A MEETING OF THE OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015, AT CITY HALL. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

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

Mayor Finley asked that the council observe a moment of silence for Chippy Kasap. Kasap was a long-time zoning board member.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY RIVARA to approve the regular meeting minutes from April 20, 2015 meeting. AYES: DANEKAS, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DANEKAS, SECONDED BY RIVARA to approve the bills as presented: Oglesby Library District, $13,986.12; Oglesby Police Pension, $51,140.55; Mike Goskusky, $95.45; Illinois Valley Community College, $4,381.24; LP High School, $10,668.21; Oglesby District #125, $14,948.89; Mike Goskusky, $300.00; Oglesby Boys Baseball, $40.00; US Postal Service, $730.94; Robert Kuhar, $435.50; ASK Enterprises, $4,594.80; AEA, Inc., $4,500.00; AFLAC, $117.67; Ameren IP, $846.69; Apple Press, $68.00; BPC, $247.90; BHMG Engineers, $403.44; Call One, $2,358.34; Cintas Safety, $108.74; Comcast Cable, $126.90; Comm. Revolving Fund, $636.05; Compass Minerals, $2,077.79; Connecting Point, $105.95; Double M Trucking, $200.00; Econo Signs, $41.08; Emergency Medical Products, $204.56; Fastenal Co., $318.51; Feece Oil, $1,188.86; Fletcher-Reinhardt, $650.26; Gallagher Materials, $2.989.35; Grainco FS, $383.20; Grosenbach’s Auto Repair, $32.78; Nicole Hackney, $220.36; Hawkins, Inc., $2,140.77; HD Power Supply, $37,715.04; IL Dept. Of Ag., $40.00; IL Public Risk Fund, $12,074.00; IVCH, $67.25; Jacob & Klein, $18,858.21; John’s Sales & Service, $10.77; Kendrick Pest Control, $115.00; LaSalle Office Supply, $109.42; Tina Lincoln, $163.46; Marco, Inc., $105.60; Mautino Distributing, $12.00; Menards, $55.01; Mertel Gravel, $561.38; Dan Moore, $30.00; NCPERS Life, $48.00; NewsTribune, $302.40; Oglesby District #125 (corrected) $3,291.71; Zoraida Ramirez, $69.20; Revere Electric, $4,137.60; Sherwin Williams, $363.78; Abby Smith, $113.63; Spring Valley Ford, $1,126.45; Staples Credit Plan, $213.11; Stryker Sales Corporation, $2,838.60; TEST, Inc., $60.00; Universal Asphalt & Excavating, $60,325.96; Universal, Inc., $1,227.78; USA Bluebook, $497.63; Utility Equipment $360.00; Vance Construction, $500.00; Water Products Co., $9,160.62; WEX Fleet Services, $2,768.82; John Zulkowsky, $292.05. **TOTAL: $278,903.38.** AYES: DANEKAS, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

The Mayor then opened the floor to the public for questions concerning agenda items.

Wanda Lent addressed the board, asking why the council was dissolving the Oglesby Ambulance Board and why members of the ambulance board hadn’t been notified about the action. Commissioner Porter pointed out that there hadn’t been any action taken yet. He said that he believed it was “in the best interest of the City of Oglesby” and would make the ambulance department “more consistent” with other departments. Porter said he was unable to attend the recent board meeting, and that if he had been able, he would have discussed it with the board.

George Cullinan voiced his support for Commissioner Rivara, saying he felt Rivara deserved to continue as Commissioner of the Electric Department. Several other audience members spoke in support of Rivara.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY YBORRA to release executive session minutes through January 19, 2015. AYES: DANEKAS, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY RIVARA TO accept the canvass of votes from the April 7, 2014, election. AYES: DANEKAS, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

