

Ottawa, Illinois  
July 6, 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 meetings.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that the minutes of a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Ottawa, Illinois, held on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, and the minutes of a special meeting held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, both 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.

Helen Jo Reardon of 1214 Paul Street inquired about the status of the canal. Public Works Director, Tom Duttlinger, responded that Steve Kuhn had spoken to biologist, Seth Love, from IDNR. Mr. Love indicated that this is how he expected the canal to look. The only way to make it better would be to aerate it and excavated to 10 feet deep, which is not possible due to the sandstone under it. Ms. Reardon then asked if property values have gone down in the area. The Mayor responded that he is unsure. She then asked about the alley between Paul and Post Streets known as Canal Avenue and wondered when it would be resurfaced.

John Cooney, who represents Hacienda Landscaping, spoke regarding item #14 on the Mayor's agenda. His client did drop out of 3 union groups, but 75% of the current working staff have signed up with the new union. There is a question as to which apprenticeship programs Hacienda participates in. Mr. Cooney stated landscape technician and the Mayor replied that landscape technician is not all inclusive for all of the trades. Mr. Cooney hoped an agreement could be reached to avoid litigation.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Biweekly Salary Payroll.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that the Biweekly Salary Payroll of June 25, 2021, in the amount of \$481,262.81, 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 July 6, 2021, showing expenses in the amount of \$1,529,369.46, be approved and warrants issued.

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 appointing, approving, and authorizing the execution of 2 employment agreements for City Officials in James McGraw as part time NCAT bus driver and Kristina Delarosa as part time NCAT Reservation Specialist, 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 awarded Bid.

Moved by Commissioner Ganiere that the Low Bid received from Performance Pipelining LLC in the amount of \$8,440,021.00 for the Long Term Control Plan manhole and rehabilitation lining phase, be accepted and paid for from the CSO Fund.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rodriguez thanked the volunteers that have been pulling weeds in the City's bumpouts and garden beds.

Commissioner Less presented Report of Police Chief.

Moved by Commissioner Less that the Report of Police Chief, Brent A. Roalson, for the month of June 2021, be received and placed on file.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Less presented Report of Fire Chief.

Moved by Commissioner Less that the Report of Fire Chief, Andrew Borkowski, for the month of June 2021, be received and placed on file.

Second by Rodriguez.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Less presented Quote.

Moved by Commissioner Less that the Quote received from Flock Safety in the amount of \$35,000.00 for license plate reader cameras, be accepted and paid for from the Drug Fund.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Report of Registrar.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that the Report of Registrar, Shelly L. Munks, for the month of June 2021, be received and placed on file.

Second by Rodriguez.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Report of Parking Administration.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that the Report of the Parking Administration Department showing fines collected of \$1,335.00 for the month of June 2021, be received and placed on file.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Report of Building Official.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that the Report of Building Official, Mathew W. Stafford, for the month of June 2021, be received and placed on file.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Ordinance.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that an Ordinance amending Section 74-224 of the Municipal Code of the City of Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, regarding site plans and review standards, be passed and approved.

Second by Rodriguez.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Ordinance.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that an Ordinance amending Section 6-34 of the Municipal Code of the City of Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, regarding feather banners, be passed and approved.

Second by Rodriguez.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Ordinance.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that an Ordinance authorizing the sale of real property owned by the City of Ottawa and providing for public notice thereof for vacant lots located at 412 W. Washington Street, 1845 LaSalle Street, and 545 Christie Street, be passed and approved.

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 appointing Chuck Stanley, term to expire January 2024, to the Historic Preservation Commission, 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 Jim Reily, Maribeth Manigold, and Phil McNally, terms to expire July 2023 and 2024 respectively, all to the Civil Service Commission, 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 reappointing Maribeth Manigold and Phil McNally, terms to expire July 2026, to the Playground and Recreation Board, 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 authorizing the execution of a master services agreement between the City of Ottawa and Premise Health Employer Solutions LLC, for 2021 employee wellness screenings, 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 an agreement for professional services between the City of Ottawa and Fehr Graham for a USEPA brownfields assessment grant application, 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 Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that a Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement for professional services between the City of Ottawa and Fehr Graham for a USEPA brownfields cleanup grant for the former Peltier property, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Eichelkraut.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, and Mayor Aussem.

