

OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 17, 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 Cullinan to move discussion and possible action on the past minutes to the end of the meeting **AYES:** Cullinan, Baldridge, Moyle, McDermott, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED**

MAYOR'S REPORT

Discussed upcoming events, including Bark in the Park on May 23, and said event budgets would be discussed soon to see if there is room for more events.

Registration deadlines for baseball and t-ball are March 1, 2026, softball is February 28.

There are vacancies on the ambulance board, plan commission, and the 125th Celebration committee. They are looking for energetic, community-oriented individuals for the boards, especially for the celebration committee, with Wally Marquat, the previous chair for the 100th Celebration, already placed on the board.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Baldridge, **SECONDED** by McDermott to approve executive session minutes from October 6, October 20, November 17, December 1, December 15, 2025 and January 5, January 20, 2026 **AYES:** Cullinan, Baldridge, Moyle, McDermott, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Cullinan, **SECONDED** by Moyle to approve the February 13, 2026 payroll in the amount of \$67,862.81 **AYES:** Cullinan, Baldridge, Moyle, McDermott, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Cullinan, **SECONDED** by McDermott to approve bills presented for payment in the amount of amount of \$118,594.70 **AYES:** Cullinan, Baldridge, Moyle, McDermott, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED**

BILLS TO BE PAID

Ameren IP, \$5378.51; Ameren IP, \$934.56; Ameren IP, \$284.61; Blue Cardinal Chemical, \$240.17; Bound Tree Medic LLC, \$234.19; Nikolas Brooks, \$50; Brownstown Electric Supply, \$2944.20; Chamlin & Associates, \$1698.00; Chapman and Cutler, \$500; Chard Snyder, \$389.30, Connecting Point, \$5815.26; Connecting Point, \$1609.92; Core & Main, \$273.63, Debo Ace Hardware,

\$429.34; Debo Ace Hardware, \$95.62; Patty Eichelkraut, \$100.53; Paula Gilligan, \$150.00; Grainger, \$65.54; Halm's Auto Parts, \$56.97; Calvin Hancock, \$279.38; Heartland Bank Visa, \$9680.81; Heartland Bank Visa, 28.88; Heartland Bank Visa, \$173.68; Heartland Bank Visa, \$1307.90; IL Association of Chiefs, \$615; IL Valley Association of Chiefs, \$120; Illinois Valley Basketball League, \$300; IL Valley Regional Dispatch, \$8922.99; IMUA, \$100; Jack's Gas and Service, \$174; John Deer Financial, \$358.32; John's Service and Sales, \$1125.00; Tricia Kelly, \$213.61, Kendrick Pest Control, \$162; Kendrick Pest Control, \$38., Kendrick Pest Control, \$58, Knoblauch Advertising, \$176; Mautino Distributing Co, \$40.25; Menards, \$404.68; Menards, \$1030.01; Menards, \$261.28; Midwest Electric Transformer Services, \$19290; Midwest Mailing and Shipping, \$1464; Midwest Salt, \$2871.54; Joanne Morgan, \$178.66; NewsTrib, \$444.74; Northern Illinois Ambulance, \$1366.92; Omnisite, \$8.75; OSF Medical Group, \$480; RO Pros, \$24.40; Sunbelt Solomon, \$11579.54; Superior Lighting, \$3165; TEST, \$11983.11; TEST, \$11797.10; Tallman Equipment, \$2962.60; Teleflex, \$370; Thrush Sanitation, \$365; Universal Utility Supply, \$1424.28; Verizon, \$452.72; Machel Wall, \$123.20; Water Products Company, \$1380

FICEK

The council recognized Ken Ficek. Ficek tendered his resignation last month after serving the citizens of Oglesby in multiple ways on different boards for 55 years.

His resignation was accepted.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermott, **SECONDED** by Cullinan to accept, with reluctance, the resignation of Ken Ficek from the planning committee **AYES:** Cullinan, Baldridge, Moyle, McDermott, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED**

During the resignation discussion, each commissioner commented on Ficek's time, thanking him for everywhere he has helped the city, and everything he has done, thanking him for being so welcoming to new council members, and letting Ficek know his knowledge and abilities would be missed.

Curran thanked Ficek for his work with the city, recognized previous mayors who had worked with Ficek, including Mayors Pittman, Finley, and Rivara, who attended the event. Ficek was then presented with a key to the city, the first such honor in Oglesby history.

Ficek gave a brief talk, thanking the 8 mayors, 14 councils, and 100s of people he had worked with over the years. He also thanked his family, especially his wife, Barb, for all her support throughout the years.

Jessica Brayfield from Habitat for Humanity spoke to the council on a partnership opportunity.

Habitat would like their next home build to be in the city of Oglesby. They asked for a lot in the city, as well as utility hook ups, and said it fostered community engagement, brought a family to the city, and add a taxable lot with a home to the city rolls.

Discussion was had on the comprehensive plan recommended for passage by the planning commission. Discussion focused on the section discussing forms of government.

A Motion was made by Baldrige to strike the section on forms of government. No Second, Motion dies.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Cullinan **SECONDED** by Moyle to approve ordinance 1309-022426 Oglesby Comprehensive Plan update, with spelling errors amended **AYES:** Cullinan, Moyle, McDermott, Curran **NAYS:** Baldrige. **MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion was had on the 125th Anniversary Celebration committee. Curran is looking for energetic and engaged members of the committee, and for the event to be held in approximately 18 months.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Cullinan, **SECONDED** by McDermott to approve the ordinance 1310-022426 to create the 125th Anniversary Celebration committee **AYES:** Cullinan, Baldrige, Moyle, McDermott, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Cullinan, **SECONDED** by McDermott approve ordinance 1308-022426 to grant a special use permit to Mike Loch and Saip Asani **AYES:** Cullinan, Baldrige, Moyle, McDermott, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Baldrige, **SECONDED** by McDermott to table discussion on the contract with North American Midway Entertainment **AYES:** Cullinan, Baldrige, Moyle, McDermott, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion was held on adding an open discussion topic to the agenda. No action was taken.

Curran appointed Kyle Videgar as commissioner of the planning commission. Videgar had received a recommendation from Ficek.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Cullinan **SECONDED** by Baldrige to approve the appointment of Kyle Videgar as the planning commission chairman **AYES:** Cullinan, Baldrige, Moyle, McDermott, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED**

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Cullinan: working to digitize city forms for accessibility and efficiency

Moyle: discussed upcoming community instruction and outreach events at the Dickinson House.

Seargent Randy Oscepinski was recognized as First Responder of the Month

McDermott: Waste Water Treatment Plant is on schedule

Baldrige: electric department employees received pesticide safety and flagger training, they are continuing tree trimming, and utility easement agreements are in the works

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermott, **SECONDED** by Baldrige to enter into executive session 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 Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed 5 ILCS 120 (c)21 at 7:23 p.m.* **AYES:** Cullinan, Baldrige, Moyle, McDermott, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED**

The council returned from Executive session at 8:26 p.m.

ROLLCALL: 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.

Discussion was had on minutes moved from the beginning of the meeting. Changes were made to December 15, 2025 and January 5, 2026 regular session meeting minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Cullinan and **SECONDED** by Moyle to approve the December 15, 2025 and January 5, January 20, and February 2, 2026 regular meeting minutes with the discussed changes **AYES:** Cullinan, Baldrige, Moyle, McDermott, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Cullinan **SECONDED** by Moyle to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. **AYES:** Cullinan, Baldrige, Moyle, McDermott, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED**

