

**OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 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)

Curran then noted that Agenda items 5 through 10 were all minutes and suggested that if there were no problems with the minutes, that they all be passed at the same time. No one voiced any concerns.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermott, **SECONDED BY** Stefanelli to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2024, executive session; August 19, 2024, executive session; September 3, 2024, regular and executive sessions; September 9, 2024, special meeting; September 16 regular and executive sessions.

AYES: Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Stefanelli, **SECONDED BY** Finley to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$346,324.66. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT TOTAL: Air One Equipment Inc., \$505.00; Altorfer Industries, Inc, \$437.50; Ameren Illinois-7419559858, \$34.47; Ameren Illinois-8218382099, \$3.24; Ameren Ip-01159-82892, \$693.11; Andy's Karpet Kleaning, (\$440.00); Anixter Inc, \$1,619.10; Baldrige, Rich, \$350.00; BHMG Engineers, \$19,699.05; Bonnell Industries Inc, \$12,454.78; Bound Tree Medical LLC, \$834.83; Chambers, Kim, \$50.00; Chamlin & Associates Inc, \$17,164.50; City Of Oglesby, \$51.51; Clegg-Perkins Electric, \$53,204.34; Complete Integration & Service, \$836.00; Core & Main, \$10,182.31; Curran, Jason, \$350.00; D & M Landscaping & Excavation, \$309.03; Daley's Super Service, \$1,206.14; De Lage Landen Financial Services, \$806.07; Double M Trucking, \$594.00; Dresbach Distributing, \$166.80; Edens, Cathie, \$951.13; Feece Oil Co, \$1,821.58; Gillan Construction, LLC, \$62,888.84; Halm's Auto Parts, \$692.79; Hawkins, Inc, \$2,679.50; Holcim-Mamr Inc., \$1,034.42; Holloway's Portable Restrooms, \$1,900.00; Il Public Risk Fund, \$8,327.00; Il Valley Excavating, In, \$45,555.00; Il Valley Regional Dispatch, \$7,461.12; Impact Networking Llc, \$50.79; Jauch, Mary, \$50.00; Jm Test Systems, \$2,410.00; Kaeb Sanitary Supply, Inc, \$393.56; Kendrick Pest Control Inc., \$260.00; Knoblauch Advertising, \$712.31; Lorenzi, Jeffrey, \$140.55; Lund, Tina, \$50.00; Margis, Michael, \$350.00; Mautino Distributing Co Inc, \$81.25; Maze Lumber, \$83.13; McDermott, Gregory, \$350.00; MCS Advertising, \$90.00; Menards, \$930.41; Mertel Gravel Co, \$4,898.75; Mertel Repair, \$292.00; National Hose Testing Specialties. Inc, \$360.00; NCICG, \$2,500.00; Ncpers Group Life Ins, \$16.00; News-Trib, \$2,074.56; Northern Illinois Ambulance Bi, Inc, \$3,350.35; Oldcastle Infrastructure, Inc, \$5,725.56; OSF Medical Group -- Occupational Health, \$574.00; OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center, \$19.85; P & D Sign Company, Inc, \$2,700.00; Peerless Network, Inc., \$2,668.80; Sarah's Pony Rides, \$2,000.00; Smart Source LLC, \$3,394.56; Solitude Lake Management, \$250.00; Standard Equipment Co, \$507.58; Standard Insurance-Life, \$833.34; STD Farms, \$435.92; Stefanelli, Tony, \$350.00; Stratus Networks, \$5,159.29; Stryker Sales, Llc, \$251.06; Sunbelt Solomon, \$3,241.25; Superior Lighting, \$6,176.25; T & T Hydraulics, \$101.70; T.E.S.T Inc., \$20,567.16; Target Solutions Learning, \$4,226.47; Town & County Services, \$1,599.88; United Rentals, \$101.92; United States Postal Service, \$960.16; Universal Utility Supply, \$9,748.05; Utility Equipment Co., \$649.00; Verizon, \$166.04; Zulkowsky, Mackenzie, \$50.00;
Total: \$346,324.66

