

Ottawa, Illinois  
May 7, 2013

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

Present: Commissioners Daniel F. Aussem, Wayne A. Eichelkraut Jr.,  
Edward V. Whitney, 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, April 16, 2013, and the minutes of a special meeting held on Tuesday, April 30, 2013, be approved as recorded in the permanent files of the City Clerk.

Second by Whitney.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Glenn Rauh, Illinois Valley Cellular President, addressed the Council regarding his company's need for a cell tower to service the downtown area in Ottawa. Mr. Rauh has a lease agreement in place with John Liebhart and asked the Council to consider changing the Zoning Ordinance to allow a tower to be placed on Mr. Liebhart's property.

Don Horn, of Caton Road, brought a piece of property that is totally surrounded, to the Council's attention. He is having noise issues with the parcel due to dirt bikes being allowed to driven on it, since it has never been annexed into the City.

Terry Bell expressed his displeasure with the Core of Engineers wanting to raise the levee at the High School.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Biweekly Salary Payroll.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that the Biweekly Salary Payroll of April 26, 2013, in the amount of \$324,369.40, be approved and warrants issued.

Second by Aussem.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Monthly Expense Report.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that the Monthly Expense Report of May 7, 2013, showing expenses in the amount of \$186,029.23, be approved and warrants issued.

Second by Whitney.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that a Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement between the City of Ottawa and Connecting Point Computer Centers for website development, which has been on file for public inspection since April 30, 2013, be adopted.

Second by Baxter.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that a Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement between the City of Ottawa and the Municipal Code Corporation, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Baxter.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aussem presented Motion.

Moved by Commissioner Aussem that the proposal from Ottawa Masonry Inc. in the amount of \$65,130.00 to tuck point, repair, and clean the damaged stone on City Hall and the steps at two entrances be accepted and paid for from the General Corporate Fund and the formal bidding process be waived due to the specialized service.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: Whitney. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aussem presented Request.

Moved by Commissioner Aussem that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for Bids for the Long Term Control Plan Phase 1.1 Sanitary Sewer Service Connections. Bids will be received until 10:15 a.m. on Friday, May 24, 2013.

Second by Baxter.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Whitney presented Report of Fire Chief.

Moved by Commissioner Whitney that the Report of Fire Chief, Jeffrey A. Newbury, for the month of April 2013, be received and placed on file.

Second by Aussem.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Baxter presented Request.

Moved by Commissioner Baxter that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for Bids for the 2013 Curb Replacement project. Bids will be received until 10:00 a.m. on Monday, June 3, 2013.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Baxter presented Payment.

Moved by Commissioner Baxter that Engineering Statement number 5 and Final from Renwick & Associates Inc., for engineering services performed in connection with the construction of the Adams Street Widening and Resurfacing project, in the amount of \$1,573.72, be approved and paid from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund.

Second by Whitney.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Baxter presented Invoice.

Moved by Commissioner Baxter that the Invoice from the LaSalle County Highway Department in the amount of \$11,384.98 for the City's share to tar and chip Fosse Road, be accepted and paid for from the General Corporate Fund.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Baxter awarded Bid.

Moved by Commissioner Baxter that the Bid from Advanced Asphalt Company in the amount of \$309,955.75, for the Poplar Street reconstruction project be accepted and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the contract.

Second by Whitney.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Whitney, 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 April 2013, be received and placed on file.

Second by Eichelkraut.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Whitney, 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 April 2013, be received and placed on file.

Second by Whitney.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Whitney, 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 \$720.00, \$432.07 collected by CPI, and \$27.12 in meter coins, all for the month of April 2013, be received and placed on file.

Second by Baxter.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Whitney, 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 April 2013, be received and placed on file.

Second by Whitney.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of employment agreements for appointed city officials, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Baxter.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that a Resolution authorizing the execution of a license agreement between the City of Ottawa the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, regarding the re-watering of the I & M Canal, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that a Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement between the City of Ottawa and the Illinois Department of Transportation, regarding LED signals, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that a Resolution authorizing the execution of an intergovernmental cooperation agreement between the City of Ottawa and Lee County, regarding public transportation services, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Baxter.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that a Resolution authorizing the execution of a lease agreement between the City of Ottawa and Illinois Valley PADS, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Whitney.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that a Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement between the City of Ottawa and Ginkgo Planning and Design Inc., for the City's comprehensive and downtown plans, which has been on file for public inspection since April 30, 2013, be adopted.

Second by Whitney.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that a Resolution authorizing the execution of a lease agreement between the City of Ottawa and St. Mary's Hospital in Streator, which has been on file for public inspection since April 30, 2013, be adopted.

Second by Baxter.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach awarded Bid.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the Low Bid from Ruiz Construction in the amount of \$44,107.00 for the Madison Street Streetscape concrete work, be accepted and paid for from the Downtown TIF Fund.

Second by Eichelkraut.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Whitney, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: Baxter. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Request.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for Bids for the Route 23 Pedestrian safety improvement project. Bids will be received until Tuesday, May 28, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Request.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for Requests for Qualifications for the City's broker/consultant services for the employees' medical, dental and prescription plan. RFQ's will be received until Friday, May 17, 2013.

Second by Baxter.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Report of Plan Commission.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the Report of Plan Commission meeting held on Monday, April 1, 2013, considering a proposed amendment to Section 10B of the City of Ottawa's Zoning Ordinance, be received and placed on file. Be it further moved, the Council concur with the recommendation of the Plan Commission except for the removal of the word "other" and the Zoning Ordinance be amended to include barge fleeting operations for transloading and hauling as a conditional use in the Class "R-Rural" Zoning District classification, and the follow up Ordinance be passed and approved.

Second by Baxter.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Final Plat.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the conditional use for a PUD for the Final Plat of Heritage Harbor West Peninsula Unit 5, be received and referred to the Plan Commission for review and recommendation.

Second by Whitney.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Request.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the Request for a variance from Curtis Tuftie for property located at 1451-1455 Ottawa Avenue, be received and referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals for review and recommendation.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Request.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the Request for a fundraiser from the Ottawa Youth Football League to collect funds on Saturday, August 3, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the intersection of Norris Drive and Route 23, be approved.

Second by Aussem.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Request.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the Request for a fundraiser from Rising Above the Waters to collect funds on Saturday, May 18, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the intersection of Norris Drive and Route 23, be approved.

Second by Aussem.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that a Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement between the City of Ottawa and the Illinois Department of Revenue, regarding the tobacco grant, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Eichelkraut.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Whitney, 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 Whitney.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly L. Munks, City Clerk