baldrige to have Attorney Barry draft an ordinance prohibiting politic activity in the workplace. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Stefanelli, **SECONDED BY** Baldrige to approve the Behavior and Conduct Policy and the Discipline Policy. Stefanelli said that he hoped to never have to use it, but if needed, the process is laid out. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli **NAY:** Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Stefanelli then updated the council on the minor changes to the Short-Term Rental ordinance. Curran called the ordinance "a good thing" and said he felt they city had done a good job putting together the ordinance. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Stefanelli **SECONDED BY** Baldrige to approve (Ordinance No. 1267-091824), Short Term Rentals with all the corrections and changes made. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Stefanelli, **SECONDED BY** Finley to approve Ordinance No. 1264-081924, Sets Wages and Benefits for City Clerk. The ordinance gives Clinard a 5 percent raise, and sets an overtime rate of \$48.83 for any hours worked over 84 in the two-week period. Clinard will also serve as the city's lead event planner. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Finley, **SECONDED BY** Stefanelli to approve Ordinance No. 1265-081924, which Sets the Wages and Benefits for the Ambulance Director. Cathie Edens will receive a 6 percent raise, and will receive a payout of 530 hours of accumulated sick time when she retires later this year. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Finley, **SECONDED BY** Baldrige to approve Ordinance No. 1266-081924, which Sets the Wages and Benefits for the Police Chief. Chief Margis will receive a 5 percent raise, which is in line with an earlier increase granted to the officers. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

McDermott then asked the council to approve an inter-government agreement with LaSalle County for the city's share of the Dry Bridge Project. It was noted that agreements are normally placed on file, but that this agreement needed to be passed and given back to the county ASAP in order to meet a November bid letting. The city's share of the project is estimated to be \$235,200.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermott, **SECONDED BY** Baldrige to approve the IGA with LaSalle County for the Dry Bridge Project. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Stefanelli, Accounts and Finance

- ❖ Told the council the city had received a payment from the IMEA for the electric charging stations. He also thanked the Electric Department and Commissioner Baldrige for bringing this new feature to Oglesby.
- ❖ Talked about the weekend car show.
- ❖ Said that letters would soon be going out to property owners who are in violation of city codes.

Commissioner Finley, Public Safety

Commissioner McDermott, Streets, Water and Sewer

Commissioner Baldrige, Public Property

- ❖ Said he met with a city engineer and was able to come up with a plan to put an accessible restroom in the Dickinson House at a reasonable cost. The project is being funded by the Dickinson House Foundation and an ARPA grant from the county.
- ❖ Said Oglesby was on the "EV map now" after announcing that the charging stations were in service.
- ❖ Told the council that SURF internet had installed WIFI in Senica Square.
- ❖ Announced that the pool was set to close at the end of the week and thanked Laura Hodges for taking on the Aqua Zumba class. A letter from Hodges indicated that the class was very popular and she looked forward to doing it next year.

Mayor's Report

- ❖ Announced that petition packets are available at city hall starting tomorrow, Tuesday, Aug. 20th. There is one seat, a two-year term, on the ballot.
- ❖ Thanks LaSalle County Cruisers and We Are Oglesby for the car show, noting that weather may have kept some at home, but the event was successful nonetheless.
- ❖ Also thanked Laura and Carl for donating use of the golf carts for the car show and other city events.
- ❖ Reminded residents that Boots, Brews and BBQ is up next, on Sept. 14 with Harvest Fest and The Scramble set for October 19.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermott, **SECONDED BY** Stefanelli to enter into executive session at 6:34 p.m. for the discussion of "*The operation by a municipality of a municipal utility or the operation of a municipal power agency or municipal natural gas agency when the discussion involves contracts relating to the purchase, sale, or delivery of electricity or natural gas or (ii) the results or conclusions of load forecast studies. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(23).*". **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The council reentered regular session at 7 p.m.

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A MOTION WAS MADE BY Stefanelli, **SECONDED BY** McDermott to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MEETING AFJOURNED.**