

City of Oglesby

April 20, 2026 meeting minutes

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.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The softball board is working to increase tournaments. The Matthison Annex Project is moving forward, but progress is slow because of debris and bidding delays, with IDNR hoping to have zone 1 open by summer 2027. Safe Routes to School has been in the planning for many years, with the grant money being optimized while the board still understood the need for more sidewalks throughout town.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Baldridge and **SECONDED** by McDermott to approve the April 6 regular meeting minutes **AYES:** Cullinan, Baldridge, Moyle, McDermott, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermott, **SECONDED** by Cullinan to approve bills presented for payment in the amount of amount of \$931,888.74 **AYES:** Cullinan, Baldridge, Moyle, McDermott, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED**

BILLS TO BE PAID

A & B GARAGE, \$235.34; AIR ONE EQUIPMENT INC., \$144.00; AMEREN ILLINOIS, \$48.61; AMEREN ILLINOIS, \$220.03; BHMGE ENGINEERS, \$2,991.59; BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC, \$70.62; CHARD SNYDER, \$195.20; CITY OF OGLESBY, \$36.08; CITY OF OGLESBY, \$10.00; CITY OF PERU, \$7,227.66; CLEGG-PERKINS ELECTRIC, \$20,152.92; CONNECTING POINT, \$8,595.13; CONWAY SHIELD, \$590.00; CORE & MAIN, \$1,544.24; DEBO ACE HARDWARE, \$184.87; DEBO ACE HARDWARE, \$329.85; DIVERGENT ALLIANCE, \$6,790.10; DIVERGENT ALLIANCE, \$12,208.65; DIVERGENT ALLIANCE, \$18,345.60; DRESBACH DISTRIBUTING, \$618.25; ECHO ELECTRIC, \$531.36; ECONO SIGNS, LLC, \$186.56; FICEK ELECTRIC, \$750.00; GRAINGER, \$524.99; HALM'S AUTO PARTS, \$250.82, HALM'S AUTO PARTS, \$174.88; HAWKINS, INC, \$1,063.60; HOLLAND EQUIPMENT, \$125.00; IACP, \$440.00; IL VALLEY EXCAVATING, IN, \$30,421.50; IL VALLEY EXCAVATING, IN, \$282.00; ILLINOIS LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION, \$25.00; ILLINOIS VALLEY REGIONAL DISPATCH, \$8,922.99; JOHN POHAR & SONS INC., \$852.00; JOHN'S SERVICE & SALES, \$1,067.62; JOHN'S SERVICE & SALES, \$3,616.24; KITTILSON'S GARAGE, \$1,411.10; MABAS DIVISION 25, \$357.00; MARTENSON TURF PRODUCTS, INC, \$3,349.00; MARTIN EQUIP OF IL INC, \$7,970.26; MAUTINO DISTRIBUTING CO INC, \$32.40; MAZE LUMBER, 43.02; MCS ADVERTISING, \$765.00; MENARDS, \$162.32; MENARDS, \$491.60; MENARDS, \$132.41; MIDWEST SALT,

\$2,810.91; VALLEY PUMP, INC, \$800.00; MOTOROLA, \$522.00; NEWS-TRIB, \$276.77; NEWS-TRIB, \$550.00; NORTHERN ILLINOIS AMBULANCE BI, INC, \$2,034.74; OSF HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, \$245.83; PORTER LEE CORPORATION, \$710.00; RO PROS, \$12.20; RUPPERT CONCRETE, \$1,600.00; SLATE ROCK FR, \$760.00; SMITH'S SALES AND SERVICE, \$663.00; SMITH'S SALES AND SERVICE, \$418.00; T.E.S.T INC., \$12,486.02; T.E.S.T INC., \$12,173.02; TALTY POLARIS, \$208.81; TELEFLEX, LLC., \$1,100.00; THRUSH SANITATION, \$375.00; UNIVERSAL UTILITY SUPPLY, \$3,869.98; UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO., \$2,512.00; VISSERING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, \$713,511.90; WATER PRODUCTS COMPANY, \$170.40; WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP, \$581.87; WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP, \$597.60

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Cullinan, **SECONDED** by Moyle to approve the April 10, 2026 payroll in the amount of \$79,735.47 **AYES:** Cullinan, Baldrige, Moyle, McDermott, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED**

Resident Brian Camenisch spoke during public comment about the variance he has requested to place a fence on his property. He spoke on the history of his lot and previously placed fence, as well as issues with his neighbors' lot. The Zoning Board of Appeals denied his request and he is asking the council to override the decision.

