

OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL

October 6, 2025

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

ROLLCALL: Commissioners Rich Baldrige, Austin Cullinan, Greg McDermott, Hilary Moyle, Mayor Jason Curran were present. City Attorney Pat Berry, Lance Greathouse from Test, Ross Baker from Chamlin and Associates and City Clerk Jennifer Spratt were also in attendance

Public Comments Jon Bellino spoke on his Watson Ave location. He is asking that water be run to hi property. Currently all other utilities are run to his lot, but water is not. He thought it would be approximately \$5,000 to run it. Curran said he would not typically be in favor of setting a precedent, but wanted to see how the original development was set and if it should have had water run in the first place.

Minutes from the September meeting were inadvertently left out of the packet and will be reviewed at the next meeting. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Moyle and **SECONDED BY** Cullinan to table the approval of the September 15 meeting minutes until the October 20 meeting **AYES:** Baldrige, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Cullinan, **SECONDED BY** McDermott to approve bills presented for payment in the amount of \$718,539.61. **AYES:** Baldrige, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.** It was mentioned that

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SECONDED BY Cullinan, **SECONDED BY** McDermott to approve payroll from September 26, 2025 in the amount of \$69,936.22 **AYES:** Baldrige, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SECONDED BY AYES: Baldrige, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Discussion was had on including a second water meter option for businesses as well as residential property. McDermott let the counsel know that he had been approached by Hi-Tech asking for a second meter so they would be able to water grass. Baldrige added they also use water for machinery that does not go into the sewer and the business owner feels he is being wrongly charged. Barry said typically a second meter is used only for residential. Curran advised a plan had been put in place for businesses to be metered separately for water and

sewer by using a sewer meter. Lance Greathouse from Test advised a sewer meter is a more expensive option but could be done. Already have a means for business so a second meter option is not necessary.

McDermott asked to table discussion on GPS trackers and new timecard app for city employees.

A MOTION WAS MADE Baldrige **BY SECONDED BY** Moyle to table any discussion or movement on GPS trackers and city employee timesheet apps **AYES:** Baldrige, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curra, **MOTION CARRIED.**

McDermott let the council know the Safe Route to School bid by D Construction was accepted for \$283,000 with the city share consisting of \$62,473. This project has been ongoing for years, and has come in less expensive than initially thought

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermott **SECONDED BY** Baldrige to accept the Safe Route for School bid for \$283,000 with city share being \$62,473 **AYES:** Baldrige, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran **MOTION CARRIED.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Moyle **SECONDED BY** Cullinan to approve Ordinance 1299-100625 granting special use permit to Oglesby Storage LLC **AYES: Naves: MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance 1295-100625 authorizing employment of two full time paramedics and establishing compensation and benefits for said paramedics was discussed. Barry let the counsel know the ordinance was changed to reflect discussion in closed session

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Moyle **SECONDED BY** McDermott to approve Ordinance 1295-100625 authorizing two paramedics and establishing compensation and benefits **AYES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Moyle **SECONDED BY** Cullinan to approve Ordinance 1299-100625 granting special use permit to Oglesby Storage LLC **AYES: Naves: MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion was had on timing of the code enforcement letters sent to the public. Moyle let the counsel know that it would still be “community policing” and people in violation will be approached and given time to fix the issue before a letter is sent. The police department and building inspector will take point but will work with city hall to help with documentation and fee collection. Baldrige emphasized he would like a set schedule for timeline of correction. Cullinan would like timeline from start to finish to be documented and available for counsel to see.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Cullinan **SECONDED BY** McDermott to approve Ordinance 1300-100625 establishing a \$100 fee for each code violation sent **AYES:** Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran **Naves: Baldrige MOTION CARRIED**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SECONDED BY Cullinan, SECONDED BY to correct minutes from the July 7, 2025 meeting correcting ordinance 1293-072125 accepted to change number 1292-070725 **AYES:** Baldrige, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED**

During new business, Bellino's property was discussed again. Cullinan asked if Oglesby had the obligation to run it. If no, should not run it, to not set a precedent. Moyle asked for an ordinance number that was referenced by McDermott on the city's obligation to provide water service. McDermott was unaware of the number at the time. Moyle would also like a little more information on costs. Curran believed it would be an issue between the developer and home owner but development has been set for many years, wondered if city made developer adhere to code when originally set up. Curran believes verification was needed before anything can be done. Barry asked about extension agreements, Moyle found one for electric but not for water. Greathouse also brought up there are other properties near Bellino that may want to build as well and would be in the same predicament. Baldrige would like it done correctly the first time. Greathouse will look into costs and speak with McDermott.

