

Regular Meeting Minutes: May 18, 2020

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY MAY 18, 2020 AT CITY HALL. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. (The meeting was not open to the public, it was live-streamed on Facebook).

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: ARGUBRIGHT CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, MAYOR RIVARA, ATTORNEY JIM ANDREONI AND CITY CLERK EITUTIS.

A MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FORM THE MAY 4, 2020 MEETING WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY LIJEWSKI. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

Public Comment: none

A MOTION TO APPROVE BILLS AS PRESENTED WAS MADE BY ARGUBRIGHT, SECONDED BY CURRAN. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

Commissioner Curran states that seven bids came in between \$285,000-543,000 and recommends that the council rejects the bids as they were higher than the original estimate of \$180,000-240,000.

A MOTION TO REJECT BIDS FOR THE WATER TOWER PAITING WAS MADE BY CURRAN, SECONDED BY LIJEWSKI. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

Mayor Rivara begins a discussion of a possible ordinance allowing for outdoor dining. Mayor states table on sidewalks could be allowed, social distancing would have to be followed though. Commissioner Lijewski states she is in favor of the possibility. Commissioner Argubright asks what would be included? Attorney Andreoni asks if the City Clerk included Spring Valley's outdoor dining ordinance? Clerk replies that she did. Attorney Andreoni discusses what Spring Valley's ordinance consists of. Commissioner Curran asks if this is temporary or long term? He is in favor of long-term outdoor dining. Mayor Rivara questions asking the businesses help develop the ordinance. Mayor Rivara suggests CABO also get involved. Attorney Andreoni suggests getting the city engineer involved as well. Commissioner Argubright asks about the timeline for getting the ordinance passed. Attorney Andreoni gives more background on Spring Valley's ordinance. Commissioner Curran states he will make contact with Chamlin & Associates. Mayor Rivara states he will make contact with business owners. Commissioner Curran said it would benefit all businesses as well.

Commissioner Curran states the CBDG has been extended. Commissioner Curran is not recommending that the council extend it however. No action is needed on this matter. It is informational only per Commissioner Curran.

Commissioner Curran discusses the electric rate study. BHMG approached Curran previously but at the time, GTI was not up & running. The rate study will take approximately four months

and could possibly create new electric rates. BHMG would be looking back using several factors. Commissioner Argubright asks if a plan will be given to BHMG? Curran states it is not the same as the water rate study. That is an area where they knew a shortage would be. This is not the case with the electric rates. Mayor Rivara states the electric rates are about one penny lower than surrounding area. Commissioner Curran states there are no foreseeable issues with rate increases. The study would be to establish additional rates for industrial users.

A MOTION TO APPROVE A NEW ELECTRIC RATE STUDY WAS MADE BY CURRAN, SECONDED BY ARGUBRIGHT. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

Attorney Andreoni asks the Council to let him know of any upcoming projects so he can forward that information to Auditor Joel Hopkins for preparation of the appropriations ordinance. Attorney Andreoni explains that the appropriation ordinance just sets the maximum spending amount.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY LIJEWSKI, SECONDED BY CURRAN at 7:41 p.m. AYES: ARGUBRIGHT, CULLINAN, CURRAN, LIJEWSKI, RIVARA.

Amy Eitutis, City Clerk