

Ottawa, Illinois  
March 4, 2025

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

Present: Mayor Robert Hasty, Commissioners Wayne E. 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, February 18, 2025, 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.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Biweekly Salary Payroll.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that the Biweekly Salary Payroll of February 28, 2025, in the amount of \$622,577.80, 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 March 4, 2025, showing expenses in the amount of \$1,172,106.14, be approved and warrants issued.

Second by Barron.

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

Nays: None.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of employment agreements for Benjamin Clark as NCAT Facilities Assistant and Mariah Vickrey as NCAT Dispatch Supervisor, which has been on file for public inspection since February 18, 2025, be adopted.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of an employment agreement for Cortney DeArcos as Accounts Payable Clerk, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Pearson.

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

Nays: None.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that a Resolution authorizing the execution of a commercial lease agreement between the City of Ottawa and Joel Smith, for property located at 1603 Peoria Street in Peru for NCAT, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Barron.

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

Nays: None.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that a Resolution authorizing the execution of a grant and security agreement between the City of Ottawa and the Illinois Department of Transportation, for NCAT, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None.

Commissioner Eichelkraut reminded of the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Ganiere presented Report of Police Chief.

Moved by Commissioner Ganiere that the Report of Police Chief, Michael J. Cheatham, for the month of February 2025, be received and placed on file.

Second by Pearson.

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

Nays: None.

Commissioner Ganiere presented Report of Fire Chief.

Moved by Commissioner Ganiere that the Report of Fire Chief, Brian R. Bressner, for the month of February 2025, be received and placed on file.

Second by Barron.

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 proposal with Altorfer Power Systems for a generator for the South water tower to improve radio communications, which has been on file for public inspection since February 18, 2025, 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 proposal with Halm Electrical Contracting Inc. for installation services for the South water tower generator, which has been on file for public inspection since February 18, 2025, be adopted.

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 and ratifying a grant agreement between the City of Ottawa and the Illinois State Fire Marshall, for a small equipment grant, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Barron.

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 a proposal for structural engineering services by Chamlin & Associates Inc. for bridge inspections on Champlain Street, Post Street and the I-80 pedestrian bridge, which has been on file for public inspection since February 18, 2025, be adopted.

Second by Ganiere.

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 a proposal for professional engineering services by Chamlin & Associates Inc. for the south deck replacement project at IVCC, which has been on file for public inspection since February 18, 2025, be adopted.

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 a design and engineering inspection services agreement between the City of Ottawa and Renwick & Associates Inc., for the 2025 Curb Replacement Project, which has been on file for public inspection since February 18, 2025, be adopted.

Second by Barron.

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 a maintenance engineering agreement between the City of Ottawa and Renwick & Associates Inc., for the 2025 Street Maintenance program, which has been on file for public inspection February 18, 2025, be adopted.

Second by Ganiere.

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 a proposal for professional design engineering services by Chamlin & Associates Inc for the Post Street bridge replacement, which has been on file for public inspection since February 18, 2025, be adopted.

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 a grant agreement between the City of Ottawa and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, for an OSLAD Community Park Acquisition Grant, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Barron.

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

Nays: None.

Commissioner Pearson presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Pearson that a Resolution requesting permission from the Illinois Department of Transportation to temporarily close LaSalle Street from LaFayette Street to Lincoln Place from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 14, 2025, for the Ottawa Family Pride Festival Parade, be adopted.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None.

Commissioner Pearson presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Pearson that a Resolution requesting permission from the Illinois Department of Transportation to temporarily close LaSalle Street from LaFayette Street to Lincoln Place from 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 5, 2025, for the Fall Festival Parade, be adopted.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None.

Commissioner Pearson presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Pearson that a Resolution requesting permission from the Illinois Department of Transportation to temporarily close the southbound lane of LaSalle Street and portions of other City streets from 5:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, 2025, for the Run Starved Rock Country Marathon, be adopted.

Second by Barron

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, and Barron.

Nays: None. Mayor Hasty abstained.

