

Ottawa, Illinois  
April 1, 2014

Regular meeting of the Council of the City of Ottawa, Illinois.

Present: Daniel F. Aussem, Wayne A. Eichelkraut Jr., James J. Less, Dale F. Baxter,  
and Mayor Robert M. Eschbach.

Absent: None.

Commissioner Baxter presented minutes of previous meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Baxter that the minutes of a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Ottawa, Illinois, held on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, be approved as recorded in the permanent files of the City Clerk.

Second by Less.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Less, Baxter, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Diane Sanders of the Reddick Mansion Association, invited the community to stop by the mansion for a tour.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Biweekly Salary Payroll.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that the Biweekly Salary Payroll of March 28, 2014, in the amount of \$295,524.35, be approved and warrants issued.

Second by Less.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Less, Baxter, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Monthly Expense Report.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that the Monthly Expense Report of April 1, 2014, showing expenses in the amount of \$544,934.35, be approved and warrants issued.

Second by Baxter.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Less, Baxter, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that a Resolution authorizing the execution of a proposal between the City of Ottawa and Ficek Electric and Communications Systems Inc., which has been on file for public inspection since March 4, 2014, be adopted.

Second by Aussem.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Less, Baxter, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that a Resolution authorizing the acceptance of proposals between the City of Ottawa and Syndeo, which has been on file for public inspection since March 4, 2014, be adopted.

Second by Baxter.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Less, Baxter, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aussem presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Aussem that a Resolution authorizing the execution of a proposal between the City of Ottawa and Vegrzyn Sarver & Associates Inc., regarding the Long Term Control Plan, which has been on file for public inspection since March 4, 2014, be adopted.

Second by Eichelkraut.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Less, Baxter, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aussem presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Aussem that a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a rebate agreement between the City of Ottawa and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, to purchase 6 variable frequency drives, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Less.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Less, Baxter, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aussem presented Request.

Moved by Commissioner Aussem that the Request from the Parks Division to purchase an Exmark mower in the amount of \$10,879.00, be approved and paid for from the General Corporate Fund.

Second by Eichelkraut.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Less, Baxter, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Less presented Report of Fire Chief.

Moved by Commissioner Less that the Report of Fire Chief, Jeffrey A. Newbury, for the month of March 2014, be received and placed on file.

Second by Baxter.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Less, Baxter, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Report of Police Chief.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the Report of Police Chief, Brent A. Roalson, for the month of March 2014, be received and placed on file.

Second by Less.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Less, Baxter, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Report of Registrar.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the Report of Registrar, Shelly L. Munks, for the month of March 2014, be received and placed on file.

Second by Eichelkraut.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Less, Baxter, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Report of Parking Administration.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the Report of the Parking Administration Department showing fines collected of \$580.00, meter coins of \$9.50, and \$40.80 collected by CPI, all for the month of March 2014, be received and placed on file.

Second by Aussem.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Less, Baxter, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Report of Building Official.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the Report of Building Official, Michael J. Sutfin, for the month of March 2014, be received and placed on file.

Second by Eichelkraut.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Less, Baxter, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Ordinance.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that an Ordinance amending Chapter 98 of the municipal code of the City of Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, by the addition of Article III that requires a cable/video service provider fee and a PEG access support fee, be passed and approved.

Second by Less.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Less, Baxter, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Ordinance.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that an Ordinance amending Chapter 110 of the municipal code of the City of Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, regarding the Tree Ordinance, be passed and approved.

Second by Less.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Less, Baxter, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that a Resolution adopting 8 policies in conjunction with the North Central Area Transit system, including a drug and alcohol abuse and misuse policy, a transportation ADA service requirement policy, a vehicle preventative maintenance policy, a marketing plan policy, a fiscal procurement policy, a staff development and training policy, a disadvantaged business enterprise policy and a title VI plan policy, all be adopted.

Second by Baxter.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Less, Baxter, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that a Resolution accepting and approving an amended grant agreement between the City of Ottawa and the Illinois Department of Transportation division of public and intermodal transportation, regarding NCAT, which has been on file for public inspection since March 18, 2014, be adopted.

Second by Eichelkraut.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Less, Baxter, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that a Resolution authorizing the execution of a vehicle grant agreement between the City of Ottawa and the Illinois Department of Transportation, regarding 2 new NCAT buses, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Baxter.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Less, Baxter, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that a Resolution to enter into an agreement for application, administration, and coordination services with NCICG, for an Illinois Bond Fund grant on behalf of the City of Ottawa, regarding the Ottawa Industrial Park Unit 2 project, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Baxter.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Less, Baxter, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that a Resolution authorizing the execution of an Ottawa North TIF District intergovernmental agreement between the City of Ottawa and IVCC District #513, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Eichelkraut.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Less, Baxter, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that a Resolution authorizing the execution of a memorandum of understanding between the City of Ottawa and Heritage Harbor Ottawa Resort Development LLC, regarding the I & M tow path access, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Less.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Less, Baxter, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Report of Zoning Board of Appeals.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the Report of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held on Thursday, March 20, 2014, considering the variances from John Bohler for property located at 515 West Lafayette Street, be received and placed on file. Be it further moved, the Council concur with the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the rear and side yard setback variances all be granted and the follow up Ordinance be passed and approved.

Second by Aussem.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Less, Baxter, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the Request for a variance from Greg Farmer for property located in the 200 block of Michigan Street, be received and referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals for review and recommendation.

Second by Eichelkraut.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Less, Baxter, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Request.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the Request for a variance from Christopher Reding for property located at 434 Christie Street, be received and referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals for review and recommendation.

Second by Less.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Less, Baxter, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Request.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the Request for their "Fill the Helmet" fundraiser from Ottawa Pony League Baseball to solicit funds on Saturday, April 19, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the intersection of Route 23 and Norris Drive, be approved.

Second by Baxter.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Less, Baxter, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Request.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the Request for a fundraiser from Ottawa First to solicit donations on Saturday, June 21, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the intersections of Route 23 and Norris Drive and Route 23 and Main Street, be approved.

Second by Eichelkraut.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Less, Baxter, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Proclamation.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that a Proclamation designating April 13 through April 19 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in the City of Ottawa, be adopted.

Second by Less.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Less, Baxter, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented motion to recess.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that this Council recess into Closed Session to discuss matters of real estate acquisition, a Step III Fire grievance, the Police Benevolent Labor Committee collective bargaining agreement, and personnel.

Second by Less.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Less, Baxter, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Council recessed at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Eschbach presented motion to reconvene.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that this Council reconvene from Closed Session.

Second by Eichelkraut.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Less, Baxter, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Council reconvened at 9:08 p.m.

Mayor Eschbach presented Step III Fire grievance.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the Step III Fire grievance involving Andy Borkowski, be denied.

Second by Baxter.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Less, Baxter, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Police Benevolent Labor Committee agreement.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Ottawa and the Police Benevolent Labor Committee, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Aussem.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Less, Baxter, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented motion to adjourn.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that this regular meeting be adjourned.

Second by Eichelkraut.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Less, Baxter, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly L. Munks, City Clerk