

Ottawa, Illinois  
August 7, 2012

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, July 17, 2012, 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.

A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD ON THE PROPOSED CLINTON STREET VACATION TO HAROLD CLEMENS. WITH NO ONE PUBLICLY COMMENTING, THE HEARING WAS DECLARED CLOSED AT 7:10 P.M.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Biweekly Salary Payroll.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that the Biweekly Salary Payroll of July 20, 2012, in the amount of \$379,452.16, and the Biweekly Salary Payroll of August 3, 2012, in the amount of \$344,997.15, be approved and warrants issued.

Second by Whitney.

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 August 7, 2012, showing expenses in the amount of \$983,908.99, be approved and warrants issued.

Second by Aussem.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Motion.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that the City of Ottawa refinance its 2008 and 2010 Debt Certificates along with an IEPA loan to potentially save approximately \$862,000.00 over the next 19 years while retaining the call feature with First National Bank of Ottawa.

Second by Whitney.

Mayor Eschbach then explained that City Treasurer, Don Harris, resigned from his City Treasurer position due to his employment status with the bank.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aussem presented Ordinance.

Moved by Commissioner Aussem that an Ordinance amending Chapter 106, Section 106-154 of the Municipal Code of the City of Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, regarding sewer service charges, which has been on file for public inspection since July 17, 2012, be passed and approved.

Second by Whitney.

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 July 2012, be received and placed on file.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Whitney presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Whitney that a Resolution authorizing the execution of a service agreement between the City of Ottawa and Motorola, regarding the radios, 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 Baxter presented Ordinance.

Moved by Commissioner Baxter that an Ordinance vacating a portion of a public street known as Clinton Street, to Harold Clemens, for the sum of \$10,000.00. be passed and approved.

Second by Whitney.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Baxter presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Baxter that a Resolution for maintenance of streets appropriating \$500,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds, be adopted.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Baxter presented Payment.

Moved by Commissioner Baxter that Invoice No. 1 from Renwick & Associates for preliminary engineering services performed in connection with the 2012 Motor Fuel Tax maintenance of city streets, in the amount of \$19,234.58, 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.

Mayor Eschbach presented Report of Police Chief.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the Report of Police Chief, Brian L. Zeilmann, for the month of July 2012, be received and placed on file.

Second by Aussem.

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 July 2012, 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 Parking Administration.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the Report of the Parking Administration Department showing fines collected of \$715.00, \$364.00 collected by CPI, and \$48.38 of meter coins, for the month of July 2012, 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 July 2012, 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 Sidewalk Program.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the Report of the Sidewalk Program showing 4 participants in the amount of \$2,250.00, for the month of July 2012, be received and paid for from the General Corporate Fund.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Ordinance.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that an Ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a redevelopment agreement between the City of Ottawa and Phyllis Walsh, for a Ford/KIA dealership on the former Value City property, which has been on file for public inspection since July 17, 2012, be passed and approved.

Second by Whitney.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Ordinance.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that an Ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Ottawa and Wallace School District #195, regarding the I-80 Commercial TIF District, which has been on file for public inspection since July 17, 2012, be passed and approved.

Second by Whitney.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Ordinance.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that an Ordinance amending Article 6 of Chapter 22 of the Municipal Code of the City of Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, regarding swimming pools, be passed and approved.

Second by Baxter.

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

Nays: Whitney. 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 Robinson Engineering Ltd., regarding pedestrian traffic signals and sidewalks on Route 23, which has been on file for public inspection since July 17, 2012, be adopted.

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 and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for property located along the I & M Canal, which has been on file for public inspection since July 17, 2012, be adopted.

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 a technical service grant agreement between the City of Ottawa and IDOT for commuter rail, 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 acceptance and execution of an economic development TARP agreement between the City of Ottawa and IDOT for Kohl's Drive and MBL Drive, 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 reappointing Jeff Heimsoth, Jeff Johnson, Kevin Steward and appointing Matt Skelly, all to the Ottawa Visitors Center Board of Directors, 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 reappointing Dan Bittner, Charles Sheridan, John Stone, Steve Walsh, and Todd Volker, and appointing Aaron Battistelli, all to the Zoning Board of Appeals, be adopted.

Second by Aussem.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Whitney, 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, July 19, 2012, considering a side yard setback variance from Keith Stevenson for property located at 701 Second Avenue, be received and placed on file. Be it further moved, the Council concur with the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the variance request be granted and the follow up Ordinance be passed and approved.

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 the Sign Ordinance from Rick Marketti for MKM Oil located at 603 East Norris Drive, be received and referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals for review and recommendation.

Second by Baxter.

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 Theresa Poundstone for property located at 219 Buchanan Street, be received and referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals for review and recommendation.

Second by Baxter.

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 conditional use permit from Gary and Carol Kirkpatrick for property located at 621 Shabbona Street, be received and referred to the Plan Commission 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 from staff for various Zoning Ordinance revisions, be received and referred to the Plan Commission for review and recommendation.

Second by Baxter.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Request.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the Request for fundraisers from the Ottawa Firefighters to solicit funds on Friday, August 10, 2012, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the intersection of Lafayette Street and LaSalle Street, and on Saturday, August 18, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the intersection of Norris Drive and Columbus Street, be approved.

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 from the VFW to hold their annual Poppy Days fundraiser on Friday, September 7, and Saturday, September 8, 2012, at the intersection of Norris Drive and Columbus Street, be approved.

Second by Aussem.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented motion to recess.

Moved by Mayor that this Council recess into Closed Session to discuss matters of collective bargaining and personnel.

Second by Whitney.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Council recessed at 7:42 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, 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 Aussem.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly L. Munks, City Clerk