Commissioner Pearson added that we having been receiving several special event requests so far this year, so we should have a lot to do this Spring and Summer.

Commissioner Barron awarded Bid.

Moved by Commissioner Barron that the Low bid received from John Pohar & Sons Inc. in the amount of \$55,808.00 for the Caton Road watermain extension project, be approved, accepted, and paid for from the Water Fund.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Hasty presented Report of Registrar.

Moved by Mayor Hasty that the Report of Registrar, Shelly L. Roalson, for the month of February 2025, be received and placed on file.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Hasty presented Report of Parking Administration.

Moved by Mayor Hasty that the Report of the Parking Administration showing fines collected of \$3,875.00 for the month of February 2025, be received and placed on file.

Second by Pearson.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Hasty presented Report of Building Official.

Moved by Mayor Hasty that the Report of Building Official, Mathew W. Stafford, for the month of February 2025, be received and placed on file.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Hasty presented Ordinance.

Moved by Mayor Hasty that an Ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a TIF redevelopment agreement between the City of Ottawa and Ottawa Investment Group LLC, for property located at 603 LaSalle Street, which has been on file for public inspection since February 18, 2025, be passed and approved.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Hasty presented Ordinance.

Moved by Mayor Hasty that an Ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a TIF redevelopment agreement between the City of Ottawa and Ottawa Investment Group LLC, for property located at 616-618 Court Street, which has been on file for public inspection since February 18, 2025, be passed and approved.

Second by Pearson.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Hasty presented Ordinance.

Moved by Mayor Hasty that an Ordinance adding Section 22-127 to the Municipal Code of the City of Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, regarding agricultural use exemption permits, be passed and approved.

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 fireworks display agreement between the City of Ottawa and J & M Displays Inc. for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks, which has been on file for public inspection since February 18, 2025, 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 a settlement agreement between the City of Ottawa, AFSCME Local 2819, and Terrell Shepherd, regarding a personal day, which has been on file for public inspection since February 18, 2025, be adopted.

Second by Barron.

Ayes: Eichelkraut and Barron.

Nays: Ganiere, Pearson and Mayor Hasty. Motion failed.

Mayor Hasty presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Hasty that a Resolution authorizing the execution of 12 annexation agreements between the City of Ottawa and various property owners in Fields Hill, be received and placed on file. Be it further moved, a public hearing be set on these said annexation agreements for Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

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 license agreement #5256 between the City of Ottawa and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, for the I & M Canal parking lot, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Hasty presented Report of Plan Commission.

Moved by Mayor Hasty that the Report of the Plan Commission meeting held on Monday, February 24, 2025, considering the Final Plat for Ottawa Industrial Park Unit 2 Re subdivision #1 submitted by Amazon.com Services LLC, be received and placed on file. Be it further moved, the Council concur with the recommendation of the Plan Commission and the Final Plat be approved and the follow up Ordinance be passed and approved.

Second by Pearson.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Hasty presented Report of Plan Commission.

Moved by Mayor Hasty that the Report of the Plan Commission meeting held on Monday, February 24, 2025, considering the Preliminary and Final Plats for the Better Farming Association #1 Subdivision, be received and placed on file. Be it further moved, the Council concur with the recommendation of the Plan Commission and the Preliminary and Final Plats be approved and the follow up Ordinance be passed and approved.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Hasty presented motion to recess.

Moved by Mayor Hasty that this Council recess into Closed Session to discuss a matter of collective bargaining involving a Step III Police grievance.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Council recessed at 7:21 p.m.

Mayor Hasty presented motion to reconvene.

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

Second by Pearson.

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

Nays: None.

Mayor Hasty presented Motion.

Moved by Mayor Hasty that Corporation Counsel be directed to file a written response to deny the Step III Police grievance involving Scott Harden.

Second by Ganiere.

Ayes: Ganiere, Pearson, and Mayor Hasty.

Nays: Eichelkraut and Barron. Motion carried.

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 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Shelly L. Roalson*, City Clerk