Nays: Less. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that a Resolution authorizing the execution of an easement agreement between the City of Ottawa and Elsie and Kenneth Swindell, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: Less. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that a Resolution authorizing the termination of the contract between the City of Ottawa and Hacienda Landscaping Inc., for the Thornton Park OSLAD development, be adopted.

Second by Rodriguez.

A discussion ensued. Commissioner Less added that he has worked with Hacienda for the past 15 years and has never had a problem. He asked for a completion date and the response was August of 2022. Commissioner Less then suggested that this matter be tabled to allow Hacienda time to get their paperwork in order.

Commissioner Less then moved to table the Resolution until Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 8:00 a.m.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: Less. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Report of Zoning Board of Appeals.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that the Report of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held on Thursday, June 17, 2021, considering the variance requests from Michael Olander for property located at 1224 Ottawa Avenue, be received and placed on file. Be it further moved, the Council concur with the recommendations of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the variance requests allowing a garage to be constructed more than 50% of the size of the principal structure and in excess of 900 square feet both 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 Report of Zoning Board of Appeals.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that the Report of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held on Thursday, June 17, 2021, considering a variance to the maximum area for an accessory structure and rear and side yard setback variances from Paul Zenke for property located at 620 Adams Street, be received and placed on file. Be it further moved, the Council concur with the recommendations of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the variance requests all be granted and the follow up Ordinance, be passed and approved.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Report of Zoning Board of Appeals.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that the Report of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held on Thursday, June 17, 2021, considering a variance from the Fence Ordinance from Jacob Ganiere for property located at 1356 W. Jefferson Street, be received and placed on file. Be it further moved, the Council concur with the recommendations of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the fence variance allowing the fence to be placed in the front yard on the property line less than 12 inches from the public sidewalk be granted and the follow up Ordinance, be passed and approved.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Report of Zoning Board of Appeals.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that the Report of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held on Thursday, June 17, 2021, considering a variance from the Sign Ordinance from JBM Management Group LLC for property located at 700 LaSalle Street, be received and placed on file. Be it further moved, the Council concur with the recommendations of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the variance from the Sign Ordinance be granted with the sign being allowed to be mounted on the building 3 feet above the building 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.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that the Report of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held on Thursday, June 17, 2021, considering front and side yard setback variances from Witmore Development LLC for property located at 15 Port Place, be received and placed on file. Be it further moved, the Council concur with the recommendations of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the setback variances requests all be granted and the follow up Ordinance, be passed and approved.

Second by Less.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Report of Zoning Board of Appeals.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that the Report of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held on Thursday, June 17, 2021, considering front and side yard setback variances from Witmore Development LLC for property located at 5 Port Place, be received and placed on file. Be it further moved, the Council concur with the recommendations of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the setback variances requests all be granted and the follow up Ordinance, be passed and approved.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Report of Zoning Board of Appeals.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that the Report of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held on Thursday, June 17, 2021, considering front and side yard setback variances from Witmore Development LLC for property located at 3 Port Place, be received and placed on file. Be it further moved, the Council concur with the recommendations of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the setback variances requests 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 Report of Zoning Board of Appeals.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that the Report of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held on Thursday, June 17, 2021, considering front and side yard setback variances from Witmore Development LLC for property located at 1 Port Place, be received and placed on file. Be it further moved, the Council concur with the recommendations of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the setback variances requests all be granted and the follow up Ordinance, be passed and approved.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Report of Plan Commission.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that the Report of the Plan Commission meeting held on Monday, June 28, 2021, considering the rezoning request and conditional use permit from Rich Gaul and John Murphy for property located at 1501 Boyce Memorial Drive, be received and placed on file. Be it further moved, the Council concur with the recommendations of the Plan Commission and the parcel be rezoned from Class "C-3 Special Business District" to Class "D- Office, Research, and Light Industrial District" and the conditional use permit for a self storage facility be granted and the follow up Ordinance, be passed and approved.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Request.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that the Request for a fundraiser from the Knights of Columbus to hold their Tootsie Roll Days on Friday, September 17 and Saturday, September 18, 2021, be approved and the City Departments involved be notified of the event.

Second by Ganiere.

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 personnel.

Second by Less.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried. Council recessed at 7:43 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 Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried. Council adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Shelly L. Munks*

Shelly L. Munks City Clerk