

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

Present: Wayne A. Eichelkraut Jr., Thomas G. Ganiere,
James J. Less, Marla K. Pearson 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, December 7, 2021, and the minutes of a special meeting held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, be approved as recorded in the permanent files of the City Clerk.

Second by Less.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Ottawa Lions Club Treasurer, Bryan Baldwin and President, Russell Edmons presented the Council with a donation check for \$2000.00 and thanked the Council for allowing their group to use Walsh Park and Peck Park for their car shows.

A public hearing was then held on the tax levy. Commissioner Eichelkraut and City Treasurer Don Harris both commented on the levy. With the City's EAV increasing over 6%, the City was automatically over the 5% limit, which requires a hearing. We are requesting around \$7,851,005.00, which is \$512K more than last year. With no one from the public commenting, the hearing was declared closed at 7:06 p.m.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Biweekly Salary Payroll.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that the Biweekly Salary Payroll of December 10, 2021, in the amount of \$503,528.93, be approved and warrants issued.

Second by Pearson.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, 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 21, 2021, showing expenses in the amount of \$1,071,448.49, be approved and warrants issued.

Second by Ganiere.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, 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 2021, be received and placed on file.

Second by Less.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that a Resolution authorizing the execution of a service agreement between the City of Ottawa and Aramark Uniform Services, for rugs for NCAT, which has been on file for public inspection since December 7, 2021, be adopted.

Second by Ganiere.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, 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 six employment agreements for appointed City Officials in John Araujo, Barry Bykowski, Rosemarie Linn, David Ross, Dawn Oldenburg, and Michael Watts, as full time NCAT Bus Operators, which has been on file for public inspection since December 7, 2021, be adopted.

Second by Pearson.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, 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 2021 to pay debt service on \$2.485 million dollars of taxable general obligation bonds of the City of Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, be passed and approved.

Second by Ganiere.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, 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 2021 to the principal and interest on \$4.770 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 Pearson.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, 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 2021 to the principal and interest on \$4.52 million dollars of general obligation bonds, Series 2021A, of the City of Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, be passed and approved.

Second by Ganiere.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, 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 2021 to the principal and interest on \$8.860 million dollars of general obligation bonds, Series 2021B, of the City of Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, be passed and approved.

Second by Pearson.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, 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, 2021, and ending April 30, 2022, 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 7, 2021, be passed and approved.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Ganiere presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Ganiere that a Resolution authorizing acceptance and execution of an engineering design services proposal between the City of Ottawa and Etscheid, Duttlinger & Associates Inc., for the Fields Hill South sanitary sewer extension project, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Ganiere presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Ganiere that a Resolution authorizing acceptance and execution of an engineering design services proposal by Etscheid, Duttlinger & Associates Inc., for the Timber Lane sanitary sewer and watermain extension project, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Pearson.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Less presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Less that a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a side letter agreement between the City of Ottawa and the Police Benevolent Labor Committee, regarding lateral transfers, which has been on file for public inspection since December 14, 2021, be adopted.

Second by Pearson.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Ordinance.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that an Ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a first amendment to the tax increment financing redevelopment agreement between the City of Ottawa, COMJ Enterprises LLC, and Chad and Olivia Lucas, which has been on file for public inspection since December 7, 2021, be passed and approved.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that a Resolution reappointing Doug Carroll and Fred Moore, terms to expire December 2023, to the Flood Commission, be adopted.

Second by Pearson.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that a Resolution reappointing Mike Dougherty, Jani Eichelkraut, Candy Moore, Peggy Schneider, and Jim Reilly, all to the Special Events Committee, terms to expire September 2023, be adopted.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that a Resolution appointing Tom Duttlinger, term to expire February 2024, to the Electrical Commission, be adopted.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that a Resolution authorizing the execution of a service agreement between the City of Ottawa and LaSalle County Recorder of Deeds, which has been on file for public inspection since December 14, 2021, be adopted.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that a Resolution authorizing the execution of a distributor settlement agreement and release regarding the National Opioids Settlement, which has been on file for public inspection since December 14, 2021, be adopted.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that a Resolution authorizing the execution of the Janssen settlement agreement and release regarding the National Opioids Settlement, which has been on file for public inspection since December 14, 2021, be adopted.

Second by Ganiere.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, 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 Surf Air Wireless LLC, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem presented Resolution as New Business.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that a Resolution authorizing the execution of a preliminary engineering services agreement between the City of Ottawa and Etscheid, Duttlinger & Associates Inc., be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Eichelkraut.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, 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 a matter of a Step III Police grievance.

Second by Less.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried. Council recessed at 7:17 p.m.

Mayor Aussem presented motion to reconvene.

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

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Less presented motion.

Moved by Commissioner Less that the Step III Police grievance be denied since the grievant did not appear to discuss the grievance.

Second by Pearson.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly L. Munks

Shelly L. Munks City Clerk