

OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL

DECEMBER 15, 2025

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

ROLLCALL: Commissioners Rich Baldridge, Austin Cullinan, Greg McDermott, 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 Baldridge, **SECONDED BY** McDermott to approve the December 1, 2025 minutes **AYES:** Cullinan, McDermott, Curran, Baldridge, Moyle **MOTION CARRIED.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Baldridge, **SECONDED BY** Moyle to table the approval of executive minutes from October 6, October 20, November 17, and December 1, 2025 **AYES:** Cullinan, McDermott, Curran, Baldridge, Moyle **MOTION CARRIED**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Cullinan, **SECONDED BY** Baldridge to approve bills in the amount of \$867,133.92 **AYES:** Baldridge, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran **MOTION CARRIED.**

Bills Paid: A&B GARAGE, \$69.54; AMEREN IP 01159-82892, \$1,716.87; ANIXTER, \$12,342.70; ASCAP, \$455.54; AXON ENTERPRISES, INC, \$21,600.00; BALDRIDGE, RICH, \$298.40; BAYCOM, \$915.00; BHMG ENGINEERS, \$586.54; BOUND TREE MEDICAL, \$790.69; CASELLE, INC, \$8,210.83; CHAMLIN & ASSOCIATES, \$40,420.50; CHARD SNYDER, \$195.20; CITY OF OGLESBY, \$181.58; CONNECTING POINT, \$2,907.63; CORE & MAIN, \$3,384.42; CRITICAL REACH, \$300.00; DEBO ACE HARDWARE, \$1,265.79; DE'VINE FLORAL DESIGNS & GIFTS, \$50.00; DOUBLE M TRUCKING, \$528.00; DURBIN, CHRISTINEA, \$100.65; FEECE OIL, \$995.44; FLEMMING, SPENCER, \$58.22; FLYNN, ED, \$122.11; FRAZIER, SHELBY, \$50.00; G.L. SCHERI ELECTRIC, \$4,814.00; GRAINCO, FS INC, \$5.99; HALM'S AUTO PARTS, \$185.22; HAWKINS INC, \$2,605.60; HFS BUREAU OF FISCAL OPERATIONS-GEMT, \$61,377.63; HY-VEE INC, \$103.96; IL MUNICIPAL INSURANCE COOPERATIVE, \$205,474.00; ILLINOIS VALLEY FIRE AND SAFETY, \$120.00; ILLINOIS VALLEY REGIONAL DISPATCH, \$8,922.99; KENDRICK PEST CONTROL, \$301.00, LEXIPOL LLC, \$5,955.91; MAUTINO DISTRIBUTING, \$39.75; MCDERMOTT, GREGORY, \$150.00; MERTEL GRAVEL CO, \$2,235.00; MIDWEST SALT, \$2,787.69; MONROE TRUCK EQUIPMENT, \$572.79; NEWS-TRIB, \$992.13; NORTHERN ILLINOIS AMBULANCE BILLING, \$2,475.67; OLD DOMINION BRUSH, \$2,523.70; OSF HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, \$ 300.46; OSF MEDICAL GROUP –OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH, \$784.00; PERU AUTO ELECTRIC, \$29.50; QUADIENT, INC, \$185.11; RISK PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS, \$10,402.00; RO PROS, \$9.15; RUSH POWER SYSTEMS, \$3,615.97; T.E.S.T. INC, \$23,957.21; TAYLORS WAY, \$1,636.00; TOWN AND COUNTRY SERVICES, \$1,438.00; TRI-CON MATERIALS, \$121.62; UNIVERSAL UTILITY SUPPLY, \$4,941.39; USA BLUEBOOK, \$402.73; VISSERING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, \$ 420,122.10; TOTAL, \$867,133.92

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Cullinan, SECONDED BY Moyle to approve payroll for December 5, 2025 in the amount of \$74,289.50 **AYES:** Cullinan, McDermott, Curran, Baldrige, Moyle
MOTION CARRIED

Cullinan discussed the tax levy rate, which is less than last year, due to a higher EAV.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Cullinan, SECONDED BY McDermott to approve the tax levy for 2025, payable 2026 at a rate of 2.04932 **AYES:** Cullinan, McDermott, Curran, Baldrige, Moyle
MOTION CARRIED

Attorney Barry discussed the bond levy that was to be abated by the council. It was an old bond that was set up for city improvements in 2013. Since then, the city has been able to make the payment without using the bond, so every year the bond levy has been abated.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermott, SECONDED BY Cullinan to abate the bond levy for 2025, payable 2026 **AYES:** Cullinan, McDermott, Curran, Baldrige, Moyle **MOTION CARRIED**

Curran explained the agreement with IPWMAN. It's a regional group that pledges to help each other, with the cost going to the community that asked for the help. Curran said the city had gone to other communities a few times, but Oglesby had only asked for help during the derecho.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Baldrige, SECONDED BY McDermott to continue the agreement with IPWMAN **AYES:** Cullinan, McDermott, Curran, Baldrige, Moyle **MOTION CARRIED**

Moyle thanked the insurance committee for looking into the insurance options. She let the council know that the committee had recommended staying with the current insurance for health and dental and moving to Delta Vision for eye care.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Moyle, SECONDED BY Baldrige to approve the 2026 insurance renewal recommended by the insurance committee **AYES:** Cullinan, McDermott, Curran Baldrige, Moyle **MOTION CARRIED**