The council continued to discuss the purchase of an equipment tractor. Chad Lambert from Martin Equipment spoke with the council answering any questions they had on the current backhoe and his opinions on the matter. Council has been discussing the matter for several meetings.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermott, **SECONDED** by Cullinan to approve the purchase of a equipment tractor from Martin Equipment for \$169,570 **AYES:** Cullinan, Baldrige, Moyle, McDermott, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED**

The Safe Routes to School project was then discussed. The grant project has been in the works for multiple years, with the joint funding agreement signed in September of 2024. The state will pay \$249,000, with the city having to pay \$85,000. During the initial phase, the area the sidewalks will go was looked at to get the most sidewalk available for the grant money. The council discussed some issues they have heard from residents, including sidewalks ending, loss of driveway and lawn space, and any liability and upkeep the homeowner will have. Ross Baker from Chamlin and Associates explained the scope of the project and some of the reasons for sidewalk placement. McDermott will continue to work with Baker and the contractor to make any small changes allowed through the contract to help the residents.

Residents Thomas Trump and Jodie Mahoney spoke on how the sidewalk would impact their separate homes, asking the city to reconsider placement.

Curran then discussed adding new events to the city. He would like multiple events throughout the year to bring more people to the city. He showed the council a proposed budget and let them know the event coordinators will be moving forward with one of them this year. They proposed a Mardis gras party, a school's out event and a back-to-school event. The coordinators will work on the back-to-school event for this year, with the others being added the following year.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermott, **SECONDED** by Baldrige to approve Cortileno's drive-in show **AYES:** Cullinan, Baldrige, Moyle, McDermott, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED**

The council then discusses the variance request for Brian Camenisch. Camenisch would like to install a fence on his property line as opposed to the ordinance stating it should be 18 inches off the line. Camenisch has consent from two of his three neighbors. As a part of the discussion, the property of the neighbor to the south was also discussed, including ordinance violations.

Zoning Board Chairman Dan Fitzgerald spoke, telling the council the thinking of the zoning board when they turned down the initial request. They did not believe it met the requirements of a variance.

Camenisch also returned to answer questions of the board.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Baldrige, **SECONDED** by Moyle to table the Camenisch variance request **AYES:** Cullinan, Baldrige, Moyle, McDermott, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Baldrige, **SECONDED** by McDermott to approve the pledge for support request from Tri-County Opportunity Council **AYES:** Cullinan, Baldrige, Moyle, McDermott, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED**

The stop light at Walnut and Marquette is no longer functioning. According to Clegg-Perkins Electric, the company that services the lights, the system is no longer able to be fixed and needs to be replaced. The total cost of replacement will be \$65,000.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Baldrige, **SECONDED** by Cullinan to approve the replacement of the Marquette street up to \$65,000 **AYES:** Cullinan, Baldrige, Moyle, McDermott, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED**

One of the electric bucket trucks is out of usable service. The maintenance company that previously serviced the truck will no longer service the truck and will no longer offer support for the truck. More discussion was had, and it was decided Baldrige would do research into the replacement costs and needs.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Baldrige, **SECONDED** by McDermott to table the purchase of a bucket truck **AYES:** Cullinan, Baldrige, Moyle, McDermott, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion was had on the protocol for placing items on the agenda. A recent ordinance change allows all members of the council to place items on the agenda. The proposed change would only allow changes in the new and old business sections. The proposed ordinance change also prohibits items from being placed in multiple meetings if it has been removed by a majority of the council at a previous meeting. This prohibition lasts for 3 months, unless a vote is taken by the council to place it back on the agenda.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Baldrige, **SECONDED** by Moyle to amend the agenda ordinance to only allow items placed on the agenda in new or old business **AYES:** Cullinan, Baldrige, Moyle **NAYES:** McDermott, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Baldrige, **SECONDED** by McDermott to change the agenda ordinance to disallow items removed by the council to be placed on the agenda again for three months **AYES:** Baldrige, Moyle, McDermott, **NAYES:** Cullinan, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY McDermott, **SECONDED** by Baldrige to direct Attorney Barry to revise the section of code dealing with agenda structure and items **AYES:** Baldrige, Moyle, McDermott, Curran. **ABSTAIN:** Cullinan **MOTION CARRIED**

Public Comment:

Nick Nosalik from WAO announced Chief Mike Margis as first responder of the month. Pat Basinski thanked city hall and the electric department for helping with a pole leaning near her home.

Commissioner Reports

Cullinan: Discussed code violation reports, code violation letters, and fines for noncompliance.

Moyle: Read a letter addressing concerns about intimidation and bullying towards her.

McDermott: Branch clippings start March 27, dry bridge will be complete soon, WWTP is on track. Safe Routes to School was discussed.

Baldrige: LP Ag classes will take care of planters

Council's Final Comment

Cullinan: Refuted some of Moyle's claims

Moyle: no comment

McDermott: Commented on elected officials not being demeaned, and the need for questions

Baldrige: No comment

Curran: will look into the accusations made by Moyle

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Baldrige, **SECONDED** by McDermott to adjourn at 8:44 p.m **AYES:** Cullinan, Baldrige, Moyle, McDermott, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED**