

OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL

January 5, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Curran at 6:00 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 move the Mayor's report and the executive session for the "the employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees" 5 ILCS 120/2(c)1 **AYES:** McDermott, Baldridge, Moyle **NAYE:** Cullinan, Curran **MOTION CARRIED.**

MAYOR REPORT

Curran thanked the electric department for doing a good job at a large outage. He said he had four separate residents call in and thank the electric department for their service. He asked to consider how you could give back to the community, including volunteering for local organizations.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Baldridge, **SECONDED BY** Moyle to go into executive session for the "the employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees" 5 ILCS 120/2(c)1 **AYES:** McDermott, Baldridge, Moyle, Cullinan, Curran **MOTION CARRIED.**

The council returned to open session at 7:30 p.m.

ROLLCALL: Commissioners Rich Baldridge, Austin Cullinan, Greg McDermott, Hilary Moyle, and Mayor Jason Curran were present. Also present Attorney Pat Barry and city clerk Jennifer Spratt

PUBLIC COMMENT (agenda item only)

Becky Clinard stood to discuss agenda item 9a – discussion and possible action on returning building and electric inspection to the electric commissioner. She gave background information and said she was against the move.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermott to table the December 15 regular meeting minutes **AYES:** McDermott, Baldridge, Moyle, Cullinan, Curran **MOTION CARRIED.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermott table the October 6, 20, November 17, December 1, and 15th executive meeting minutes **AYES:** McDermott, Baldridge, Moyle, Cullinan, Curran **MOTION CARRIED.**

Cullinan discussed the bills presented and explained the high cost was because of a payment to

Vissering Construction for the waste water treatment plant project, and the IMEA payment. It was decided to separate waste water treatment plant payments to make it easier to understand the cost of the bills.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Cullinan, **SECONDED** by McDermott to approve the bills as presented for payment in the amount of \$1,430,535.90 **AYES:** McDermott, Baldridge, Moyle, Cullinan, Curran **MOTION CARRIED.**

Bills Paid: A&B GARAGE, \$656.23; AED ESSENTIALS, INC, \$875.00; AIR ONE EQUIPMENT, INC, \$927.00; AMEREN ILLINOIS-7419559858, \$38.62; AMEREN ILLINOIS-8218382099, \$2.88; ANIXTER INC, \$12,672.48; APPLE PRESS, \$368.90; BAYCOM INC, \$127.00; BOUND TREE MEDICAL, INC, \$540.20; CENTRAL REGION SENIOR BASEBALL, \$5,000.00; CLEGG-PERKINS ELECTRIC, \$3,967.53; COMCAST BUSINESS, \$683.41; COSGROVE DISTRIBUTORS, \$113.97; D&M LANDSCAPING & EXCAVATION, \$117.86; DE LAGE LANDEN, \$661.13; DRESBACH DISTRIBUTING, \$71.90; FEECE OIL CO, \$2,490.77; FERGUSON INDUSTRIAL, \$1,757.30; FICEK ELECTRIC, \$750.00; FLOCK SAFETY, \$25,000.00; FOSTER COACH SALES, \$651.69; GORDON ELECTRIC SUPPLY, \$590.44; GRAINGER, \$268.35; HANCOCK, KALVIN, \$105.65; HASKELL LANDSCAPING, \$1,800.00; HAWKINS, INC, \$1,734.85; HEARTLAND BANK VISA, \$6,661.18; HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES, \$129.00; HY-VEE INC, \$105.39; IL PUBLIC RISK FUND, \$8,335.00; IL PUBLIC WORKS MUTUAL AID NETWORK, \$100.00; ILLINI STATE BANK, \$18,204.72; ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AGENCY, \$375,246.87; ILLINOIS VALLEY FIRE AND SAFETY, \$85.00; IMPACT NETWORKING LLC, \$29.16; JOHN'S SERVICE AND SALES, \$2,209.01; JOHNSON, BECKY, \$50.00; KENDRICK PEST CONTROL, INC, \$263.00; KING TIRE, \$140.00; KITILSON'S GARAGE, \$1,004.74; KNOBELSDORFF, \$5,630.00; KNOBLAUCH ADVERTISING, \$526.95; LONGBONS, BARB, \$50.00; MARTIN EQUIPMENT OF IL, INC, \$229.87; MAUTINO DISTRIBUTING, \$58.50; MCS ADVERTISING, \$1,785.00; MENARDS, \$946.21; MERTEL REPAIR, \$1,892.50; MISKOWIEC, JANE, \$50.00; MONROE TRUCK EQUIPMENT, \$572.79; MP AUTOMOTIVE, \$72.22; NAPA AUTO PARTS-PERU, \$137.59; NCPERS GROUP LIFE INSURANCE, \$16.00; OGLESBY LIBRARY DISTRICT, \$14,251.95; OMNISITE, \$4,121.00; OSF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH – PERU, \$100.00; OTTAWA OFFICE SUPPLY, \$25.99; PAYMENT SERVICE NETWORK, \$132.80; PEERLESS NETWORK, \$1,472.09; STANDARD LIFE INSURANCE, \$843.02; STRATUS NETWORKS, \$1,202.94; SURF INTERNET, \$1,194.44; T&R ELECTRIC SUPPLY, \$13,544.20; T.E.S.T. INC, \$24,148.71; THRUSH SANITATION, \$730.00; UNITED HEALTHCARE INSURANCE, \$12,620.23; UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, \$1,043.92; VERIZON, \$1,785.61; VISSERIN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, \$861,948.00; WEX BANK, \$4,308.89; TOTAL, \$1,430,535.90

