

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 meetings.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that the minutes of a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Ottawa, Illinois, held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, and a special meeting held on Thursday, December 5, 2024, both 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 on the City's tax levy. The levy is up 7.47% from the prior year but the levy rate will decline. The City's EAV is up around 12% which equates to 9.5 cents per \$100.00 of assessed valuation. We are requesting \$665,000.00 over last year. The hearing was declared closed by Mayor Hasty at 7:03 p.m.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Biweekly Salary Payroll.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that the Biweekly Salary Payroll of December 6, 2024, in the amount of \$701,301.42, 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 17, 2024, showing expenses in the amount of \$1,411,927.10, be approved and warrants issued.

Second by Ganiere.

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. Roalson, for the month of November 2024, be received and placed on file.

Second by Pearson.

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, 2024, and ending April 30, 2025, 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 3, 2024, 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 2024 to pay debt service on \$2,485,000 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 2024 to pay principal and interest on \$4,770,000 taxable 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 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 2024 to pay principal and interest on \$3,700,000 taxable 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 2024 to pay principal and interest on \$4,520,000 taxable general obligation bonds (alternate revenue source) Series 2021A 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 2024 to pay principal and interest on \$8,860,000 taxable 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 2024 to pay principal and interest on \$5,095,000 taxable general obligation bonds (alternate revenue source) Series 2022A 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 2024 to pay principal and interest on \$1,530,000 taxable general obligation bonds (alternate revenue source) Series 2022B 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 2024 to pay principal and interest on \$1,415,000 taxable general obligation bonds (alternate revenue source) Series 2023 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 Wayne Eichelkraut wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and reminded that there is one more weekend of the Chris Kringle market.

Commissioner Ganiere presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Ganiere that a Resolution authorizing the execution of a proposal for grant assistance services by Lexipol for a radio grant for the Fire Department, which has been on file for public inspection since December 3, 2024, be adopted.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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 memorandum of understanding between the City of Ottawa and multiple Fire Departments, regarding regional assistance for a Firefighters Grant for radios, which has been on file for public inspection since December 3, 2024, be adopted.

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 Air One Equipment Inc. in the amount of \$20,196.00 to purchase 66 hoses for the Fire Department, 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 Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Pearson that a Resolution authorizing the execution of an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Ottawa and LaSalle County, regarding seal coating of various City streets, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None.

Commissioner Barron presented Change Order.

Moved by Commissioner Barron that Change Order #1 from J.W. Ossola Company Inc. in the increased amount of \$4,089.00, for the 2024 Oak Terrace Drive water main extension project, be accepted and paid for from the Water Fund.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Hasty presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Hasty that a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of an employment agreement for an appointed City Official in Haley Roalson as Office Assistant to Finance, which has been on file for public inspection since December 3, 2024, 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 Michael Cheatham as Chief of Police and authorizing the execution of his employment agreement, which has been on file for public inspection since December 5, 2024, 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 appointing Marc Hoster as Police Captain and authorizing the execution of his employment agreement, which has been on file for public inspection since December 5, 2024, 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 appointing Tim Mc Taggart to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, term to expire September 30, 2027, be adopted.

Second by Ganiere.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson and Mayor Hasty.

Nays: None.

Mayor Hasty presented Proclamation.

Moved by Mayor Hasty that a Proclamation thanking Retiring Chief of Police Brent Roalson, for his years of service and congratulating him on his retirement from the Ottawa Police Department, be adopted.

Second by Ganiere.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson and Mayor Hasty.

Nays: None.

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 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly J. Munks, City Clerk