

Ottawa, Illinois  
February 7, 2023

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

Present: Wayne A. Eichelkraut Jr., Thomas G. Ganiere, Marla K. Pearson,  
James J. Less, and Mayor Daniel F. Aussem.

Absent: None.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented minutes of previous meetings.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that the minutes of a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Ottawa, Illinois, held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, and the minutes of a special meeting held on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, both be approved as recorded in the permanent files of the City Clerk.

Second by Less.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Ray Jackson, of Odd Fellow's Ottawa Lodge #41, spoke about the Odd Fellows being chartered in 1848 and they are celebrating their 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Mr. Jackson explained that they have scholarship programs available and meet the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.

Dick Chavez spoke on behalf of the skateboarders. The City's Skate Park is in disrepair and he would like to work with the City to explore grant opportunities.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Biweekly Salary Payroll.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that the Biweekly Salary Payroll of January 20, 2023, in the amount of \$503,339.21, and the Biweekly Salary Payroll of February 3, 2023, in the amount of \$479,981.89, both be approved and warrants issued.

Second by Less.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Monthly Expense Report.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that the Monthly Expense Report dated February 7, 2023, showing expenses in the amount of \$1,701,375.77, be approved and warrants issued.

Second by Pearson.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Ordinance.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, alternate revenue source, of the City of Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,550,000.00 for the purpose of paying the costs of certain capital improvements in and for the City, including a swimming pool, be passed and approved.

Second by Pearson

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, and Mayor Aussem.

Nays: Less. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that a Resolution accepting ARPA funds and executing an ARPA subrecipient agreement between the City of Ottawa and LaSalle County, regarding NCAT conversion vans, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that a Resolution authorizing the execution of an engagement letter between the City of Ottawa and Chapman & Cutler, for the 2023 bond issue, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Ganiere presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Ganiere that a Resolution authorizing the execution of service agreements between the City of Ottawa and Altorfer Power Systems, for generators located at 515 Illinois Avenue and 828 E. Norris Drive, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Pearson.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Less presented Report of Police Chief.

Moved by Commissioner Less that the Report of Police Chief, Brent A. Roalson, for the month of January 2023, be received and placed on file.

Second by Pearson.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Less presented Report of Fire Chief.

Moved by Commissioner Less that the Report of Fire Chief, Brian Bressner, for the month of January 2023, be received and placed on file.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Less presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Less that a Resolution authorizing the execution of a preventative maintenance agreement between the City of Ottawa and Braniff Communications Inc., regarding the City's warning sirens, which has been on file for public inspection since January 17, 2023, be adopted.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Report of Registrar.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that the Report of Registrar, Shelly L. Munks, for the month of January 2023, be received and placed on file.

Second by Less.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Report of Parking Administration.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that the Report of the Parking Administration Department showing fines collected of \$1,169.00 for the month of January 2023, be received and placed on file.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Report of Building Official.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that the Report of Building Official, Mathew W, Stafford, for the month of January 2023, be received and placed on file.

Second by Less.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that a Resolution authorizing the execution of a license agreement for improvements on public right of way between the City of Ottawa and the 921 Pine Street Ottawa Partnership LLC, regarding stairs, a small patio, and landscaping located in the City's right of way, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that a Resolution authorizing the execution of an amended water tower license agreement for broadband wireless facilities between the City of Ottawa and Surf Air Wireless LLC, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that a Resolution authorizing the execution of an amended right of way agreement for broadband internet access service between City of Ottawa and Surf Air Wireless LLC, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Pearson.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that a Resolution reappointing Brent Barron, John Stone, and Todd Volker, terms to expire March 2025, and Molly Hughes, Jonathan Ruiz, and Curt Sesto, terms to expire March 2026, all to the Plan Commission, be adopted.

Second by Less.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that a Resolution reappointing Steve Malinsky, term to expire September 2025, to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, be adopted.

Second by Less.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that a Resolution reappointing Dan Bittner, term to expire July 2025, to the Zoning Board of Appeals, be adopted.

Second by Pearson.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that a Resolution reappointing Don Ganiere, term to expire February 2026, and appointing Brian Bressner and Halm Electric, terms to expire February 2026 and February 2027 respectively, all to the Electrical Commission, be adopted.

Second by Eichelkraut.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Pearson, Less and Mayor Aussem.

Nays: None. Motion carried. Ganiere abstained.

Mayor Aussem presented Request.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that the Request for a fundraiser from Pet Project to collect donations at the intersection of Route 23 and Norris Drive on Saturday, June 3, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., be approved.

Second by Less.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Request.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that a Request for a fundraiser from Ottawa First to collect donations at the intersection of Route 23 and Norris Drive on Saturday, June 10, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., be approved.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Proclamation.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that a Proclamation celebrating the Order of Odd Fellows Ottawa Lodge #41's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, be adopted.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Quote.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that the Quote received from Grand Rapids Enterprises in the amount of \$18,500.00 to demolish property located at 740 West Norris Drive, be approved and paid for from Grant proceeds.

Second by Pearson.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Quote.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that the Quote received from Grand Rapids Enterprises in the amount of \$14,500.00 to demolish property located at 230 Anita Drive, be approved and paid for from Grant proceeds.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented motion to recess.

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

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried. Council recessed at 7:22 p.m.

Mayor Aussem presented motion to reconvene.

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

Second by Pearson.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented motion to adjourn.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that this regular meeting be adjourned.

Second by Pearson.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried. Council adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Shelly L. Munks*

Shelly L. Munks City Clerk