

Minutes: November 17, 2014

A MEETING OF THE OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014, AT CITY HALL. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS DANEKAS, PORTER, RIVARA, MAYOR FINLEY, ATTORNEY JAMES ANDREONI AND CITY CLERK BECKY CLINARD.

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER YBORRA

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY RIVARA to approve the regular meeting minutes from November 3, 2014 meeting. AYES: DANEKAS, PORTER, RIVARA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DANEKAS, SECONDED BY RIVARA to approve the bills as presented: Humana Insurance, \$24,825.27; A.S.K. Enterprises, \$934.85; Aquatic Control, \$1,254.20; AT&T, \$25.81; Brownstown Electric, \$1,302.00; Comcast Cable, \$197.18; Connecting Point, \$840.50; Cosgrove, \$183.20; Dever & Sons, \$420.93; Cathie Edens, \$254.63; Efficient Billing Systems, \$1,813.34; Emergency Medical Products, \$161.64; Envision Healthcare, \$357.00; Fastenal Co., \$4.50; Feece Oil, \$868.11; Global Emergency Products, \$1,235.68; Grainco FS, \$4.35; Grosenbach's Auto, \$78.00; Halm's Auto Parts, \$121.68; Hennepin Food Mart, \$176.41; Hygienic Institute, \$355.55; Il Association of Chiefs, \$110.00; Il Department of Agriculture, \$15.00; IMEA, \$182,780.02; Illini State Bank/VISA, \$362.61; Illinois Valley Cellular, \$586.39; Illinois Valley Excavating, \$495.00; IV Food & Deli, \$69.04; Jack's Gas & Service, \$22.00; John Senica Jr., \$382.45; Kittilson's Garage, \$46.53; LaSalle Office Supply, \$156.99; Locker Room, \$75.00; Martin Equipment, \$333.72; Menards, \$147.49; MES Global, \$342.00; Midwest Mailing & Shipping, \$113.89; Monroe Truck Equipment, \$121.98; Jose Mora-Nieto, \$29.48; Morton Salt, \$15,651.30; Morton Industries, \$90.68; Dollar General, \$107.22; News Tribune, \$1,153.20; Novak Veterinary Hospital, \$141.67; Oglesby Elks, \$100.00; Oglesby Municipal Band, \$4,885.00; Orkin Pest Control, \$164.55; Oscar's, \$729.98; Perona, Peterlin, Andreoni, \$1,373.38; Quad City Electric, \$736.00; Republic Services - Allied Waste, \$18,618.50; Revere Electric, \$276.53; Rush Power Systems, \$991.50; Smith's Sales & Service, \$218.00; St. Margaret's Hospital, \$194.00; St. Margaret's Health, \$86.00; Stevens Service Center, \$34.00; Stop Tech, \$106.24; Stryker Sales, \$5,966.00; TEST, Inc., \$80.00; USA Bluebook, \$1,628.47; WLPO, WAJK, \$300.00. **TOTAL \$275,563.33.** AYES: DANEKAS, PORTER, RIVARA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

There was no comment from the public at this time on agenda items.

Pat Noto then gave a presentation on the FY2014 audit. Noto noted that the practices and financial records (the audit trail) were good. He said the city "always seemed to be 'cash short,'" requiring the city to prioritize spending. He also pointed to the recently passed sales tax increase as a way to lessen the strain on the general fund. Commissioner Danekas pointed out that the city has lost \$4.6 million in EAV in two years - a "big reason every day is a struggle." Attorney Andreoni said that falling home values have been a problem for other municipalities as well. Danekas also said that the large percentage of senior homeowners hurts Oglesby as well as those taxpayers "fall off the tax rolls." Senior citizens can have their EAV "frozen" when they turn 65.

Commissioner Rivara asked about the city's practice of "co-mingling" accounts, saying Oglesby has a "unique accounting system." Noto explained that co-mingling of monies in one checking account is not uncommon, and, is, in fact, the "norm." With there being no more questions for Noto, A MOTION WAS

MADE BY DANEKAS, SECONDED BY PORTER, to place the FY2014 audit on file. AYES: DANEKAS, PORTER, RIVARA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DANEKAS, SECONDED BY RIVARA to place the TIF agreement with Loves' Travel Stops on file. The agreement calls for 62% of the increment generated by the new travel center to be paid to Love's for the remainder of the TIF to cover eligible costs. The city had asked Love's to "pave roads and clean out ditches" said Mayor Finley and this agreement will reimburse them for the cost of those improvements. When Rivara questioned the higher-than-usual percentage, Danekas explained it by saying "if they weren't out there, we'd get zero. With this, we get 38%." Finley also explained that the TIF is set to expire soon and the higher percentage is necessary so that the costs the city agreed to share are paid for.

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Commissioner Rivara then asked the council for permission to close the burn pile at the Electric Shop, noting that it had become a dumping ground for "contractors and residents." Commissioner Porter said he didn't think it was necessary for the council to vote on the closure. Rivara asked for assistance from the police department in monitoring the site and prosecuting anyone caught dumping on the site. Police Chief Jim Knoblauch asked if chain link fence or wire would be put up to stop vehicles from entering the area. Rivara told him that it would be.

Rivara then asked the council to set up a working meeting for the purpose of discussing city finances. Rivara wants to discuss revenues, expenditures, rates and gaming. Rivara wants to address those customers who are "cherry-picking" water and sewer services and not electrical. He also said that he thought it was necessary to "develop and plan and guidelines for the expansion of gaming in the city. I don't want to see gaming on every corner of Oglesby," Rivara said. It was agreed that the council would meet Tuesday, Nov. 25, at 5:15 p.m.

No one in the audience chose to speak at this time.

Commissioners' and Mayor Reports:

Commissioner Danekas said the city was switching health insurance carriers and that a meeting would be held 3 p.m. November 26, 2014, with employees to discuss the changes. It was agreed that the meeting would be posted at city hall in case the mayor or commissioners wished to attend.

Commissioner Porter commented on the recent e-waste recycling event, saying that if anyone had attended or driven by, they could "clearly see" that the company hired to run the event was "overwhelmed." He said that in the future, he would limit the drop off to Oglesby residents only and that he hoped the original vendor, ATR, was available.

A MOTION WAS MADE AT 7:30 P.M. BY PORTER AND SECONDED BY DANEKAS to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing compensation and collective bargaining negotiations. AYES; DANEKAS, PORTER, RIVARA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED

A MOTION WAS MADE AT 8:26 PM TO RESUME THE REGULAR MEETING BY PORTER, SECONDED BY DANEKAS. AYES: DANEKAS, PORTER, RIVARA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY RIVARA to adjourn at 8:27 p.m.

AYES: DANEKAS, PORTER, RIVARA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

Becky Clinard, City Clerk