

**OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Oglesby City Council was held on Monday, March 17, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Curran at 6 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Jason Curran, Commissioners Austin Cullinan, Richard Baldrige, Gregory McDermott, Hilary Moyle, City Clerk Becky Clinard and Attorney Pat Barry.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Baldrige, **SECONDED BY** Moyle to approve the minutes from the March 3rd, 2025, meeting. **AYES:** Cullinan, Baldrige, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Moyle, **SECONDED BY** McDermott to approve the bills presented for payment in the amount of \$764,546.22. Noteworthy was an increase in expenses due to early arrival of regulators for the Mallick Substation Project. **AYES:** Cullinan, Baldrige, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**BIILS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:** Barnhart, \$1,309.00; Bernadoni, Shawn, \$50.00; Bhmng Engineers, \$11,765.39; Bound Tree Medical Llc, \$999.39; Carter, Aydrianah, \$50.00; Chamlin & Associates Inc, \$149,885.50; Connecting Point, \$2,642.75; Conway Shield, \$1,095.00; Core & Main, \$1,800.06; Divided Sky Entertainment, -\$3,250.00; Debo Ace Hardware, \$471.70; Fastenal Company, \$1,065.60; Feece Oil Co, \$3,238.63; Ficek Electric, \$93.00; Fletcher-Reinhardt Co, \$516,758.81; Gordon Electric Supply, \$5,952.03; Grainger, \$582.07; Halm's Auto Parts, \$1,392.89; Hawkins, Inc, \$3,554.45; Heartland Bank Visa, \$3,503.56; Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch, \$8,675.52; Jack's Gas & Service Inc, \$100.00; John's Service & Sales, \$3,097.81; Kendrick Pest Control Inc., \$225.00; Kotecki's, \$575.00; Kozel, Gail, \$10.00; Mautino Distributing Co Inc, \$16.50; Menards, \$780.55; Mertel Repair, \$5,255.50; Motorola Solutions, \$1,035.00; Mtco, \$164.87; Ncpers Group Life Ins, \$16.00; News-Trib, \$440.77; Northern Illinois Ambulance Bi, Inc, \$3,707.14; Osf Healthcare System, \$60.00; Osf Medical Group -- Occupational Health, \$436.00; Ottawa Office Supply, \$13.49; Ottosen Dinolfo, \$2,145.00; P.F. Pettibone & Co., \$209.60; Peru Auto Electric, \$309.75; Picco, Mike, \$154.00; Ray O'herron Co. Inc., \$761.98; Red's Truck Repair, \$400.18; Ro Pros, \$12.20; Schiel, Katie, \$50.00; Serna, Julia, \$300.00; Smart Source Llc, \$3,444.88; Smith's Sales And Service, \$459.00; Starved Rock Media, Inc., \$120.00; T.E.S.T Inc., \$20,834.79; Tesco-The Eastern Speciality Company, \$4,748.50; Town & County Services, \$1,250.00; Uticom Systems Inc, \$1,013.16; Western Sand & Gravel, \$764.20; Total, \$764,546.22

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Baldrige, **SECONDED BY** Moyle to approve the March 14, 2025, payroll in the amount of \$70,087.21. **AYES:** Cullinan, Baldrige, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Ordinance No. 1286-031725 was discussed, which involves a redevelopment agreement with KEI. This ordinance mandates the developer to meet job creation milestones in the city from

2026 to 2030 in order to receive TIF incentives. Questions arose regarding job reporting procedures, emphasizing transparency in tracking employment outcomes.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY Cullinan, SECONDED BY McDermott** to approve Ordinance No. 1286-031725, a Redevelopment Agreement with KEI. **AYES:** Cullinan, Baldrige, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Following up on previous council discussions, Ordinance No. 1285-031725, proposing an increase in A and B liquor licenses from 20 to 21 was presented to the council for approval.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY Cullinan, SECONDED BY Moyle** to approve Ordinance No. 1285-031725, which increased the number of liquor licenses available by one. **AYES:** Cullinan, Baldrige, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The pending request for a liquor license from Two Brothers was acknowledged, indicating active interest in local business expansion.