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Stefanelli, **SECONDED BY** McDermott to approve the September 27, 2024, payroll in the amount of \$65,852.36. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Baldrige then explained that the next three items were related to the HUD Housing Rehabilitation Grant program and were necessary for NCICG to prepare and file the grant application.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Baldrige, **SECONDED BY** McDermott to approve resolution R-100724- Support, for the support and commitment of \$20,000 of the city's money to the program. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Baldrige, **SECONDED BY** Finley to approve resolution R-100724- Manual, which adopts the HUD Housing Rehabilitation Program manual. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Baldrige, **SECONDED BY** McDermott to approve resolution R-100724-Grant Administration Agreement, which enters into an agreement for NCICG to apply for and administer the HUD Housing Rehabilitation Grant program for the City of Oglesby. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Curran then read a letter from Oglesby Schools requesting the closure of a portion of Bennett Avenue on October 31 for the Lincoln School costume parade. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY:** Stefanelli, **SECONDED BY** McDermott to close a portion of Bennett Avenue on Oct. 31 to allow for the parade. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

A request was then read from We Are Oglesby asking for a road closure for the Annual Winter Parade on December 14. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Baldrige, **SECONDED BY** McDermott to approve the road closure on December 14 for the WAO parade. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Curran then discussed the need to form an ad hoc committee for the HUD Housing Rehabilitation Program. He told the council he had asked Baldrige to chair the committee, but needed four more persons to fill the board. This board will meet to discuss applications if the grant is awarded. Curran asked anyone interested to contact him.

The council then addressed the issue of elected official travel. Discussion on the ordinance has spanned several council meetings. Barry noted that the ordinance before them was very similar to the one passed recently, but that he had added some additional language to address preapproval and what needed to be provided to be reimbursed. Barry noted that he believed the intent of the ordinance was to preapprove travel by elected and appointed officials. After Stefanelli thanked Barry for putting the ordinance together, Barry said he thought it time "to put it to rest."

Curran again voiced his concerns about having to travel last minute without time to get council approval or not being able to discuss the need to travel publicly because of confidentiality. Baldrige asked to clarify that employees are exempt. Barry assured him that unless the costs exceeded the maximum set in the ordinance (\$500 for air travel, \$300 per day per room), there was no need for approval. Stefanelli said that he felt that the council's trip to the Municipal League was the proper way to handle travel expenses. In response to Curran's concerns, Finley said that he could not see the council not approving expenses if a trip was necessary to bring in a business to the city – especially if the business comes to the city. Curran pointed out that that is not what the ordinance says.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Baldrige, **SECONDED BY** McDermott to approve Ordinance No. 1270-100724, which addresses elected official travel reimbursement. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli. **NAY:** Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Curran then presented a slate of appointees for openings on various boards and noted that the five persons' whose terms expired in May expressed their desire to remain on the board. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** McDermott, **SECONDED BY** Stefanelli to appoint Angie Partridge, Lisa Carrico and Dave Peters to the Plan Commission; Bill Hunt to the Police Pension Board and Mark Duttlinger to the Ambulance Board and to reappoint those who wished to remain in their seats. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Public Comments (None)

Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Stefanelli, Accounts and Finance

- ❖ Thanked the city for the opportunity to attend the IML Conference.

Commissioner Finley, Public Safety

- ❖ Told the council that the Ambulance Dept. would be hiring two fulltime paramedics to address staffing issues. The department is also looking for parttime EMTs and paramedics.

Commissioner McDermott, Streets, Water and Sewer

- ❖ Work on the watermain by the dry bridge starts Wednesday.
- ❖ Chipping starts Oct. 14th
- ❖ Leaf vac starts Oct. 21
- ❖ Morman St. water valve will be replaced Oct. 11, residents from Columbia to Hazen will be affected.
- ❖ Hydrant flushing starts Oct. 21
- ❖ Thanked the city for the opportunity to attend the IML Conference.

Commissioner Baldrige, Public Property

- ❖ Thanked the city for the opportunity to attend the IML Conference.
- ❖ Thanked We Are Oglesby for their "hard work all year long." Saying that their work is "visible everywhere we look."
- ❖ Announced that the business sign will be placed at the canoe launch entrance tomorrow.

Mayor's Report

- ❖ Updated the council on the Think BIG breakfast and vacant building tour.
- ❖ Invited residents to check out the We Are Oglesby Scarecrow event.
- ❖ Talked about the return of the Scramble and Harvest Fest which is October 19
- ❖ Also thanked the city for the opportunity to attend IML and told the council that he had made contact with the engineering firm that is involved in the Matthiessen State Park expansion.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Baldrige, **SECONDED BY** McDermott to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. **AYES:** Baldrige, Finley, McDermott, Stefanelli, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MEETING AJOURNED.**