

Ottawa, Illinois  
December 19, 2023

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

Present: Mayor Robert Hasty, Commissioners Wayne A. Eichelkraut Jr., Thomas G. Ganiere, Marla K. Pearson and Brent F. Barron.

Absent: None.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented minutes of previous meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that the minutes of a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Ottawa, Illinois, held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, be approved as recorded in the permanent files of the City Clerk.

Second by Ganiere.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, Barron and Mayor Hasty.

Nays: None.

A public hearing was held for the \$1,247,792.00 Public Infrastructure and \$650,000.00 Housing Rehabilitation Construction Grants. Staff from NCICG, including Connie Buchanan, Richard Norwood and Kevin Lindeman explained the criteria for both grants. With no one from the public commenting, the hearings were declared closed at 7:15 p.m.

A public hearing was held next on the Tax Levy. Finance Commissioner Wayne Eichelkraut and City Treasurer Don Harris explained the components of the levy. With no one publicly commenting, the public hearing was declared closed at 7:18 p.m.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Biweekly Salary Payroll.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that the Biweekly Salary Payroll of December 8, 2023, in the amount of \$565,242.81, be approved and warrants issued.

Second by Pearson.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, Barron and Mayor Hasty.

Nays: None.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Bimonthly Expense Report.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that the Bimonthly Expense Report dated December 19, 2023, showing expenses in the amount of \$1,173,680.25, be approved and warrants issued.

Second by Barron.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, Barron and Mayor Hasty.

Nays: None.

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 November 2023, be received and placed on file.

Second by Ganiere.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, Barron and Mayor Hasty.

Nays: None.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Ordinance.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that an Ordinance levying taxes in the City of Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2023, and ending April 30, 2024, and authorizing the City Clerk of the City of Ottawa to certify to the County Clerk of LaSalle County, Illinois, the several amounts required to be raised by taxation for the corporate purposes of said City for said fiscal year, which has been on file for public inspection since December 5, 2023, be passed and approved.

Second by Pearson.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, Barron and Mayor Hasty.

Nays: None.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Ordinance.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that an Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2023 to pay debt service on \$2,485,000.00 worth of taxable general obligation bonds, alternate revenue source, of the City of Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, be passed and approved.

Second by Barron.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, Barron and Mayor Hasty.

Nays: None.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Ordinance.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that an Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2023 to pay the principal and interest on \$4,770,000.00 worth of general obligation bonds, waterworks and sewerage system alternate revenue source, Series 2017, of the City of Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, be passed and approved.

Second by Pearson.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, Barron and Mayor Hasty.

Nays: None.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Ordinance.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that an Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2023 to pay the principal and interest on \$3,700,000.00 worth of general obligation bonds, waterworks and sewerage system alternate revenue source, Series 2020, of the City of Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, be passed and approved.

Second by Barron.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, Barron and Mayor Hasty.

Nays: None.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Ordinance.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that an Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2023 to pay the principal and interest on \$4,520,000.00 worth of taxable general obligation bonds, alternate revenue source, Series 2021A, of the City of Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, be passed and approved.

Second by Ganiere.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, Barron and Mayor Hasty.

Nays: None.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Ordinance.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that an Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2023 to pay the principal and interest on \$8,860,000.00 worth of general obligation bonds, waterworks and sewerage system alternate revenue source, Series 2021B, of the City of Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, be passed and approved.

Second by Barron.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, Barron and Mayor Hasty.

Nays: None.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Ordinance.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that an Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2023 to pay the principal and interest on \$5,095,000.00 worth of general obligation bonds, alternate revenue source, Series 2022A, of the City of Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, be passed and approved.

Second by Pearson.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, Barron and Mayor Hasty.

Nays: None.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Ordinance.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that an Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2023 to pay the principal and interest on \$1,530,000.00 worth of general obligation bonds, alternate revenue source, Series 2022B, of the City of Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, be passed and approved.

Second by Ganiere.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, Barron and Mayor Hasty.

Nays: None.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Ordinance.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that an Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2023 to pay the principal and interest on \$1,415,000.00 worth of general obligation bonds, alternate revenue source, Series 2023, of the City of Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, be passed and approved.

Second by Pearson.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, Barron and Mayor Hasty.

Nays: None.

Commissioner Ganiere presented Quote.

Moved by Commissioner Ganiere that the Quote received from Seiler in the amount of \$3,959.43 to purchase accident reconstruction equipment for use by the Ottawa Police Department, be approved and paid for from the DUI Fund.

