

OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL

September 15, 2025

The Oglesby City Council was called to order by Mayor Jason Curran on September 15, 2025, at 6 p.m.

ROLLCALL: Commissioners Rich Baldrige, Austin Cullinan, Greg McDermott, Hilary Moyle, Mayor Jason Curran were present. City Attorney Pat Barry, Assistant Clerk Patty Eichelkraut and City Clerk Jennifer Spratt were present as well.

Public Comments

No public comment

Minutes from the July 7, 2025 meeting were discussed with Cullinan bringing to the commissions attention that there were some ordinances misnumbered. He will review and bring the correct information to the counsel.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermott, **SECONDED BY** Cullinan to table the corrected minutes from the July 7, 2025 regular session **AYES:** Baldrige, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Much discussion was had about minutes from the August 18, and September 2, 2025 regular meetings, with the discussion centered around making sure meeting minutes were generalized and there were no opinions that could be read. Baldrige read communications between the mayor and commission members on minutes issues. More discussion was had on minutes and how issues with minutes should be handled.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Baldrige, **SECONDED BY** Cullinan to approve the minutes from the August 18 NoteGpt minutes, and September 2, 2025 regular city council meeting. **AYES:** Baldrige, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Cullinan, **SECONDED BY** Baldrige to approve bills presented for payment in the amount of \$179,047.53. **AYES:** Baldrige, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermott, **SECONDED BY** Moyle to approve the September 12, 2025, payroll in the amount of \$76,798.22. **AYES:** Baldrige, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Discussion was had on the planning commission recommendations to accept the site plan updates as amended, and to approve the special use permit for Oglesby Storage (formerly known as Griffith Site).

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Baldrige, **SECONDED BY** McDermott to approve the planning commission recommendations and the special use permit for the Oglesby Storage. **AYES:** Baldrige, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The commission followed up on last meeting discussion on code enforcement. Attorney Barry said there are codes throughout that would apply and it may end up having to change many different ordinances. Discussed having a code enforcement officer and the possibility of a “code court” but would incur a cost. Discussion was had that communication needed to improve across the board, and that administration fees need to be put on any letters sent for code violations. It was decided to have the police involved in the process.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Moyle, **SECONDED BY** McDermott to direct Attorney Barry to create an ordinance to allow for administrative fees on code violation letters. **AYES:** Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran **Nays:** Baldrige. **MOTION CARRIED**

Cullinan discussed the 1% grocery rate that has been removed starting January 1, 2026 by the State of Illinois. The municipality has the ability to recoup that rate locally. This will be a rolling deadline. Cullinan recommended against it. Moyle would like to do a little more research on it, McDermott would like to wait and see how it goes without it. It was decided to let the tax expire in January and reevaluate later.

Cullinan and Moyle discussed performance reviews. Cullinan discussed two separate technology-based performance review apps and how it could streamline and homogenize the process across departments. Baldrige would like to continue with each commissioner following their own performance review guidelines. McDermott wondered if performance reviews were even allowed with the union contract. It was said they can’t be used for discipline or termination, but would be available for goal setting and making sure employees were growing in their skill set. It was decided that each commissioner would make their own decision and would collaborate when needed.

Moyle discussed the need for cameras at all city buildings. Not much discussion was had on the matter, with each commissioner agreeing to the need for cameras. McDermott brought up the need to track city vehicles. Moyle and Police Chief will look in to cameras. Curran would like to add audio.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathy Frederick spoke and suggested that the grocery tax issue should have been sent out earlier so commissioners could have been more informed.

Carol Baker spoke and thanked Chief Margis for coming to her house and explaining why the no parking sign will not be replaced. She also asked McDermott on follow up for odor brought up at last meeting. She gave suggestions on cleaning out the catch basin.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Austin Cullinan, Accounts and Finance

- ❖ Thanked everyone for work on Boots, Brews, and BBQs, and discussed Caselle Training and upcoming changes with the program. Told commission online municipal code will be updated soon. Thanked new clerk for work to date.

Hilary Moyle, Public Safety

- ❖ Thanked people involved with all Saturday events, event planners and We Are Oglesby. Reminded of the upcoming Tri-fecta golf outing. Reviewed department calls.

Greg McDermott, Public Works

- ❖ Thanked everyone for Saturday events, he also thanked the street department for replacing ADA portion of sidewalks. Discussed issues with a resident that can't find a water line. Discussed plowing sidewalks in winter on Walnut. He gave dates for upcoming city cleaning dates.

Richard Baldrige, Public Property

- ❖ Thanked the electric department and declared the department the 1st Responder of the Month.
- ❖ September 22 will be last community music for the year
- ❖ There is WIFI in all the parks
- ❖ Read a letter and thanked WAO for Saturdays events.

MAYORS REPORT

- ❖ Happy on how all the events went on Saturday. Thanked city event planners and WAO for all the work in planning the event. Reminded everyone that October 18 is the Harvest Fest.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Baldrige, **SECONDED BY** McDermott to enter into executive session at 7:36 p.m. to discuss *“collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning the salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2). The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and 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. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21), 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.”* **AYES:** Baldrige, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The council reentered regular session at 7:59 p.m.

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A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermott, **SECONDED BY** Baldrige to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. **AYES:** Baldrige, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **MEETING ADJOURNED.**