

**OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 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** Stefanelli, **SECONDED BY** McDermott to table approval of the August 19, 2024, meeting minutes. The motion was made after Curran asked that comments made by Finley and him be added to the discussion on travel. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

Stefanelli then noted that the August 5, 2024, special session minutes lacked summary or description of a discussion that he had specifically asked to be made part of the record. McDermott said he felt the same about the August 19<sup>th</sup> minutes, and asked that those minutes also be tabled.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Stefanelli, **SECONDED BY** Baldrige to table approval of the August 5th and 19th, 2024 executive session minutes. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Stefanelli, **SECONDED BY** McDermott to approve the bills presented for payment in the amount of \$123,190.51. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

**BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:** A&J Lawncare, \$45.00; Airgas Usa, Llc, \$273.50; Ameren Illinois-7419559858, \$34.47; Ameren Illinois-8218382099, \$335.96; Ameren Ip-01159-82892, \$1,140.30; Anixter Inc, \$139.00; Bound Tree Medical Llc, \$310.94; City Of Oglesby, \$95.71; City Of Ottawa, \$45.00; Connecting Point, \$1,459.00; Conway Shield, \$4,865.00; Core & Main, \$2,421.34; Danchris Nursery, \$2,699.50; De Lage Landen Financial Services, \$345.27; Delgado, Juan, \$68.92; Donaldson, Jonathan, \$59.92; Double M Trucking, \$792.00; Fastenal Company, \$134.44; Gillan Construction, Llc, \$1,359.60; Grainger, \$223.90; Halm's Auto Parts, \$150.99; Hawkins, Inc, \$6,692.11; Holcim-Mamr Inc., \$466.16; Hy-Vee, Inc, \$71.23; Il Public Risk Fund, \$8,327.00; Kittilson's Garage, \$5,596.54; Mertel Gravel Co, \$3,040.26; Mississippi Valley Pump, Inc, \$3,580.00; Motorola, \$2,585.00; Nicholson1 Communications, \$1,125.00; P.F. Pettibone & Co., \$383.80; Prairie State Tractor, \$1,524.32; Rental Pros, \$650.00; Republic Services -- Allied Waste, \$32,770.77; Sbc Partners, \$2,722.06; Schultz, Savanna, \$71.33; Shearer Tree Service Llc, \$560.00; Spring Valley Municipal Band, \$705.00; Standard Insurance-Life, \$896.88; Std Farms, \$783.68; T.E.S.T Inc., \$20,387.16; Tesco-The Eastern Speciality Company, \$11,587.43; Thurman Truevalue Hardware, \$13.99; United Healthcare Insurance Co., \$838.07; United States Postal Service; Verizon, \$166.02; Western Aggregates Llc, \$646.94; **TOTAL: \$123.190.50**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Stefanelli, **SECONDED BY** Finley to approve the August 20, 2024, payroll in the amount of \$72,983.70. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

City Engineer Jim Clinard then went over the bid opening for the Strong Communities Grant. Clinard told the council that Anthem Excavation was the apparent lower bidder for the property at 314 California Avenue at \$38,750 and Kirsch Excavating was the apparent low bidder for the property at 620 S. Columbia at \$17,330. Barry agreed with Clinard that the bids should be placed on file.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** McDermott, **SECONDED BY** Baldrige to place the bids for demolition of the two buildings on file. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Public Comments** (none)

### **Old Business**

Baldrige asked the council to consider adopting the Marseilles City Council ordinance on travel expenses. Baldrige noted that the item had been on the agenda several times and that the city hadn't passed the ordinance in 2016 when required by state law. Barry said that the council did adopt the IML version of the ordinance at the last council meeting and asked what was different between that ordinance and the Marseilles one. Baldrige said that he felt the Marseilles ordinance was a better format and would eliminate confusion. He said he felt the ordinance "tightened it up a lot." Barry asked the council if they were ready to have him draft the ordinance and said it looked like the ordinance provided more input on how the clerk should handle reimbursements. Curran said he would like more time to look at the ordinance. Barry said he had some questions and Stefanelli asked if he could work with Baldrige to come up with an ordinance and have it ready for the next meeting.

Stefanelli spoke about the next item, saying that while putting together the Conduct and Behavior ordinance, it was noted that the city should have something that addresses political activity in the workplace. Stefanelli had asked for an ordinance to be drafted, but noted that Barry had discovered that the issue was already addressed in the municipal code (Section 2.96.010). Curran questioned the need to address employees' activity outside of the workplace in the policy that was adopted recently. Stefanelli explained that the ordinance prohibited persons from wearing clothing or otherwise presenting themselves as an employee of the city when campaigning. The discussion continued for some time, without any motion or action taken.

### **Commissioner Updates**

#### **Commissioner Stefanelli, Accounts and Finance**

- ❖ Thanked Commissioner Baldrige and the electric department for "getting us back online so quickly" during the recent power outage.
- ❖ Told the council that site plans for IVCC Ag Building and Augustyniak Construction had been approved by the plan commission at their meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Commissioner Finley, Public Safety**

- ❖ Announced that long-time ambulance director Cathie Edens would be retiring on Nov. 16, 2024. He said that he had started talking with someone who could take over her position, but announced that service is always looking for employees. Finley said he would personally host a retirement party for the director at city hall.

#### **Commissioner McDermott, Streets, Water and Sewer**

- ❖ Announced that Clark Street should be opened next Wednesday.
- ❖ Said that the dry bridge watermain project should be this month and completed in November.

#### **Commissioner Baldrige, Public Property**

- ❖ Addressed the power outage on Labor Day, noting that power was restored in less than 2 hours. He spoke about the again “massive infrastructure” of the city, noting that the power outage involved a regulator that had just been inspected two months ago and assured residents that preventative maintenance is done regularly. He also pleaded with residents to stay away from work areas when employees are trying to restore power.
- ❖ Talked about the successful Music in the Park on August 24<sup>th</sup>, saying he hoped to have a multiple bigger and better event next year.
- ❖ Told the public that the city has had to address old and dying trees lately and encouraged all to plant more trees to replace the ones that must be removed.
- ❖ Said it was very likely that the Dickinson House Foundation would be able to utilize grant monies from the county for a handicap accessible restroom.
- ❖ Said work on the OSLAD grant for Lehigh Park continues. There will be a meeting Thursday, Sept. 5 at 6 pm.

### Mayor’s Report

- ❖ Boots, Brews and BBQ will be Sept. 14 at Senica Square. Quilts of Valor will be awarded to at least one Oglesby resident. He mentioned that the ceremony is very moving and encouraged residents to attend.
- ❖ Said vacancies exist on the plan commission and other boards and encouraged residents to apply for a seat.
- ❖ Announced Park Board meeting at 6 p.m., hoping public will attend to express their opinion on the proposed improvements.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** McDermott, **SECONDED BY** Stefanelli to enter into executive session at 6:27 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 7:03 p.m.

**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.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Finley, **SECONDED BY** McDermott to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MEETING AFJOURNED.**