

**OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL  
JUNE 23, 2025**

The June 23, 2025, meeting of the Oglesby City Council was called to order by Mayor Jason Curran at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLLCALL:** Commissioners Rich Baldrige, Austin Cullinan, Gregory McDermott, Hilary Moyle, Mayor Jason Curran. City Clerk Becky Clinard and City Attorney Patrick Barry were also present.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Cullinan, **SECONDED BY** McDermott to approve the minutes from the June 2, 2025, regular session. **AYES:** Baldrige, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments

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**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Cullinan, **SECONDED BY** Moyle to approve the bills as presented for payment in the amount of \$655,838.64. **AYES:** Baldrige, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT: TOTAL: \$655,838.64**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Cullinan, **SECONDED BY** Baldrige to approve the June 20, 2025, payroll in the amount of \$80,000.25. **AYES:** Baldrige, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** McDermott, **SECONDED BY** Baldrige to approve the bid from Vissering Construction for \$22,722,251 for Phase 1 of the new waste water treatment plant. Curran told the council he had received letters of support from Representative Lauren Underwood and State Representative Murri Briel for the city's attempt to have the loan forgiveness amount increased. **AYES:** Baldrige, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Baldrige, **SECONDED BY** McDermott to approve the revised TIF agreement with KEI. **AYES:** Baldrige, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Moyle, **SECONDED BY** McDermott to approve the changes to the Communications, Hazards and Outages plan. This change allows for the automatic openings of the cooling centers whenever the heat index reaches 100 degrees or temperatures reach 95 degrees for 12 hours. **AYES:** Baldrige, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The council then discussed amending Ordinance No. 287-011596, to allow keno in gaming establishments. Curran told the council he had been approached by a local bar owner about the matter. Barry told the council that through his research he found that more than 20,000 had

applied for the license, but only 800 were released and that the state law did not allow for the games in bars and restaurants (yet). The council agreed that it was in the best interests of the city and local businesses to allow Keno, when and if an Oglesby business would have the opportunity to offer it.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** McDermott, **SECONDED BY** Moyle to direct Barry to amend the raffle ordinance to allow for any games allowed by the Illinois Lottery Act. **AYES:** Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **ABSTAIN:** Baldrige. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Cullinan, **SECONDED BY** Moyle to approve the reappointment of Karen Watson, Jim Clinard, Bob Mente and Dave Peters to the Plan Commission. **AYES:** Baldrige, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Curran then told the council that there were a number of various board seats open including one each on the Zoning Board of Appeals, Design Review Board, Facade Improvement Board and Police Board and two on the Ambulance Board. Curran will be accepting applications for those positions.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ray Basa, who recently applied for a short term rental license for his property at 125 Oakwood Court, asked the council to reconsider his application, saying he felt that neighbor objections were based on speculation and “what ifs” not facts. Basa said he had met all of the city’s requirements for the license and questioned why his application was denied but another was not. Cullinan reiterated his concerns about short term rentals, saying that he wouldn’t support any short term rental license. Curran questioned whether some sort of compromise could be reached. He encouraged Basa to reach out to him. Two neighbors, Maria Vorgic and Bob Westbrook urged the council to uphold their original decision, citing their concerns and worries about declining property values.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

### **Austin Cullinan, Accounts and Finance**

- ❖ Announced the city’s website is now under the new domain name.
- ❖ All past council meeting videos have been moved to the city’s YouTube channel.
- ❖ Said Summer Fun Fest was “a resounding success” and thanked NAME for sponsoring the “Sensory Friendly” night.

### **Hilary Moyle, Public Safety**

- ❖ Thanked the volunteers and employees for their efforts at Summer Fun Fest, in particular noting how well the city’s fire department blended in and thanked Police Chief Mike Margis, who volunteers his time every night of the event.
- ❖ Said that except for a child who was lost for a short time, there were no incidents or emergencies during the event.
- ❖ Thanked Cortileno’s for sponsoring a golf outing that benefitted the Fire Department.
- ❖ Named Officer Mike Rivara as WAO’s first responder of the month.

### **Greg McDermott, Public Works**

- ❖ Noted his appreciation for both city employees and the volunteers who make Summer Fun Fest successful.
- ❖ Thanked State Rep. Murri Briel and Representative Lauren Underwood for their letters of support.

### **Richard Baldrige, Public Property**

- ❖ Thanked city employees for their part in making Summer Fun Fest an “outstanding” success.
- ❖ Thanked Street Department and Park Dept. employees for their work on the new basketball court. Baldrige noted that residents had asked for a new basketball court and the City listened. He noted that he plans additional improvements at Courtyard Park and encourages residents to get involved.
- ❖ Complimented the new city planters and asked for the public’s help in keeping them looking nice.
- ❖ Expressed his gratitude for the impact that Axe Church’s Hope Week project makes in Oglesby. Ninety-one volunteers, including members of Oglesby Union Church worked late into the night on projects in Oglesby.

### **MAYOR’S REPORT**

- ❖ Read a letter from a family who attended the SFF “Sensory Friendly” night. The mother said her family felt “seen, supported and included,” by the effort. Curran said he hopes to continue the event and thanked North American Midway Entertainment for their support for the event and the kindness shown to participants by the NAME workers.
- ❖ Said that the preview night was not well attended, but felt the city could have done a better job getting the word out about the added night.
- ❖ Also talked about the great work of the Axe Church, saying that he was most impressed with the number of children and teens that were involved.
- ❖ Wished everyone a happy Fourth of July and reminded them to celebrate safely.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Baldrige, **SECONDED BY** McDermott to enter into executive session at 6:52 p.m. to discuss *“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) and “the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).*

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

The Council re-entered regular session at 8:17 p.m.

**ROLLCALL:** Commissioners Rich Baldrige, Austin Cullinan, Gregory McDermott, Hilary Moyle, Mayor Jason Curran were present. City Clerk Becky Clinard and City Attorney Patrick Barry were also present.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Moyle, **SECONDED BY** Baldrige to table the ordinance for a deputy clerk. **AYES:** Baldrige, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Cullinan, **SECONDED BY** McDermott to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. **AYES:** Baldrige, Cullinan, McDermott, Moyle, Curran. **MEETING ADJOURNED.**