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Cullinan, **SECONDED** by Moyle to approve the December 19th payroll in the amount of \$64,487.47 **AYES:** McDermott, Baldridge, Moyle, Cullinan, Curran **MOTION CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion was had on passing the ordinance to change inspector oversight from the accounts and finance department to the electric/public property department. Baldrige believed it had already been discussed and Barry was instructed to create an ordinance as such.

Cullinan said his concern was the process taken to change oversight. He believed this was an example of political tension.

Moyle said Cullinan's spreadsheet was great administrative stuff, but she believed it would be better to have Baldrige oversee if there were problems because of his background in concrete.

McDermott asked to have the plumbing inspector section read. Curran read the portion of ordinance. McDermott then said the day-to-day operation of plumbing is taken care of by the accounts and finance. He believes that the day-by-day functions should be in the accounts and finance department, and McDermott only gets involved if there were an issue with code.

Curran said he believed Cullinan has worked hard to streamline the process and to make sure there were ways to mitigate mistakes even before the agenda item. He said it would be best to leave inspectors as they are.

A motion was made and seconded, with Moyle encouraging Cullinan and Baldrige to work together on oversight.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Baldrige, **SECONDED** by Moyle to pass Ordinance 1307-010526, moving oversight authority of the city's building and electric inspectors **AYES:** Baldrige, Moyle, **NAYES:** McDermott, Cullinan, Curran **MOTION FAILED.**

Discussion was had on the replacement of the culvert under Ed Hand Road. McDermott said he had spoken with Ross Baker from Chamlin and Associates and he had found the culvert to have failed and need to be replaced as soon as possible. Pohar Construction had submitted a bid.

Baldrige wanted to send out for bids. Cullinan did not know enough about it. Curran asked Baker to explain his findings to the council.

Baker said the pipe had failed. He could not say when the road would be affected, and flooding would happen. He said sending out for bids would could take months, and as it is a repair, he felt having Pohar do the maintenance would not be an issue.

Road Superintendent Dan Kasperski echoed Baker's sentiment.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermott, **SECONDED** by Moyle to approve up to \$35,000 for Pohar to replace the new culvert on Ed Hand Road **AYES:** McDermott, Moyle, Cullinan, Curran

NAYES: Baldridge MOTION CARRIED.

Moyle discussed the replacement of the speed trailer/message board. She had two quotes for replacement, saying the better option would be Stalker Trailer because it is customizable and collects data. The cost was slightly over \$21,000, and can be used in other departments. The other quote was less expensive but had a subscription service. Cullinan asked if there was money in the budget and was told there was.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Moyle, SECONDED by McDermott to purchase the Stalker Radar speed trailer/message board for a cost of \$21,167.00 **AYES: McDermott, Baldridge, Moyle, Cullinan, Curran MOTION CARRIED.**

Two variances approved at the last meeting had ordinances created.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Cullinan, SECONDED by Baldridge to approve the Girard Variance Ordinance 1305-010525 **AYES: McDermott, Baldridge, Moyle, Cullinan, Curran MOTION CARRIED.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Cullinan, SECONDED by Baldridge to approve the Fiedler/Walter Variance Ordinance 1306-010525 **AYES: McDermott, Baldridge, Moyle, Cullinan, Curran MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was had to move the Mayor's Report to the beginning of the meeting agenda.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Baldridge, SECONDED by McDermott to Move the Mayor's Report to immediately after the Pledge of allegiance **AYES: McDermott, Baldridge, Moyle NAYES: Cullinan, Curran MOTION CARRIED.**

Discussion was had on approving raffle licenses for the upcoming year for the American Legion, IVCC, and the Dickenson House Foundation. This is an annual renewal

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Cullinan, SECONDED by Baldridge to approve the annual raffle licenses **AYES: McDermott, Baldridge, Moyle, Cullinan, Curran MOTION CARRIED.**

There was discussion on placing executive session minutes online. Baldridge said there was no way for him to see the executive minutes currently and he would like them placed online.

Moyle said she understand the confidentiality but is trying to figure another way. McDermott said he believes if someone wants to put it out, they will. Curran said the only thing that is important is the discussion, but he believes it's dangerous to let closed session minutes out of control of the city.

Lawyer Barry said it would violate best practices and it invites trouble to put minutes on line. He recommends against it. Clerk Spratt volunteered to come in on the weekend so members can review the minutes. Curran said not approving the minutes for months is not an issue because they won't be released.

Moyle made a recommendation to have Cullinan look into alternate options. Cullinan will look into it.

The next discussion was on placing all city employees' original records at the clerk's office. .

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY TOPIC

Kathy Knoblach discussed Crocket Street. It is a dead end without much room for turnaround, especially for large delivery trucks. She said the ambulance was recently on the street and could only back out of the street. She asked the city to look into a way to widen the street for safety. She said she would be willing to discuss donating some land to help the city create a safer area.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

CULLINAN: We are replacing the customer portal, rolling out Friday January 2, and has 55 people signed up already. Online payments made via ach are free, with cards being charged 3.5 percent. The website has been updated. Videos aren't linked there but are available on the city's YouTube channel. Golf cart stickers are expired and need to be renewed at city hall. He wants to digitize all forms

Moyle: Gave ambulance and fire department call numbers. There was a 16% increase in fire calls from 2024. She encouraged volunteers.

McDermott: The dry bridge is complete. D Construction will finish the blacktop. The WWTP is moving along and a big pour of concrete will be happening in the next few days.

Baldridge: The electric department has received an insurance payout and a grant from IMEA to purchase a drive for pump 3. A Julie Underground Rapid response program will be rolled out as soon as possible, making location quicker and more effective. The electrical system will be mapped out and added to GIS. A wind incident knocked down a tree that took out power. Sheerer Tree service was called in and removed the tree covering power lines and a garage. Dickinson House basement was cleaned out. The Parks department has weekly jobs and BB Gun club. And is prepping for baseball season.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermott, SECONDED BY Cullinan to enter in to executive session at 9:00 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, Moyle **MOTION CARRIED**

The council returned from executive session at 10:03.

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** Baldrige to adjourn at 10:04 p.m. **AYES:** McDermott, Baldrige, Moyle, Cullinan, Curran **MOTION CARRIED**