### **New Business**

A service agreement with TEST Inc. was presented to the council, reflecting a longstanding positive partnership.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermott, SECONDED BY Baldrige** to place the agreement with TEST Inc. for water and wastewater services on file. **AYES:** Cullinan, Baldrige, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Additionally, the council decided to reject a bid for pool repairs from an Ohio company, instead awarding the contract to Putnam County Painting due to their pricing and satisfactory previous performance.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY Baldrige, SECONDED BY McDermott** to reject the one bid received for the pool repair project due to the high cost. **AYES:** Cullinan, Baldrige, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY Cullinan, SECONDED BY Baldrige** to accept a previous proposal by Putnam County Painting which was almost \$25,000 less than the other bid due to emergency necessity. Baldrige told the council that the repairs had to be made or the pool would not open this summer. **AYES:** Cullinan, Baldrige, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

McDermott then told the council of his plans to address the condition of the I-39 interchange by applying spray patch. City Engineer Ross Baker said the temporary fix would buy the city enough time to stockpile federal funds for a complete overlay. The council discussed the condition of the overpass approaches and agreed that something needed to be done.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermott, SECONDED BY Baldrige** to accept the spray coat proposal and expend Motor Fuel Taxes in the amount of \$23,800 per Resolution MFT-031725. **AYES:** Cullinan, Baldrige, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Talk then turned to the Dry Bridge project. This is a project that uses federal funding via LaSalle County. The original design was rebid, when prices came back much higher than the engineer's estimate. Jim Clinard told the council that the county requires that the city award the project. city's share of the project is 28% of the cost or \$264,938.64.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** McDermott, **SECONDED BY** Baldrige to award the bid for the Walnut Street Dry Bridge. **AYES:** Cullinan, Baldrige, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **Public Comments**

President Tracy Morris and Kathy Ross from Illinois Valley Community College emphasized the importance of an annexation agreement for a new agriculture facility. They stressed the economic and educational benefits the facility would bring, hoping to advance without burdensome electric service stipulations. According to the pair, despite the college's concessions -- including using a refurbished transformer -- they resisted any new language from the city that could compromise their growth potential. The college sought approval for the initial agreement, rejecting last-minute additions that could impact their future developments.

Parks Director JP Rose told the council that going forward the city would allocate \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year for repairs to the pool to extend the life of the pool.

Resident Dom Rivara expressed his disappointment that IVCC and the city hadn't come to an agreement yet.

Brandy Day expressed her hope that the two "sides" on the ballot initiative to change the form of government would come together, no matter the outcome of the vote.

### **Commissioners' Reports:**

#### **Austin Cullinan, Accounts and Finance**

- ❖ Congratulated the Holy Family volleyball team on going to state.
- ❖ Told the council about the hiring of two new administrative assistants in the clerk's office. Sheri Harlow and Zoe Hancock will be splitting the duties and hours of former employee Jacqueline Smith who left at the beginning of February. Smith was responsible for marketing and event planning.

#### **Hilary Moyle, Public Safety**

- ❖ Welcomed Lincoln Bridge Financial to town.
- ❖ Expressed her concern that only one council member was made aware of the IVAC ribbon cutting ceremony, saying she felt it might appear that the other council members weren't supporting the new business.
- ❖ Told the council that Dusty Shan was the city's First Responder of the Month. Shan is a longtime employee in both the fire and ambulance departments. The award was sponsored by Beck's.
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### **Gregory McDermott, Public Works**

- ❖ Also congratulated the Holy Family volleyball team.
- ❖ Said he would be meeting with a representative from the state to discuss funding for the waste water treatment plant.
- ❖ Reminded residents that political signs are not to be placed in the city right of way and could be removed.

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

- ❖ Congratulated First Responder of the Month Dusty Shan and the Holy Family volleyball team
- ❖ Told the council that the recent storm resulted in a downed line and loss of power to a few homes along Route 71. The power was restored in a matter of a few hours.

### **Mayor's Report:**

- ❖ Talked about a new development that he hopes to be able to announce shortly.
- ❖ Responded to some of the comments made by the representatives from IVCC, saying that both sides had made concessions, but it was his responsibility to ensure that any deal is fair to the citizens of Oglesby.
- ❖ Congratulated the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Holy Family volleyball team.
- ❖ Announced that he'd received a call from Lauren Underwood informing him that the \$980,000 line item for replacing an asbestos water line on the East side of Oglesby was removed from the appropriations bill.
- ❖ Talked about his plan to seek letters of recommendation from various public officials in support of giving the city 100 percent loan forgiveness for the Waste Water treatment plant.
- ❖ Encouraged voters to vote in the upcoming election.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** McDermott, **SECONDED BY** Baldrige to enter into executive session at 7 p.m. to discuss *“The selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in the OMA, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given the power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance.”*, *“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 (i) contracts relating to the purchase, sale, or delivery of electricity or natural gas ... 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(23) and “the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees...” 5 ILCS 120/(2c.* **AYES:** Cullinan, Baldrige, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The council reentered regular session at 7:25 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Jason Curran, Commissioners Austin Cullinan, Richard Baldrige, Gregory McDermott, Hilary Moyle, City Clerk Becky Clinard and Attorney Pat Barry.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** McDermott, **SECONDED BY** Baldrige to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. .  
**AYES:** Cullinan, Baldrige, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**