CITY CLERK BECKY CLINARD THEN SWORE IN THE NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS: RIVARA, GARY CAREY, PORTER, YBORRA and NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR FINLEY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY YBORRA to enter into executive session at 7:07 p.m. to discuss “the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.” AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY CAREY to resume the regular meeting of the Oglesby City Council at 7:34 p.m. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY CAREY to name Dennis Yborra, commissioner of Streets, Water and Wastewater. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY YBORRA, SECONDED BY CAREY to name Tom Porter commissioner of public health and safety. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY YBORRA, SECONDED BY PORTER to name Gary Carey commissioner of electric. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, YBORRA, FINLEY. NAY: RIVARA. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY YBORRA to name Dominic Rivara as commissioner of finance. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, YBORRA, FINLEY. PASS: RIVARA. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY YBORRA, SECONDED BY RIVARA to appoint Becky Clinard as city clerk. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RIVARA, SECONDED BY CAREY to appoint James Andreoni as legal counsel for the city. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY YBORRA, SECONDED BY PORTER to appoint Sharon Ciesielski, city treasurer. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY YBORRA, SECONDED BY PORTER to appoint Mark Marincic, electric inspector, John Senica Jr., plumbing inspector; Brian Spelich, building inspector, Randy Senica, mechanical inspector. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY RIVARA to accept the list of board appointments prepared by Mayor Finley (the list is attached to the minutes). AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY CAREY to accept the list of chairmanship appointments prepared by Mayor Finley (the list is attached to the minutes). AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY CAREY to place Ordinance No. 896-051815, Wage and Salary for Non-Union City Employees on file. The ordinance addresses the pay of the fire department and fire chief and is retroactive to May 1, 2104. The firefighters will receive the same raises as the city employees, 2 percent for three years. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RIVARA, SECONDED BY YBORRA to table the rezoning request from TC Enterprises. Attorney Andreoni updated the council on the zoning board’s action to continue the hearing until Tuesday, May 12th at 6:30 p.m. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY YBORRA, SECONDED BY PORTER to place the bids for the river access project on file. The engineer’s estimate was $122,176 and the apparent low bidder, J.W. Ossola, bid $101,868. Commissioner Rivara questioned what the bid included, noting that the electric service to the site was not. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY YBORRA to dissolve the Oglesby Ambulance Board. Rivara questioned whether it was in the best interest of the city to dissolve the board. Porter explained that the move made the ambulance department like other city departments. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, YBORRA, FINLEY. NAY: RIVARA. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY YBORRA, SECONDED BY RIVARA to approve sending a letter to IDOT concurring with the awarding of the Walnut Street project to Len Trovero Construction for $715,805.80. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

The mayor then opened the floor for comments. Oglesby resident (and former commissioner) Paul Danekas said he thought it ironic that the person named to represent the city on the IMEA board was not the same person appointed to Commissioner over the electric department. Finley explained that the representative has not always been the electric commissioner.

Greg Stein asked if it was common practice to install water lines underneath the sidewalk instead of under the street. Yborra said that it was not uncommon, and asked Jim Clinard, Oglesby resident and a professional civil engineer, if he concurred. Clinard said it was not unusual and given the width of the right-a-way, he felt it was probably necessary to do so on the Walnut St. project.

Austin Cullinan, an Oglesby resident and unsuccessful commissioner candidate, said that although he was young, he felt that one reason young persons didn’t get involved in the political process was because of “petty political games” being played. He pointed to Commissioner Carey’s appointment as electric commissioner, a post held by Rivara in the last term. Yborra explained that the council was charged with appointing the person best suited for both the role of commissioner of electric and commissioner of finance. A discussion ensued with several members of the audience, until Commissioner Carey ended it by saying “it’s over – the vote was taken. It’s over.”

Commissioner and Mayor Reports:

Rivara said that the Wire Mesh fix was delayed when it was discovered that the wrong part was ordered. The new “elbows” are a special order item and could take 60 to 70 days to come it. Rivara also asked for monthly working meetings and called for the development of a chipping program.

Yborra said the Walnut Street resurfacing project would start after Summer Fun Fest. He also talked about a problem with the pump at Well No. 3, and said he anticipated a “hefty price tag” for the repairs. The city is currently seeking emergency funding for Well No. 4.

Mayor Finley announced the May 9 baseball parade, and said that the commissioners needed to get together and come up with a date for a working meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN AT 8:10 P.M. BY PORTER, SECONDED BY YBORRA. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MEETING ADJOURNED.

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Becky Clinard, City Clerk