

Ottawa, Illinois  
March 21, 2023

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

Present: Wayne A. Eichelkraut Jr., Thomas G. Ganiere, Marla K. Pearson,  
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, March 7, 2023, be approved as recorded in the permanent files of the City Clerk.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Biweekly Salary Payroll.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that the Biweekly Salary Payroll of March 17, 2023, in the amount of \$480,015.42, be approved and warrants issued.

Second by Pearson.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Bimonthly Expense Report.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that the Bimonthly Expense Report dated March 21, 2023, showing expenses in the amount of \$1,128,796.44, 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 February 2023, be received and placed on file.

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 providing for public transportation in the City of Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, which has been on file for public inspection since March 7, 2023, be passed and approved.

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 authorizing the execution and amendment of the Federal 5311 grant agreement, regarding NCAT, which has been on file for public inspection since March 7, 2023, be adopted.

Second by Pearson.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that a Resolution authorizing acceptance of the Special Warranty for the Section 5311 grant for NCAT, which has been on file for public inspection since March 7, 2023, be adopted.

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 authorizing and providing for the issue of not to exceed \$1,550,000.00 General Obligation Bonds (alternate revenue source), Series 2023, of the City of Ottawa, LaSalle County, Illinois, for the purpose of paying the costs of certain capital improvements in and for the City, including a new swimming pool, prescribing the details of said bonds, providing for the pledge of certain revenues to the payment of principal and interest if the pledged revenues are insufficient to make such payment and authorizing the sale of said bonds to Bernardi Securities Inc., which has been on file for public inspection since March 7, 2023, be adopted.

Second by Pearson.

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

Nays: Less. Motion carried.

Commissioner Pearson presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Pearson that a Resolution authorizing the execution of a proposal for structural engineering services by Chamlin & Associates Inc., regarding the Main Street bridge repairs, 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 Pearson presented Quote.

Moved by Commissioner Pearson that the Quote received from HLR Inc. in the amount of \$2,500.00 for permanent traffic signal timing for Route 23 at Interstate 80, be approved and paid for from the General Corporate Fund with reimbursement from the State of Illinois.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Less presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Less that a Resolution authorizing an intergovernmental agreement for participation in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System, 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 Less presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Less that a Resolution authorizing the execution of an amendment to the client agreement between the City of Ottawa and Target Solutions Learning LLC d/b/a Vector Solutions, regarding combining invoices for the Ottawa Fire Department, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

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 authorizing the execution of a lease agreement between the City of Ottawa and the Young Mens' Christian Association of Ottawa, regarding management and operations of the City of Ottawa pool facilities, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Eichelkraut.

Commissioner Less added that he was glad that the YMCA was stepping up to manage the pool, but noted the substantial cost of the bond payment at around \$500,000.00 a year.

Mayor Aussem added that we will be reimbursing them for the lifeguard expenses.

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 memorandum of understanding between the City of Ottawa and Surf Air Wireless LLC, regarding the storage of materials, which has been on file for public inspection since March 7, 2023, be adopted.

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 authorizing the execution of a grant agreement between the City of Ottawa and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a housing grant, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Pearson.

Ayes: Eichelkraut, Ganiere, Pearson, 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, March 16, 2023, considering a rear yard setback variance request from Tommie Keefer for property located at 731 Catherine Street, be received and placed on file. Be it further moved, the Council concur with the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the variance request be granted with the conditions that the addition be no less than 4 feet from the west/rear property line and the plan be approved by the City's Building Official and the follow up Ordinance 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 authorizing the execution of a memorandum of understanding between the City of Ottawa and AFSCME Local 2819, regarding the removal of the janitor and evidence custodian positions, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Pearson.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Aussem commented on the memorandum of understanding with AFSCME and the budget. He also added that he will be doing his State of the City address at the next Council meeting on April 4th.

Mayor Aussem presented motion to adjourn.

Moved by Mayor Aussem that this regular meeting be adjourned.

Second by Less.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried. Council adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Shelly L. Munks*

Shelly L. Munks City Clerk