

Ottawa, Illinois  
August 18, 2015

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

Present: Daniel F. Aussem, James J. Less, Tom Ganiere, Wayne A. Eichelkraut Jr.,  
and Robert M. Eschbach.

Absent: None.

Commissioner Aussem presented minutes of previous meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Aussem that the minutes of a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Ottawa, Illinois, held on Tuesday, August 4, 2015, be approved as recorded in the permanent files of the City Clerk.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Katie Troccoli objected to annexation of her property which is proposed later in the agenda. She stated that she owns 25 acres, Daphne Mitchell also owns 25 acres, and Larry Manning owns 5 acres. She has had numerous offers from buyers over the years, but wishes it remain as is. She feels the annexations are illegal.

Daphne Mitchell also addressed the Council and stated that she agrees with Ms. Troccoli. She bought her property in 1987 with the help of Bill Steep. Most times the property is underwater and is open space for animals and birds. She would like the parcel to remain the same. She isn't overly concerned as long as Bob is Mayor, but is unsure of what future Councils may/may not do.

Donna Nordstrom of the Reddick Mansion Board, requested \$6,450.00 of Hotel Motel Tax Dollars to promote and market the Mansion. The building was approved by IDOT to be added to the "attraction" sign on I-80.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Biweekly Salary Payroll.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that the Biweekly Salary Payroll of August 14, 2015, in the amount of \$369,582.23, be approved and warrants issued.

Second by Less.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Monthly Expense Report.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that the Monthly Expense Report of August 18, 2015, showing expenses in the amount of \$971,904.20, be approved and warrants issued.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Monthly Salary Payroll.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that the Monthly Salary Payroll of August 7, 2015, in the amount of \$23,235.00, be approved and warrants issued.

Second by Less.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Monthly Financial Report.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that the Monthly Financial Report of City Clerk, Shelly L. Munks, for the month of July 2015, be received and placed on file.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that a Resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the intergovernmental cooperation agreement between the City of Ottawa and Lee County, regarding NCAT, which has been on file for public inspection since August 4, 2015, be adopted.

Second by Aussem.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aussem presented Request.

Moved by Commissioner Aussem that the Request to purchase 2 trucks through the State Bid for the Water & Wastewater Departments in the amount of \$70,269.25 per truck, be accepted and paid for from the Water & Wastewater Funds.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aussem presented Quote.

Moved by Commissioner Aussem that the Quote from Gaskill & Walton in the amount of \$78,800.00 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant effluent piping project, be accepted and paid for from the Wastewater Fund.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aussem expressed his concern for property owners with properties located on Cherie Lane, Everette Road and Mara Drive. Home owners in this area have had sewer backups in their basements. In the next few weeks, we will be looking into illegal downspout hookups, sump pump hookups, and possible ejector pump installations. We will not do any smoke testing.

Commissioner Ganiere presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Ganiere that a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of an employment agreement for an appointed city official in Andrew Borkowski as Deputy Fire Chief, effective September 10, 2015, which has been on file for public inspection since August 4, 2015, be adopted.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Ganiere congratulated Captain Andy Borkowski on being named Deputy Fire Chief.

Commissioner Less presented Payment.

Moved by Commissioner Less that Engineer's Payment Estimate number 2 for work completed by Advanced Asphalt Company on the 2015 Motor Fuel Tax maintenance of City Streets in the amount of \$67,072.50, be approved and paid for from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Less presented Request.

Moved by Commissioner Less that the Request to purchase a truck through the State Bid for the Public Works Department in the amount of \$61,910.75, be accepted and paid for from the General Corporate Fund.

Second by Aussem.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Less presented Request.

Moved by Commissioner Less that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for Bids for the Main Police & Fire Station HVAC renovations. Bids will be received until Thursday, September 10, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Less presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Less that a Resolution authorizing the execution of a services agreement between the City of Ottawa, the Sports Facilities Advisory LLC, the Ottawa YMCA, and Ottawa Township High School, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Ordinance.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that an Ordinance annexing certain territories to the City of Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, known as 13 surrounded parcels, be passed and approved.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Ordinance.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that an Ordinance annexing certain territories to the City of Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, known as 3 surrounded parcels, be passed and approved.

Second by Aussem.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that a Resolution appointing Christian Newbury, term to expire December 2016 and reappointing Steve Haywood, term to expire December 2017, both to the 911 Board, be adopted.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that a Resolution authorizing the execution of amendment #1 to the agreement for professional services between the City of Ottawa and Fehr Graham, which has been on file for public inspection since June 2, 2015, be adopted.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that a Resolution approving 5 real estate purchase contracts between the City of Ottawa and the LaSalle County tax liquidation program, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Request.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the Request for a fundraiser from Camp Tuckabatchee to solicit donations on Saturday, August 29, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the intersection of Norris Drive and Columbus Street, be approved.

Second by Less.

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

Mayor Eschbach presented Request.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach the Request from the Knights of Columbus to hold their annual tootsie roll drive on Friday, October 2, and Saturday, October 3, 2015, at the intersection of Norris Drive and Columbus Street, be approved.

Second by Aussem.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Proclamation.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that a Proclamation naming August 23 through August 31, 2015, as Overdose Awareness Week in the City of Ottawa, be adopted.

Second by Aussem.

Ayes: Aussem, Ganiere, Eichelkraut, Less, 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 a matter of litigation.

Second by Less.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried. Council recessed at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor Eschbach presented motion to reconvene.

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

Second by Less.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried. Council reconvened at 8:39 p.m.

Mayor Eschbach presented motion to adjourn.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that this regular meeting be adjourned.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly L. Munks, City Clerk