A MEETING OF THE OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015, AT CITY HALL. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY RIVARA to approve the regular meeting minutes from May 4, 2015 meeting. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RIVARA, SECONDED BY CAREY to approve the bills as presented: Baker Carving Company, $1,200.00; Rush Truck Centers, $2.987.14; Dan Moore, $182.91; Oglesby District 125, $3,291.71; City of Oglesby, Petty Cash $42.40; AEA, Inc., $7,150.00; Air One Equipment, $2,004.61; Airgas, Inc., $78.05; Ameren IP, $27.00; Apple Press, $577.99; Arrow Sales & Service, $5.00; Brownstown Electric, $6,995.00; BSN Sports, $89.99; C&H Excavating, $4,150.00; Carol’s Upholstery, $352.80; Comcast, $379.55; Comm. Revolving Loan Fund, $636.15; Compete Integration, $300.00; Connecting Point, $2,074.90; Daley’s, $306.50; Teresa Daly, $99.11; Dever & Sons, $506.17; Double M Trucking, $250.00; Dresbach Distributing, $133.80; EJ Cattani, $867.50; Eagle Engraving, $51.80; Cathie Edens, $68.00; Emergency Medical Products, $678.52; Grosenbach’s, $32.78; H&S Contracting, $2,775.00; Halm’s Auto Parts, $595.32; Hawkins, Inc., $886.50; HD Supply, $14,519.00; Charles Holm, $150.00; Hygienic Institute, $355.55; IMEA, $209,915.83; Il Valley Crime Stoppers, $644.00; Illini State Bank, Police Credit Card, $139.97; IV Cellular, $761.23; Independent’s Service Co., $376.82; Holly Isbell, $2.51; IVCH, $182.00; Jack’s Gas & Service, $22.00; John Senica Jr., $604.33; John’s Sales & Service, $119.99; Key Outdoor, $1,240.00; Kittilson’s Garage, $510.55; Knoblauch Advertising, $1,272.50; LaFarge Aggregates, $168.59; LaSalle County Recorder, $180.00; LaSalle Office Supply, $123.97; Marco, Inc. $81.66; Louis Martuzzo, $7.85; Mautino Distributing, $6.00; Menards, $870.16; Motorola, $119.73; MTCO, $287.84; Municipal Well and Pump, $39,915.00; Glen Myer, $430.60; NewsTribune, $729.00; Novak Veterinary, $596.75; Oglesby Elks, $100.00; Perona, Peterlin & Brolley, $1,519.40; Allied Waste, $18,618.50; Rescue Direct, $214.68; Revere Electric, $4,470.81; Dom Rivara, $395.98; Riverstone Group, $251.20; Sherwin Williams, $243.88; Jennifer Simpkins, $214.40; Specialty Landscape, $225.00; Spring Valley Ford, $122.28; Stevens Service Center, $34.00; Stuart Tree Service, $1,680.00; TEST, Inc. $110.00; United Rentals, $187.00; Universal Asphalt, $26,413.00; USA Bluebook, $106.70; Water Products Company, $1,920.60; Witmer Public Safety Group, $328.56. **TOTAL: $369,702.74.** AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Several persons spoke on the rezoning issue before the council. Tod Misener, one of the owners of the property, said that denying the request would be an “undue hardship.”

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY RIVARA to accept Ordinance No. 896-051815, which establishes wages for non-unionized city employees. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RIVARA, SECONDED BY CAREY to accept the letter of recommendation from the Oglesby Board of Zoning Appeals regarding the TC Enterprises building. The ZBA recommended that the zoning request be denied. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RIVARA, SECONDED BY CAREY to deny the rezoning request from TC Enterprises. Mayor Finley explained that denying the request would leave the property zoned as business. Commissioner Porter said that he did not feel that he could “go against” the ZBA’s recommendation. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY RIVARA to table awarding the bid for the River Access Project after Finley asked that the council hold a meeting to discuss the different options available. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY YBORRA to approve Ordinance No. 897-060115, which dissolves the Oglesby Ambulance Board. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, YBORRA, FINLEY. NAYS: RIVARA. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY RIVARA to place on file Ordinance No. 898-060115, which authorizes the sale of city property. Porter explained that Attorney Andreoni drafted the ordinance so that the city could dispose of the Town & Country Minivan that the police department has. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY YBORRA, SECONDED BY PORTER to accept the letter of recommendation from the Design & Review Board concerning the Gillan property. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY YBORRA, SECONDED BY PORTER to authorize a building permit to Greg and Sally Gillan. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY YBORRA, SECONDED BY PORTER, to approve emergency repairs to Well No. 3. Yborra explained that the well pump went out, prompting an emergency situation in which the pump had to be replaced with no time to go out to bid. Yborra estimated the costs to be between $85,000 and $89,000. This is not to be confused with Well No. 4, for which the city is seeking grant monies to repair. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RIVARA, SECONDED BY CAREY to allow Mary Lee McLaughlin to solicit for Dose Insurance door-to-door in Oglesby. Before the vote, Porter said he could not remember a permit issued for an entire year, and asked if anyone else felt that was too long. Commissioner Carey responded that because it was just one person, he didn’t see anything wrong with the extended period. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

At this time, Commissioner Porter introduced Officer Mike Padilla, who was promoted to position of sergeant. Porter briefly talked about Sgt. Jim Cullinan, who recently retired from the department. Porter thanked Cullinan and wished him “the very best in his retirement.”

The Mayor then opened the floor for comments:

Vern Siemers asked how long the city would have to wait to see the Entwistle property cleaned up. The property on Walnut Street recently was destroyed in a fire.

Austin Cullinan voiced his objection to the city council going into executive session to discuss commissioner appointments. Attorney Andreoni did not agree with Cullinan’s assertion that the council had gone into executive session under the wrong exemption as the Illinois Municipal Code “offers no guidance” for the selection of commissioners. Andreoni said that even if Cullinan was correct, the law requires only that the minutes be corrected.

Commissioner & Mayor Reports:

Finance Commissioner Rivara thanked the clerk and Jim Clinard, of Chamlin & Associates, for “sifting through the ordinances and finding the correct zoning” of the TC Enterprises property. He also said that he has “has serious financial questions.” But that the “bottom line is – we have to know where the money is coming from.”

Commissioner Carey said that the city would renew its branch chipping program, possibly as early as July. He expected the city crews to chip 3 to 4 times a year, and after storms. He said that there were no plans to reopen the brush pile.

Commissioner Yborra told the council that larveacide had been placed in catch basins and encouraged residents to avoid having standing water in their yards.

Commissioner Porter reminded residents of the Oglesby Ambulance Association’s pork chop dinner on June 1.

Mayor Finley told residents about the rabies clinic scheduled for Thursday, May 21. He also called for a working meeting on Thursday, May 28, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the river landing project.

A MOTION WAS MADE at 7:31 PM BY PORTER, SECONDED BY CAREY to enter into executive session 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 AT 7:50 PM BY PORTER, SECONDED BY CAREY to resume the regular council meeting. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY YBORRA to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:51 PM. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MEETING ADJOURNED.

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Becky Clinard, City Clerk