

OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL

DECEMBER 1, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Curran at 6:03 p.m.

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermott, **SECONDED BY** Cullinan to approve the November 17, 2025 minutes **AYES:** Cullinan, McDermott, Curran, Baldridge, Moyle **MOTION CARRIED.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Cullinan, **SECONDED BY** Moyle to approve bills in the amount of \$882,195.38 **AYES:** Baldridge, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran **MOTION CARRIED.**

Bills to be paid: AIR ONE EQUIPMENT, INC. \$22,710.00; AMEREN ILLINOIS – 7419559858, \$38.62; AMEREN ILLINOIS – 8218382099, \$2.88; ANIXTER INC, \$1,155.60; APLINGTON, KAUFMAN, MCCLINTOCK, STEELE AND BARRY, \$9,775.00; AREF, MOHAMMED, \$199.73; BERTON, LONNA, \$177.55; BLUE CARDINAL CHEMICAL, \$244.26; BROWNSTOWN ELECTRIC SUPPLY, \$6,267.00; CHAMLIN & ASSOCIATES INC, \$1,272.00; COMCAST BUSINESS, \$100.00; CONNECTING POINT, \$149.00; DE LAGE LANDEN, \$252.22; ECHO ELECTRIC, \$521.28; FEECE OIL, \$3,155.00; FENDER MENDERS, \$3,600.32; FICEK ELECTRIC, \$246.93; HARLOW, SHERI, \$170.39; HAWKINS INC, \$802.00; HEARTLAND BANK VISA, \$9,745.40; HOPKINS & ASSOCIATES, \$14,000; IAMRESPONDING, \$854.05; IL MUNICIPAL LEAGUE, \$450.00; IL PUBLIC RISK FUND, \$8,331.00; IL PUBLIC WORKS MUTUAL AID NETWORK, \$100.00; IL VALLEY EXCAVATING, \$27,909.50; ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AGENCY, \$404,743.36; ILLINOIS VALLEY FIRE AND SAFETY, \$210.00; K&M TIRE INC, \$584.00; KNAP, FRANK, \$50.00; KOSTELLIC, BRITTANY, \$50.00; MAUTINO DISTRIBUTING CO INC, \$3.00; MOON, DELORES, \$120.36; MP AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR, \$253.54; NCPERS GROUP LIFE INS, \$16.00; PAYMENT SERVICE NETWORK, \$133.35; PEERLESS NETWORK, \$1,465.10; PHILLIPS, JOSH, \$50.00; REPUBLIC SERVICES, \$34,104.34; SLATE ROCK FR, \$589.96; STACHOWIAK, TAMERA, \$50.00; STANDARD INSURANCE-LIFE, \$843.02; STRATUS NETWORKS, \$1,202.94; SUNBELT SOLOMON, \$10,324.31; SURF INTERNET, \$1,661.93; T.E.S.T. INC. \$423.00; TALLMAN EQUIPMENT CO INC, \$520.97; THRUSH SANITATION, \$350.00, UNITED HEALTHCARE INSURANCE, \$9,115.06; UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, \$1,037.48; VERIZON, \$1,593.06; VISSERING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, \$295,179.00; WEX BANK, \$3,918.00, TOTAL, \$882,195.38

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Moyle, **SECONDED BY** McDermott to approve payroll for November 7, 2025 in the amount of \$67,603.71 **AYES:** Cullinan, McDermott, Curran **NAYES:** Baldrige, Moyle **MOTION CARRIED**

The current Travel Ordinance was discussed at length. For the past several years, checks have been given before leaving for the IML conference. Most commissioners felt there should not be pre-payment, but that everyone should have receipts for moneys spent and could be reimbursed after the conference. There was discussion on how the ordinance came to be, and the options it allowed, either pre-or post-trip. The decision, after much more discussion, was to approve a top amount for IML conferences going forward, and reimburse for actual use after the return.

