

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

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

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 1, 2020, be approved as recorded in the permanent files of the City Clerk.

Second by Less.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

A public hearing was held on the proposed tax levy. Commissioner Eichelkraut and City Treasurer, Don Harris, both gave details of the proposed levy. With no one commenting from the public, the Mayor declared the hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Biweekly Salary Payroll.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that the Biweekly Salary Payroll of December 11, 2020, in the amount of \$439,216.67, be approved and warrants issued.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Monthly Expense Report.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that the Monthly Expense Report of December 15, 2020, showing expenses in the amount of \$1,485,580.45, be approved and warrants issued.

Second by Rodriguez.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Monthly Salary Payroll.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that the Monthly Salary Payroll of December 4, 2020, in the amount of \$775.00, be approved and warrants issued.

Second by Ganiere.

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

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 2020, be received and placed on file.

Second by Less.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that a Resolution authorizing the execution and amendment to the Section 5311 Grant agreement between the City of Ottawa and the State of Illinois, regarding NCAT, which has been on file for public inspection since December 1, 2020, be adopted.

Second by Rodriguez.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that a Resolution authorizing the execution and amendment to the Downstate Operating Assistance Grant agreement between the City of Ottawa and the State of Illinois, regarding NCAT, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Rodriguez.

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

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, 2020, and ending April 30, 2021, 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 1, 2020, be passed and approved.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Ordinance.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that an Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2020 to pay debt service on \$2.485 million dollars of taxable general obligation bonds for the City of Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, be passed and approved.

Second by Rodriguez.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Ordinance.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that an Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2020 to pay the principal of and interest on \$4.77 million dollars of general obligation bonds, Series 2017, and \$3.7 million dollars of general obligation bonds, Series 2020, of the City of Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, be passed and approved.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut wished everyone a Merry Christmas and asked the Mayor if he would sent a letter to the Governor requesting 25% occupancy for bars and restaurants if they close at 10:00 p.m. Commissioner Ganiere thought that was this restriction is place in Springfield effective January 10, 2021.

Commissioner Ganiere presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Ganiere that a Resolution authorizing the execution of a service proposal by DPS Equipment Services Inc., for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, which has been on file for public inspection since December 1, 2020, be adopted.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Ganiere presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Ganiere that a Resolution authorizing the execution of a bid proposal between the City of Ottawa and Core & Main LP, for sensus radio read support, which has been on file for public inspection since December 1, 2020, be adopted.

Second by Rodriguez.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Ganiere presented Quote.

Moved by Commissioner Ganiere that the Quote received from Bob Ridings Fleet Sales to purchase a 2021 Ford F250 truck in the amount of \$34,647.00 through the State bid for the Wastewater Department, be approved and paid for from the Wastewater Fund.

Second by Rodriguez.

Commissioner Ganiere added that the truck with have a plow and was included in the budget.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Ganiere wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Rodriguez presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Rodriguez that a Resolution authorizing the execution of two service agreements between the City of Ottawa and Aramark Uniform Services, for rugs for the Police and Fire Departments, be received and placed on file for public inspection. Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rodriguez presented Quote.

Moved by Commissioner Rodriguez that the Quote received from Bob Ridings Fleet Sales to purchase a 2021 Ford F250 truck in the amount of \$34,647.00 through the State bid for the Public Works Department, be approved and paid for from the General Corporate Fund.

Second by Eichelkraut.

Commissioner Rodriguez added that the truck will have a plow and was included in the budget.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rodriguez wished everyone Happy Holidays. Commissioner Less also wished everyone Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year.

Mayor Aussem presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that a Resolution authorizing the execution of a preclosing possession agreement between the City of Ottawa and Paul and Tamyka Zenke for property located at 620 Adams Street, which has been on file for public inspection since December 1, 2020, be adopted.

Second by Less.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that a Resolution appointing Tricia Flavel, term to expire July 2023, to the Zoning Board of Appeals, be adopted.

Second by Rodriguez.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that a Resolution reappointing Ken Brown, term to expire September 2023, to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, be adopted.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that a Resolution of support and expression of interest between the City of Ottawa and Surf Broadband Solutions, regarding broadband infrastructure within the City, be adopted.

Second by Eichelkraut.

The Mayor explained that this is the same company that installed the wifi in the downtown and we would like to expand it.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that a Resolution authorizing an amendment to the production services agreement between the City of Ottawa and Floret Events LLC, be adopted.

Second by Eichelkraut.

The Mayor said that the downtown business owners did well the last 2 weekends, so a third weekend will be added. Ganiere added that he has only received good comments. Eichelkraut thanked the Mayor for the downtown music addition.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Mayor informed everyone about the second round of the Cures Grant. We have had 29 businesses take advantage of the program so far. Eleven applications were moved to round 2. We currently have \$200,000.00 left of the grant money. The City was approved up to \$714,000.00 through DCEO. The rules for round 2 have been modified and the round 2 deadline is Wednesday, December 30, at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Aussem presented motion to adjourn.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that this regular meeting be adjourned.

Second by Less.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried. Council adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly L. Munks

Shelly L. Munks City Clerk