The counsel heard of a solicitor and peddler's license application submitted to the city by Kelly Campbell. Campbell is a new Edward Jones representative and asked to be allowed to visit homes and businesses in Oglesby through the end of 2025. Cullinan said she is not selling anything, and he would agree with the counsel. Moyle said she was ok with the last solicitor and would continue. McDermott said he would like to see consistency. Baldrige was ok with solicitors in this case, saying Campbell is a resident and different than past solicitors. Curran knows Campbell and has a positive view of her, but does not like solicitors in general, unless there is a need, referencing past times it's been allowed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Baldrige, SECONDED BY Moyle to approve Kelly Campbell's solicitor and peddler's application **AYES:** Baldrige, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle. **ABSTAIN:** Curran **MOTION CARRIED**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SECONDED BY Cullinan, SECONDED BY McDermott to accept the third quarter building permit report **AYES:** Baldrige, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SECONDED BY Cullinan, SECONDED BY McDermott to block Bennett Ave for a costume parade on 10/31/2025 **AYES:** Baldrige, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SECONDED BY Cullinan, SECONDED BY McDermott to allow the road closure of the cul-de-sac for a private block party on 10/11/25 from 2-10 p.m. **AYES:** Baldrige, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion was had on possibly vacating the one-way street on Alice Avenue. Moyle said when street is blocked, two residents can't access their homes. Since designated as a one-way, Alice Ave has been widened. McDermott and Baldrige would also like to see the change. Cullinan would like to know what the school has to say. Curran would like to know the reason it was made a one-way in the first place. Discussion was had on possible signage changes. Curran wanted an engineer to check for two-way traffic abilities.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Baldrige, **SECONDED BY** Moyle to rescind the one-way street designation on Alice Avenue **AYE:** Moyle, Baldrige, McDermott **ABSTAIN:** Cullinan, Curran
MOTION CARRIED

Moyle discussed speed trailer needs. Current trailer is not working and is not fixable. Newer sign will track speed and number of cars, and will also keep data. Moyle said you can also use it for a changeable street sign. Estimation price is \$32-\$36,000. Moyle said if it was possible to split costs between streets and police. Moyle will get a firm quote.

Curran asked Barry about forming an ad hoc insurance committee. Barry said there is no current way, but an ordinance can be created. Council asked to have a general ordinance drafted to be able to create committees in the future. After the ordinance is made, an insurance committee can be formed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermott, **SECONDED BY** Cullinan to direct Lawyer Barry to draft an ordinance allowing the formation of ad hoc committee **AYE:** Moyle, Baldrige, McDermott, Cullinan, Curran **MOTION CARRIED**

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Austin Cullinan, Accounts and Finance

- ❖ Thanked the tax-payers for allowing him to attend IML. Let the counsel know and thanked the tax-payers for the purchase of a new paper shredder.
- ❖ YouTube videos are chaptered.
- ❖ Erin Quick is working on customer facing portal Harvest Fest is Oct 18. Details can be found online.
- ❖ Thanked Zoe Hancock and Sheri Harlow for their work on events.

Hilary Moyle, Public Safety

- ❖ Grants have been awarded to Fire and Ambulance departments,.
- ❖ Fire was awarded a FEMA grant in the amount of \$168,000 to purchase 18 air packs and 36 cylinders
- ❖ Ambulance was awarded grant from Compier for approximately \$5,000, allowing the purchase of 5 new radios

- ❖ Moyle read out public service responses in September.
- ❖ Thanked the tax-payers for allowing her to attend IML

Greg McDermott, Public Works

- ❖ Made update on dry bridge – will be starting soon, waste water treatment is in the works.
- ❖ Please get in touch with him if there are issues with streets or sidewalks.
- ❖ Thanked the tax-payers for allowing him to attend IML

Richard Baldrige, Public Property

- ❖ Electric Department is trimming trees
- ❖ Bathrooms will be winterized at the end of the month
- ❖ Thanked everyone for attending the Harmonics Band
- ❖ Thanked WAO and Oglesby Nights of Columbus for another movie night

MAYORS REPORT

- ❖ Halloween is 5:30-7:30 Oct 31.
- ❖ Dickinson House started chair yoga, it has been overwhelmingly successful with more than 30 people showing up each time, is happy to provide activities for older people in town. Would like to look in to how program can be continued.
- ❖ Thanked LP and St Bede for asking the city to participate in their homecoming parades
- ❖ Spoke about petting zoo, hay rack ride, scavenger hunt, a trunk or treat, the Hocus Pocus Hags will be here. Harvest fest is October 18 2-5 p.m.

A MOTION WAS MADE McDermott and **SECONDED BY** Baldrige to enter into executive session at 7:25 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: MOTION CARRIED.**

The council reentered regular session at 9:26 p.m.

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A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermott, **SECONDED BY** Cullinan to adjourn at 9:28 p.m. **AYES:** Baldrige, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **MEETING ADJOURNED.**