Curran explained the meeting schedule each year has a few dates that coincide with holidays and need to be adjusted. The council usually does not meet the Monday after Fun Fest, but this year they way it falls, there will be no meeting. The meetings with issues are January, February and September.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Moyle, SECONDED BY Baldrige to approve the 2026 meeting days, with variations for holidays **AYES:** Cullinan, McDermott, Curran Baldrige, Moyle **MOTION CARRIED**

2026 Meeting Schedule

January 5/20	July 6/20
February 2/17	August 3/17
March 2/16	September 8/21
April 6/20	October 5/19
May 4/18	November 2/16
June 1/15	December 7/21

Discussion was had on streaming all council and board meetings had at city council. The council decided to stream, as long as everyone on the board is ok with being on camera. Clerk Spratt was directed to contact the members of the boards to ask for their consent. If there is an issue with a member, it may be possible to only use audio.

Attorney Barry and Clerk Spratt explained the variances that were suggested by the Zoning board. The Fiedler/Walter variance was for a too wide driveway, and for not getting a building permit. The board had said that because of the size of the lot the house and driveway are on, it did not detract from the look of the area and recommended it's approval with penalty.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermott, **SECONDED BY** Moyle to approve the variance for the Fielder/Walter driveway recommended by the zoning board **AYES:** Cullinan, McDermott, Curran Baldrige, Moyle **MOTION CARRIED**

Attorney Barry and Clerk Spratt also explained the Girard height variance recommended by the Zoning Board. Girard is building a garage and would like to put an apartment on the second floor but needed a height variance from 15 feet to 22 feet. The board took neighbors questions into account, and had already granted a variance for Girard earlier in the year to start the garage.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Baldrige, **SECONDED BY** Moyle to approve the Girard height variance recommended by the zoning board **AYES:** Cullinan, McDermott, Curran Baldrige, Moyle **MOTION CARRIED**

McDermott said there were some possible other funding partners that may help, so he would like to table the motion to discuss culvert and pipe replacement on Ed Hand Road. McDermott said the culvert is getting bad so it needs to be done quickly. Ross Baker from Chamlin said he would look into it and let the council know how long they had to fix the culvert.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermott, **SECONDED BY** Baldrige to table the discussion on the culvert and pipe discussion for Ed Hand Road **AYES:** Cullinan, McDermott, Curran, Baldrige, Moyle **MOTION CARRIED**

McDermott asked Baker to explain the issues that happened at the waste water treatment plant when placing the aeration tank foundation. Ross explained that while core samples taken before the project began looked like there would be good soil for the foundation, after removing the top layers, it was found in one section to have soil that was not able to support the structure. Baker said there was a chance the tank would settle at different rates, causing issues during the life of the structure. The soil was removed and stone was added to the site to make a better base. The cost of the removal and restoration was \$116,919, which was well below the added contingencies. There was a saving of \$4,090 from saving a manhole that was previously there. Baker was asked how the project was progressing. He said 10-15% of the project was complete, but it would be a 2-year project. Baldrige asked if there would be drainage issues, and Baker said there may be some drainage management needed after the project was complete.

The council then discussed the possibility of moving the plumbing and electric inspector oversight from Accounts and Finance to the public property commissioner.

McDermott said each inspector should be under the department they represent. Curran believed that inspectors had not ever been under department control.

Curran would like to wait until the commissioners who had volunteered to look into the process had a chance to implement their plan.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Baldrige, **SECONDED BY** Moyle to direct attorney Barry to change the public property commissioner ordinance to oversee building and electric inspectors **AYES:** McDermott, Baldrige, Moyle **NAYES:** Cullinan, Curran **MOTION CARRIED**

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Cullinan: Discussed fees for online payment. They will wave all fees to pay for each while Civic System looks into waiving the fees for card payments

Cullinan is also working to change the city to Microsoft 365 that will help with communications

Moyle: Thank a first responder was Jon Lemmer.

McDermott: Thanked WAO for the parade. Said waste water treatment and dry bridge projects are moving along.

Baldrige: Congratulated the WAO on the 4th consecutive year of successful winter parade

MAYOR'S REPORT

Curran made a comment on agenda items. Baldrige called a point of order.

He then thanked the Dickinson House for hosting Santa during the Winter Festival, and congratulated WAO on another successful parade, and all the businesses that also participated. He thanked the city employees for their help in making the city presentable for the parade and activities.

Chair yoga will start again next year. Donations have been working well and is self-sustaining.

Santa's mailbox closes on September 17.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermott, **SECONDED BY** Baldrige to enter in to executive session at 7:11 p.m. for *“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), “to discuss the purchase or lease of real estate”, 5 ILCS 120(c)5, “the employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees” 5 ILCS 120/2(c)1.*

AYES: Cullinan, McDermott, Curran, Baldrige **NAYES:** Moyle **MOTION CARRIED**

The council returned from executive session at 8:48 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Commissioners Rich Baldrige, Austin Cullinan, Greg McDermott, 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 adjourn at 8:50 p.m. **AYES:** McDermott, Baldrige, Moyle, Cullinan, Curran **MOTION CARRIED**