Second by Pearson.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, Barron and Mayor Hasty.

Nays: None.

Commissioner Ganiere presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Ganiere that a Resolution authorizing the execution of a subscription services agreement between the City of Ottawa and Leads Online LLC, for the Ottawa Police Department, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Pearson.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, Barron and Mayor Hasty.

Nays: None.

Commissioner Pearson presented Quote.

Moved by Commissioner Pearson that the Quote received from NuToys Leisure Products in the amount of \$100,020.00 for the Peck Park playground equipment, be approved and paid for from the General Corporate Fund.

Second by Eichelkraut.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, Barron and Mayor Hasty.

Nays: None.

Commissioner Pearson presented Quote.

Moved by Commissioner Pearson that the Quote received from Water Odyssey by Fountain People in the amount of \$92,781.08 for the Peck Park splash pad, be approved and paid for from the General Corporate Fund.

Second by Ganiere.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, Barron and Mayor Hasty.

Nays: None.

Commissioner Barron announced that the watermain extension project on First Avenue is almost complete.

Mayor Hasty presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Hasty that a Resolution authorizing the execution of an amended settlement agreement between the City of Ottawa, Aaron Gretencord, and AFSCME Local 2819, which has been on file for public inspection since December 5, 2023, be adopted.

Second by Pearson.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, Barron and Mayor Hasty.

Nays: None.

Mayor Hasty presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Hasty that a Resolution authorizing the execution of a settlement agreement between the City of Ottawa and AFSCME Local 2819, regarding pending drug testing arbitration, which has been on file for public inspection since December 5, 2023, be adopted.

Second by Pearson.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, Barron, and Mayor Hasty.

Nays: None.

Mayor Hasty presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Hasty that a Resolution authorizing the execution of a memorandum of understanding between the City of Ottawa and AFSCME Local 2819, regarding a drug testing policy, which has been on file for public inspection since December 5, 2023, be adopted.

Second by Ganiere.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, Barron and Mayor Hasty.

Nays: None.

Mayor Hasty presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Hasty that a Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement between the City of Ottawa and Civicplus LLC, for the City's website, which has been on file for public inspection since December 5, 2023, be adopted.

Second by Eichelkraut.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, Barron and Mayor Hasty.

Nays: None.

Mayor Hasty presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Hasty that a Resolution appointing James Reilly, term to expire December 2026, to the Civil Service Commission of the City of Ottawa, Illinois, be adopted.

Second by Barron.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, Barron and Mayor Hasty.

Nays: None.

Mayor Hasty presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Hasty that a Resolution authorizing the execution of a license agreement between the City of Ottawa and Kenneth and Debra Knoll to install a frame on the building at 227-229 W. Main Street to insert and rotate murals, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Pearson.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, Barron and Mayor Hasty.

Nays: None.

Mayor Hasty presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Hasty that a Resolution authorizing the execution of a release of mortgage with Pilkington North America Inc., be adopted.

Second by Barron.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, Barron and Mayor Hasty.

Nays: None.

Mayor Hasty presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Hasty that a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute all 2024 Music Performance agreements, be adopted.

Second by Eichelkraut.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, Barron and Mayor Hasty.

Nays: None.

Mayor Hasty presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Hasty that a Resolution of Support and Commitment of \$20,000.00 worth of General Corporate Funds for use in conjunction with an Illinois Community Development Block Grant, be adopted.

Second by Pearson.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, Barron and Mayor Hasty.

Nays: None.

Mayor Hasty presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Hasty that a Resolution of Support and Commitment of \$303,198.00 worth of Stormwater Management Funds for use in conjunction with an Illinois Community Development Block Grant, be adopted.

Second by Barron.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, Barron and Mayor Hasty.

Nays: None.

Mayor Hasty presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Hasty that a Resolution approving the 2024-2026 Local Administrative policy and Procedures Manual for the Housing Rehabilitation Plan, be adopted.

Second by Eichelkraut.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, Barron and Mayor Hasty.

Nays: None.

Mayor Hasty announced the alcohol hours for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, the cancellation of the January 2, 2024, Council meeting, and the last Saturday for Santa house hours as 11am-1pm this coming Saturday.

Mayor Hasty presented motion to adjourn.

Moved by Mayor Hasty that this regular meeting be adjourned.

Second by Eichelkraut.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, Barron and Mayor Hasty.

Nays: None. Council adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Shelly J. Munks*

City Clerk