The council then discussed the new ordinance that allows fines with letters for citizens out of code. Curran explained his thought on how the ordinance allows for resolving problems. He said he believed it would start with community policing – having a conversation with timeframes with the offending citizen. After that, if the issue isn't resolved within that time frame, a letter with a \$100 fee is sent. If there is no correction, then it would go back to the original fee and fine structure. Baldrige said he did not agree with the ordinance when it was done, and believes the mayor should send the letter, as opposed to other city officials. He believes people will put more weight behind a letter from the mayor. Cullinan believes having a mayor send the letter may lead to political pressure. Cullinan said he and Moyle are going to meet with the important parties and hash out a procedure to use. Curran would like to see if the new ordinance works, or if it needs to be tweaked a bit. Curran would just like to move forward with everyone in the same way, and to give everyone a chance to correct. Moyle believed that discretion should be involved and whoever is "in Charge" of notice can make that judgement.

Cullinan then discussed the property tax levy, letting the council know the tax levy for 2025-2026 will have a decreased rate. This is due to a higher EAV. The previous rate was 2.12336. The new rate would be 2.04932, still bringin in an additional \$81,000.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Cullinan, **SECONDED BY** Moyle to place on file the Taxy Levy for 25-26 **AYES:** Cullinan, McDermott, Curran, Baldrige, Moyle. Attorney Barry also reminded the council they will have to make a decision on abating the bond levy that has been on place since 2013. It establishes a second levy, above the current levy, for \$167,820. It would be collected if not abated. Barry said he would draft an abatement to pass at the next meeting with the tax levy.

Council then discussed Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network. Curran let them know the city had been a part of the network for a while. It was decided to table discussion and further

action until after Barry was able to take a look at the contract, and the board was more familiar with the program. **A MOTION WAS MADE** by Baldrige, **SECONDED** by McDermott to table the IPWMAN contract until next meeting **AYES:** Cullinan, McDermott, Curran, Baldrige, Moyle

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Former commissioner Tony Steffanelli spoke on the travel ordinance issue. He went through his recollection of how the travel ordinance came to be. He said they considered what would be the easiest way to pay for the IML conference. He said they used past precedent to decide how everyone would be paid. He said mileage would be figured at the current rate and would be the same for each. Rooms and parking would be the same. He said at the time, they believed the only dynamic number was for meals. He said they had considered the difference in price between dinner costs. The majority agreed that a per diem amount would cover the cost of food or gas to go up. He also reminded the council that they have the ability to change how it was initially done. Individual travel was done separately. He reminded the board that they have the ability to make changes now

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Austin Cullinan, Accounts and Finance

- Erin Quick in the clerk's office has training on the new forward facing customer portal. It should be running by the end of the year or early January.
- People paying will be incentivized to pay online by having the credit card 3% fee waived. People paying in person or over the phone to the office will still have the fee.
- Santa will be at Seneca Square Dec 2 and 9th from 5-7. Hot Chocolate will be provided.

Hilary Moyle, Public Safety

- Knoblesdorff and WAO provided meals and money on Thanksgiving to local charity organizations and also provided meals for first responders.
- Moyle read the statistics from the Police, Fire, and Ambulance for November.

Greg McDermott, Public Works

- Asked residents to not shovel snow onto the city streets.
- The city cannot plow personal alleys
- WWTP is on schedule
- Dry Bridge is in the works
- Thanked Don Finley for moving lights to allow for more free traffic flow

Richard Baldrige, Public Property

- Electric department was out all the night of Nov 30. A transformer failed by GTI and took out power for the west end of Oglesby. The department was able to fix it quickly and will most likely be purchasing a new transformer

MAYOR REPORT:

- Also discussed Santa coming to town both Dec 2 and 9 and also Dec 13 for the Winter Parade hosted by WAO
- Ameren contacted Curran about a transmission line that runs through the city. It has been deenergized and needs to be removed. The lines and poles will be removed, but heavy equipment is needed. Ameren will try and get in touch with homeowners to schedule time for that.
- Oglesby, Our Home Town book was put on the website to be viewed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermott, **SECONDED BY** Moyle to enter executive session for *“the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)”* and *“the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)”* and *“Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees” 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)* at 7:032 p.m. **AYES:** Baldrige, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Council returned from executive session at 7:58 p.m.

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

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