A MEETING OF THE OGLESBY CITY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016, AT CITY HALL. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT: YBORRA

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY RIVARA to approve the meeting minutes from the April 18, 2016, meeting. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RIVARA, SECONDED BY PORTER TO APPROVE THE INVOICES AS PRESENTED Health Alliance, $57,460.60; Cathie Edens, $300.00; Richard Watts, $251.86; Oglesby Library District, $14.169.56; Oglesby Police Pension, $51,666.89; IL Municipal Electric Agency, $212,417.53; USPS, $718.68; Dan Moore, $300.00; Ask Enterprises, $6,294.75; Daley’s Super Service, $746.94; Cathie Edens, $214.41; Fastenal Company, $29.55;Itron, $317.64; John’s Service & Sales, $774.01; Mertel Gravel, $762.63; Motorola, $123.32; John Zulkowsky, $300.00; AH Stock Manufacturing, $495.73; Air One, $910.50; Airgas, $28.40; Ameren IP, $39.49; Anixter, $350.00; Apple Press, $80.00; Aquatic Distributors, $1,478.00; BSN Sports, $491.99; D’Vine Floral, $44.00; Double M Trucking, $525.00; Econo Signs, $442.47; Efficient Billing Systems, $782.57; Emergency Medical Products, $1,165.48; Grainco FS, $430.26; Andrew Groleau, $95.00; Halm’s Auto Parts, $15.99; Hawkins, $756.50; Joshua Hayward, $199.16; Holloway’s Portable Restrooms, $270.00; HyVee, $369.91; IL Valley Safety Service, $390.00; Illinois Valley Food and Deli, $115.21; Kittilson’s Garage, $506.13; Knoblauch Advertising, $13,092.29; Jim Krancic, $456.47; Landcomp Landfill, $1,556.57; LaSalle Office Supply, $83.48; Lawson Products, $163.24; Levi Roberts, $117.68; Steve Maltas, $202.82; Mautino Distributing, $18.75; Menards, $166.80; Municipal Well and Pump, $54,910.00; Pomp’s Tire, $618.62; Revere Electric, $2,283.06; Riverstone Group, $445.93; Smith’s Sales and Service, $322.00; Standard Equipment, $785.00; Task Force Tips FF Equipment, $543.89; Jim Vohs, $300.00; Nathan Voss, $154.61; Wex Fleet Services, $2,404.22. **TOTAL: 98,170.57** AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

The Mayor then opened the floor to the public for comments.

Chris Luke, a representative for Wilber Anderson, then addressed the council concerning the variance request. Luke explained that the prospective builders, a couple of octogenarian siblings, wished to build a duplex which required a variance for the 11” the home would encroach upon the rear yard setback and for an additional setback variance to allow for a 6’ covered walkway between the back entrances of the home. The issue had gone before the zoning board a week earlier, at that time the ZBA had voted to recommend that the request be denied. There was some discussion about whether the walkway area was to be enclosed, with Luke saying that it would not be. After Luke answered questions from the commissioners, Dan Fitzgerald, chairman of the ZBA, asked to speak. Fitzgerald said that although he could not speak for all the members, he believed the area was to be enclosed. He also noted that the vote was 5-1, and said that when considering the request, the requester failed to show that denial would present an “exceptional hardship.” Fitzgerald explained that the ZBA is charged with determining if the variance request meets certain criteria, and in their opinion it did not. He said a variance should not be granted “just for the convenience of the homeowner.”

Commissioner Porter said that he was reluctant to go against the decision of the ZBA, but asked Fitzgerald if he felt there were enough questions raised to reconsider the request. Commissioner Rivara (who sits on the ZBA) said he felt the request should go back to the ZBA. It was then determined that the ZBA would reconsider the request at a meeting on May 11, at 6:30 p.m.

Note: The order of Agenda items 7 and 8 were reversed on the advice of Attorney Andreoni.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY CAREY to accept Ordinance No. 920-050216, which authorizes the execution of an intergovernmental agreement establishing the LaSalle County Joint Emergency Telephone System Board. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY RIVARA to accept Ordinance No. 919-050216, which dissolves the Oglesby Emergency Telephone System in order to participate in the LaSalle County Joint Emergency Telephone System Board. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY RIVARA to place on file “the yet unnumbered” ordinance authorizing the execution of an intergovernmental agreement establishing the LaSalle County Joint Emergency Telephone System Board. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RIVARA, SECONDED BY PORTER TO refer a variance request from Wilbur Anderson to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Anderson’s are seeking a setback variance to build a duplex in Heritage Fields Estates. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, YBORRA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY CAREY to approve Ordinance No. 921-050216, which amends the municipal code governing trailer coach parks. Attorney Andreoni explained that a fee on the books had not been collected for a long time, if ever. The council had decided that it was best to remove the fee rather than begin collecting it. This fee came to light when the purchaser of the Walnut Street trailer park inquired about it. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RIVARA, SECONDED BY CAREY to refer the variance request by Wilber Anderson back to the Zoning Board of Appeals for further deliberation. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY CAREY to table Ordinance No. 922-050216, which would have granted the variance request to Wilbur Anderson. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY CAREY to approve Ordinance No. 923-050216, which approves the extension for completion of TIF III. This ordinance is necessary to allow the city to spend funds it will receive in 2017 (for 2016 taxes). The TIF officially ends December 31, 2016. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY CAREY to approve Ordinance No. 924-050216, which approves the extension for completion of TIF IV. This ordinance is necessary to allow the city to spend funds it will receive in 2017 (for 2016 taxes). The TIF officially ends December 31, 2016. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY CAREY to approve Ordinance No. 925-050216, which approves the extension for completion of TIF V. This ordinance is necessary to allow the city to spend funds it will receive in 2017 (for 2016 taxes). The TIF officially ends December 31, 2016. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, FINLEY. MOTION CARRIED.

The Mayor then opened the floor to the public for comments on any topic.

Vern Seimers again voiced his long-running complaints about the properties at 351 and 355 E. Walnut Street. Seimers said the lot at 355 still has a “lot of crap” on it and the “2-story slum house” at 351 had an abandoned vehicle parked on the property. Commissioner Porter said he’d have the police check on the vehicle.

Commissioners & Mayor Reports:

Commissioner Rivara told the council that the clerk was “getting them (the TIF accounts) in line to close them out,” and that he hoped the new website would allow the city to post all the city’s bills online.

Mayor Finley reminded residents about the upcoming Mayor’s parade on Saturday, May 7 at 10 a.m.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PORTER, SECONDED BY CAREY to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. AYES: CAREY, PORTER, RIVARA, FINLEY. MEETING ADJOURNED.

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Becky Clinard, City Clerk