

OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL

OCTOBER 20, 2025

The Oglesby City Council was called to order by Mayor Jason Curran on October 20, 2025, at 6 p.m.

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

Before Public Comment, the agenda was modified, with McDermott making a motion, seconded by Moyle to remove the new business of lifting or modifying leaf removal ordinance. **AYES:** Baldridge, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Public Comments (agenda items only)

John Bellino spoke about his property's need for water. He has asked for the city to run water down to his Watson Avenue location so he can tap into it for his new home construction. The approximate cost to run the line is \$7,600. Bellino broke down his current property tax vs property tax after his home is built and said he believes his property taxes will recoup the cities outlay in short amount of time. Bellino was also able to provide a map of the original property later in the meeting.

Curran said he does not want to set a precedent and have to provide lines to other properties that the city may not be responsible for. Bellino countered with the same property tax argument.

Cullinan said that while he isn't sure the city had dropped the ball this time, he is sure it has happened in the past and would not want to be responsible for issues from decades ago.

Barry said he believes the property has been zoned residential the whole time.

Moyle would like to get this done one way or the other so building can start.

Before minutes were motioned, Curran discussed an email that was read out at an earlier meeting. He asked that moving forward, any email read is read for clarity not tone.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Cullinan, **SECONDED BY** McDermott to approve the minutes from the September 15 and October 6, 2025 regular meetings **AYES:** Baldridge, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Cullinan, **SECONDED BY** Moyle to approve bills presented for payment in the amount of 134,173.12 **AYES:** Baldridge, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Cullinan, **SECONDED BY** McDermott to approve the October 10, 2025 payroll in the amount of \$69,860.61. **AYES:** Baldrige, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

There was discussion on the potential of vacating the one-way on Alice Avenue. Cullinan said he was ok with it since the stakeholders were ok with it. Moyle said Chief Margis had checked with the school and they were ok with the change. Curran had abstained in the initial vote due to wanting to check width of street to make sure it was safe. Chief Margis also looked into that and said it should not be a problem.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermott, **SECONDED BY** Moyle to vacate the one-way on Alice Avenue. **AYES:** Baldrige, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, **ABSTAIN** Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Discussion was had on running service to a Watson Avenue residence. Baldrige, Cullinan agreed with the idea that running the line was good for the city, but worried about precedent moving forward. Moyle was concerned about residents that had paid to have water run in the past few years.

Curran would need the situation to be unique enough that the council would not be approached for the same situation soon.

More discussion was had, with Moyle asking about setting up specific criteria for if this type of issue appears again. After discussion, it was decided that Moyle, McDermott and Spratt will look into creating a local grant program to provide utility services to people who fit in a specific criteria. Cullinan did not feel comfortable at this time in approving the motion without a much broader set of criteria.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Moyle, **SECONDED BY** McDermott to run water service to the Bellino property on Watson Ave so the owner can connect his new home build at a cost \$7,760 **AYES:** Baldrige, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **Nayes:** Cullinan **MOTION CARRIED.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Moyle, **SECONDED BY** McDermott to table discussion on the speed trailer while more quotes are collected **AYES:** Baldrige, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

A discussion was had about the proposed ad hoc insurance committee ordinance. It was decided to make up the committee different then in the original ordinance. With changes to add one more member to be a non-union employee. Baldrige and Cullinan thought believed there were too many members on the committee and that it would be hard to get a quorum. Cullinan did agree that people may be more invested in the committee because they will have a financial stake in it.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Moyle, **SECONDED BY** McDermott to approve Ordinance 1302-102025 to create an ad hoc committee with the change to add a non-union employee representative. **AYES:** Baldrige, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Austin Cullinan, Accounts and Finance

- ❖ Thanked everyone for work Harvest Fest.
- ❖ Let the public know that mail is taking longer than usual, and if residents don't get the utility bill in the first couple days of the month, to call in to city hall to get their balance.

Hilary Moyle, Public Safety

- ❖ Thanked city employees for all their hard work on Harvest Fest
- ❖ Thanked Garzanelli's, Archway Tap, and Smitty's Bar and Grill for hosting a golf outing to raise money for Shop with a Cop and the Leanore Volunteer fire department. Each organization will receive half the \$20,000 total raised.
- ❖ The Less Lethal Alternatives for Law Enforcement Grant was awarded to Oglesby, to allow the purchase of 6 tasers at a cost of \$21,600.
- ❖ WAO First Responder of the Month is Dakotah Baker.

Greg McDermott, Public Works

- ❖ Leaf Pick-up starts Monday
- ❖ Dry bridge should start shortly, after insurance issues are completed
- ❖ Turkey Trot will still take place, and will be able to see the progress of the Waste Water Treatment Plant
- ❖ Thanked everyone for their help with Harvest Fest

Richard Baldrige, Public Property

- ❖ Thanked everyone for putting on a great Harvest Fest.

MAYORS REPORT

- ❖ Trick or Treat hours will be from 5:30-7:30 on Halloween
- ❖ Harvest Fest was a great family event. Read out names of city workers and volunteers and city business for all their work.
- ❖ October 25 is national pizza maker day, from 2-4 there will be an appreciation day for Sam Leone of Sam's Pizza, and to raise money for Christmas Police Bike program.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Baldrige, **SECONDED BY** McDermott to enter into executive session

at 7:04 p.m. to discuss *“The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and “the setting of price for sale or lease of land owned by the public body 5ILCS 120/2(c)(6)* **AYES:** Baldrige, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The council reentered regular session at 7:34 p.m.

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Baldrige, **SECONDED BY** Moyle to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. **AYES:** Baldrige, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **MEETING ADJOURNED.**