

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

Present: Daniel F. Aussem, Wayne A. Eichelkraut Jr., Thomas G. Ganiere,  
James J. Less, and Robert M. Eschbach  
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 4, 2018, be approved as recorded in the permanent files of the City Clerk.  
Second by Ganiere.  
Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Less, and Mayor Eschbach.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

Julie Ajster, attorney for Richard and Robert Thompson commented on their proposed forced annexation. Ms. Ajster feels that notice wasn't properly given and that the agenda wasn't specific enough. She referenced state statute 65 ILCS 5/7 1-13 regarding agriculture purposes and produce. Carrie Tremor, Parcel #2 owner, also added that her land is farmland and the Miller Township property isn't in Ottawa's jurisdiction.

A public hearing was held on the proposed tax levy. Commissioner Eichelkraut and City Treasurer Don Harris explained the details of the 8.96% increase. The hearing was closed at 7:11 p.m. by Mayor Eschbach.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Biweekly Salary Payroll.  
Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that the Biweekly Salary Payroll of December 14, 2018, in the amount of \$402,511.98, be approved and warrants issued.  
Second by Ganiere.  
Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Less, and Mayor Eschbach.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Monthly Expense Report.  
Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that the Monthly Expense Report of December 18, 2018, showing expenses in the amount of \$1,681,198.98, be approved and warrants issued.  
Second by Less.  
Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Less, and Mayor Eschbach.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Monthly Salary Payroll.  
Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that the Monthly Salary Payroll of December 7, 2018, in the amount of \$10,296.73, be approved and warrants issued.  
Second by Aussem.  
Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Less, and Mayor Eschbach.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

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 2018, be received and placed on file.  
Second by Ganiere.  
Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Less, and Mayor Eschbach.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

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, 2018, and ending April 30, 2019, 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 4, 2018, be passed and approved.  
Second by Aussem.  
Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Less, and Mayor Eschbach.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that a Resolution authorizing the execution of an intergovernmental cooperation agreement between the City of Ottawa and the Sangamon Mass Transit District, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Quote.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that the Quote received from Floor to Ceiling in the amount of \$9,685.00 for carpeting for the NCAT building, be approved and paid for from the grant proceeds.

Second by Less.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner that a Resolution authorizing a proposal between the City of Ottawa and Arthur P. O'Hara Inc., to rent furniture for the NCAT facility, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Aussem.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aussem presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Aussem that a Resolution authorizing acceptance and execution of a proposal for engineering and land surveying services by Etscheid Duttlinger & Associates for the Illinois River Crossing pump station replacement, which has been on file for public inspection since December 4, 2018, be adopted.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aussem presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Aussem that a Resolution authorizing the execution of a maintenance agreement between the City of Ottawa and Altorfer Power Systems, regarding generators at the water and wastewater facilities, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Less presented Payment.

Moved by Commissioner Less that the Payment due Advanced Asphalt Company in the amount of \$62,994.65 for the DCEO Street Resurfacing be accepted and paid for from the grant proceeds.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Less noted that the City's leaf vacuuming program is completed and the ice skating rink has a targeted opening date of December 31, 2018.

Mayor Eschbach presented Ordinance.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that an Ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a TIF redevelopment agreement between the City of Ottawa and Tramlaw Ottawa LLC, which has been on file for public inspection since December 4, 2018, be passed and approved.

Second by Less.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Ordinance.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that an Ordinance designating a local city landmark in the Reddick Mansion located at 100 W. Lafayette Street, be passed and approved.

Second by Aussem.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Ordinance.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that an Ordinance annexing certain territories to the City of Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, known as the surrounded parcels, be passed and approved.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Ganiere abstained. Motion carried

Mayor Eschbach presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that a Resolution authorizing the execution of a sale of public property agreement between the City of Ottawa and James Fritz, regarding property located at 1203 Fulton Street, which has been on file for public inspection since December 4, 2018, be adopted.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of an employment agreement for an appointed city official in Timothy Aussem as Electrical Inspector, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Eichelkraut.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Less, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Aussem abstained. Motion carried

Mayor Eschbach presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that a Resolution authorizing the execution of a groupon merchant agreement between the City of Ottawa and Groupon Merchant Services LLC, regarding Starved Rock Country Brewfest, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented motion to recess.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that this Council recess into Closed Session to discuss matters of litigation, the sale of real estate, and collective bargaining.

Second by Aussem.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried. Council recessed at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor Eschbach presented motion to reconvene.

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

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Step III Fire Grievance.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the Step III Fire Grievance regarding the shift change, be denied for safety reasons.

Second by Aussem.

Ayes: Aussem, Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Less, 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 Less.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried. Council adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly L. Munks City Clerk