

Ottawa, Illinois
April 20, 2021

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, April 6, 2021, be approved as recorded in the permanent files of the City Clerk.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

JoAnn Jones, of 1711 Walnut Street, addressed the Council about concerns over the Peltier building. She has lived next door for over 47 years and knew the history and timeline of the building. She asked if the City plans to continue to use it for a civic use and had safety concerns due to broken windows and vents and downspouts missing. She wondered if the City was planning on removing the old section of the building.

A public hearing was held on the proposed Fiscal year 2022 Operating Budget. City Treasurer, Don Harris, explained that the General Corporate Fund was balanced, the total budget is around \$59 million and that \$27,000.00 of reserves are being used. With no one else publicly commenting, the Mayor declared the hearing closed at 7:14 p.m.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Biweekly Salary Payroll.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that the Biweekly Salary Payroll of April 16, 2021, in the amount of \$415,988.72, be approved and warrants issued.

Second by Rodriguez.

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 April 20, 2021, showing expenses in the amount of \$1,465,705.97, 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 March 2021, be received and placed on file.

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 of a RMC cooperation agreement between the City of Ottawa and the Sangamon Mass Transit District, regarding NCAT, which has been on file for public inspection since April 6, 2021, be adopted.

Second by Ganiere.

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 of an engagement letter between the City of Ottawa and Lauterbach & Amen LLP, regarding financial reporting for the Police & Fire pensions and the City, which has been on file for public inspection since April 6, 2021, be adopted.

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 adopting the Operating Budget for the fiscal year commencing May 1, 2021, which has been on file for public inspection since April 6, 2021, 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 authorizing and providing for the issue of not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 worth of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021A, of the City of Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, for the purpose of paying the costs of the Route 71 watermain extension project, prescribing the details of said bonds, providing for the pledge of certain revenues to the payment of principal and interest on said bonds and the levy of taxes to pay such principal and interest if the pledged revenues are insufficient to make such payment, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to Bernardi Securities Inc., 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 Eichelkraut presented Ordinance.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that an Ordinance providing for the issue of not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 worth of General Obligation Bonds (Waterworks & Sewerage System Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021B, of the City of Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, for the purpose of improving the waterworks and sewerage system of said City and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax sufficient for the payment of the principal of an interest on said bonds, providing for the collection, segregation, and distribution of the revenues of the waterworks and sewerage system operated by said City and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof, 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 Ganiere presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Ganiere that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for Bids for the River Crossing Sanitary Lift Station. Bids will be received until Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

Second by Rodriguez.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Ganiere presented Quotes.

Moved by Commissioner Ganiere that a Resolution authorizing acceptance and execution of an engineering construction services proposal by Etscheid, Duttlinger, & Associates Inc., for the Route 71 water main extension project, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rodriguez presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Rodriguez that a Resolution authorizing the execution of an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Ottawa and the Illinois Department of Transportation, regarding maintenance and energy costs for traffic control devices, 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 Less presented Quotes.

Moved by Commissioner Less that the Quote received from Stryker in the amount of \$24,301.61 to purchase a ProCare cot upgrade and power load and the Quote from North Central Ambulance in the amount of \$600.00 for the install, both be approved and paid for from the General Corporate Fund.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that a Resolution authorizing the execution of a consulting agreement between the City of Ottawa and Torricelli Lobbying & Consulting LLC, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that a Resolution authorizing the execution of a facilities locating and marking contract between the City of Ottawa and USIC Locating Services LLC, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Report of Plan Commission/Ordinance.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that the Report of the Plan Commission meeting held on Monday, April 12, 2021, considering the conditional use permit for a civic use from the City of Ottawa for property located 518-524 Deleon Street, be received and placed on file. Be it further moved, the Council concur with the recommendation of the Plan Commission and the conditional use permit be granted and the follow up Ordinance be passed and approved.

Second by Rodriguez.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Report of Plan Commission/Ordinance.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that the Report of the Plan Commission meeting held on Monday, April 12, 2021, considering Preliminary Plat approval for Harbor Village at Heritage Harbor Ottawa Planned Unit Development, be received and placed on file. Be it further moved, the Council concur with the recommendation of the Plan Commission and the Preliminary Plat be approved and the follow up Ordinance be passed and approved.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Report of Plan Commission/Ordinance.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that the Report of the Plan Commission meeting held on Monday, April 12, 2021, considering Final Plat approval for Navvytown at Heritage Harbor Ottawa Planned Unit Development, 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 Rodriguez.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Report of Zoning Board of Appeals/Ordinance.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that the Report of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held on Thursday, April 15, 2021, considering the variance requests from Timothy Gaspar for property located at 620 Congress Street to build a garage, be received and placed on file. Be it further moved, the Council concur with the recommendations of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the rear and side yard setbacks and over 50% of the size of the principal structure all be granted and the follow up Ordinance be passed and approved.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Proclamation.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that a Proclamation naming Friday, April 30, 2021, as Arbor Day in the City of Ottawa, be adopted.

Second by Less.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented motion to recess.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that this Council recess into Closed Session to discuss matters of collective bargaining and litigation.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried. Council recessed at 7:28 p.m.

Mayor Aussem presented motion to reconvene.

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

Second by Less.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented motion to adjourn.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that this regular meeting be adjourned.

Second by Rodriguez.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried. Council adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly L. Munks

Shelly L. Munks City Clerk