

# Regular Meeting Minutes: March 21, 2022

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022, AT CITY HALL. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS ARGUBRIGHT, CURRAN, EUTIS, MAYOR RIVARA, ATTORNEY PATRICK BARRY AND CITY CLERK AMY EITUTIS. ABSENT: CULLINAN

Mayor Rivara states that Commissioner Cullinan is not in attendance due to an illness.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY CURRAN to approve the regular meeting minutes from March 7, 2022. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CURRAN, EUTIS, RIVARA. ABSENT: CULLINAN

Public comments on agenda items only: none

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY CURRAN to approve bills as presented for payment. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CURRAN, EUTIS, RIVARA. ABSENT: CULLINAN

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CURRAN, SECONDED BY ARGUBRIGHT to approve ordinance 1188-032122 purchase of real estate for the City of Oglesby. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CURRAN, EUTIS, RIVARA. ABSENT: CULLINAN

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CURRAN, SECONDED BY ARGUBRIGHT to approve the purchase of water meters from Nighthawk in the amount of \$73,750.00. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CURRAN, EUTIS, RIVARA. ABSENT: CULLINAN. Commissioner Curran explains that there were some issues with the meetings and now believes that the four issues have been rectified and would like to move forward with the purchase of the meters.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY EUTIS to approve the raffle license for the Oglesby Elks Lodge #2360 AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CURRAN, EUTIS, RIVARA. ABSENT: CULLINAN

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CURRAN, SECONDED BY ARGUBRIGHT to approve Tag Day requests for Oglesby Ambulance, Oglesby Fire Department, and the American Legion. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CURRAN, EUTIS, RIVARA. ABSENT: CULLINAN

Commissioner Curran holds a discussion in regard to the Motor Fuel Tax usage of yearly street maintenance. Commissioner Curran discusses gives examples of streets in need of repairs and costs of those streets. Commissioner Curran states there is approximately \$341,000.00 in funds in the motor fuel tax fund. Commissioner Argubright asks what was spent last year to which Commissioner Curran replied approximately \$225,000.00. Commissioner Eutis states he would like to think about it. Commissioner Curran states he doesn't want to wait too long. Mayor Rivara states he thinks the Council can come up with a plan.

Old Business: none.

Public Comments: none

## **Commissioner Reports:**

Argubright: none

Eutis: discusses a dart firearm simulator that was purchased for the Oglesby Police Department. Commissioner Eutis discusses the advantages of the purchase and states it was paid for with drug fund money. Commissioner Eutis discusses blighted properties that he is looking in to.

Cullinan: absent

Curran: branch chipping will begin May 2nd – May 6th, 2022. A new electric pole was installed at the Cedar Creek corner. Commissioner Curran states it is the city's goal to install wide-area lights at the corners within the city.

Mayor's report Blood Drive is 03/24/2022 from 1:00-6:00 p.m. at the Dickinson House. The Dickinson House fundraiser for Cinco de Mayo will be held on 05/01/2022 at Mr. Salsa's from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

The City of Oglesby is not the only municipality that Ameren has not forwarded city taxes to. Mayor Rivara states Ameren has not forwarded the city's share since 1993.

Bids for the city's solar project are due April 1, 2022. The project will be built to the East of the Fire and Ambulance building.

Mayor Rivara gives information in regard to the benefits of having IVCC obtain their electric service from the City of Oglesby.

Reminds residents of the upcoming Summer Fun Fest and the 50/50 raffle occurring June 16th– June 19th, 2022.

Mayor Rivara asks the Council to commit to a date for a working meeting. The council and city attorney decide on March 28, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Chief Hayse speaks up in regard to the funds that were used to purchase the dart simulator in that they were not used from the drug fund but from the money laundering fund.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY EUTIS to adjourn regular session. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CURRAN, EUTIS, RIVARA. ABSENT: CULLINAN

Amy Eitutis, City Clerk

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