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

Present: Daniel F. Aussem, James J. Less, Tom Ganiere, Wayne A. Eichelkraut Jr., and Robert M. Eschbach.

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 15, 2015, be approved as recorded in the permanent files of the City Clerk. Second by Ganiere. Ayes: Aussem, Ganiere, Eichelkraut, Less, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Biweekly Salary Payroll. Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that the Biweekly Salary Payroll of December 18, 2015, in the amount of \$332,056.57, and the Biweekly Salary Payroll of December 31, 2015, in the amount of \$337,581.45, both be approved and warrants issued.

Second by Aussem.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Monthly Expense Report. Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that the Monthly Expense Report of January 6, 2016, showing expenses in the amount of \$304,233.34, be approved and warrants issued.

Second by Less.

Ayes: Aussem, Ganiere, Eichelkraut, Less, and Mayor Eschbach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of employment agreements for appointed city officials in William Hall, Kenneth Katrein, and Candace Moore, as part time NCAT bus drivers, which has been on file for public inspection since December 15, 2015, be adopted. Second by Ganiere.

Ayes: Aussem, Ganiere, Eichelkraut, Less, and Mayor Eschbach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that a Resolution authorizing the execution of a non-exclusive software license agreement between the City of Ottawa and CTS software, regarding NCAT, which has been on file for public inspection since December 15, 2015, be adopted.

Second by Aussem.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of an employment agreement for an appointed city official in Jeffery Grobe as part time NCAT bus driver, be received and placed on file for public inspection. Second by Ganiere.

Ayes: Aussem, Ganiere, Eichelkraut, Less, and Mayor Eschbach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eichelkraut presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Eichelkraut that a Resolution authorizing the execution of a memorandum of understanding between the City of Ottawa and Marlene Backos regarding NCAT and PCOM services, be received and placed on file for public inspection. Second by Aussem.

Ayes: Aussem, Ganiere, Eichelkraut, Less, and Mayor Eschbach. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aussem presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Aussem that a Resolution authorizing the execution of an engineering agreement between the City of Ottawa and Renwick & Associates Inc., for the Fields Hill North sanitary sewer extension project, which has been on file for public inspection since December 15, 2015, be adopted.

Second by Ganiere.

Commissioner Aussem noted that 40 houses are affected and right now 18 have signed their agreements and 5 more have verbally committed.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Aussem presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Aussem that a Resolution authorizing the execution of a lease agreement between the City of Ottawa and Gerig Robinson and Judith A. Roth, for property located on Hitt Street, be received and placed on file for public inspection. Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Ganiere presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Ganiere that a Resolution authorizing the execution of an addendum to an agreement between the City of Ottawa and SMG Security Systems Inc. dated May 26, 2005, for alarm monitoring services, which has been on file for public inspection since December 15, 2015, be adopted.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Ganiere presented Report of Police Chief.

Moved by Commissioner Ganiere that the Report of Police Chief, Brent A. Roalson, for the month of December 2015, be received and placed on file.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Ganiere presented Report of Fire Chief.

Moved by Commissioner Ganiere that the Report of Fire Chief, Steve Haywood, for the month of December 2015, be received and placed on file.

Second by Less.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Less presented Change Orders.

Moved by Commissioner Less that Change Orders numbered 1-5 from Marseilles Sheet Metal in the increased amount of \$8,282.85 for the HVAC project at the Main Police and Fire Station be accepted.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Report of Registrar.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the Report of Registrar, Shelly L. Munks, for the month of December 2015, be received and placed on file.

Second by Less.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Report of Parking Administration.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the Report of the Parking Administration Department showing fines collected of \$830.00 for the month of December 2015, be received and placed on file.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Report of Building Official. Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the Report of Building Official, Michael J. Sutfin, for the month of December 2015, be received and placed on file. Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Report of Sidewalk Program.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the Report of the Sidewalk Program showing 4 participants in the amount of \$3,835.09 for the month of December 2015, be received and paid for from the General Corporate Fund.

Second by Less.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that a Resolution authorizing the execution of an engagement letter for environmental legal services between the City of Ottawa and Miller, Canfield, Paddock, & Stone PLC, for the old Central School redevelopment site, which has been on file for public inspection since December 15, 2015, be adopted.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that a Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement between the City of Ottawa and MCS Advertising, regarding an economic development website, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Ganiere.

Move to table this motion by Commissioner Aussem.

Second by Less.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that a Resolution authorizing the execution of an engineering agreement between the City of Ottawa and Renwick & Associates Inc., regarding the Columbus Street lighting and beautification project, which has been on file for public inspection since December 15, 2015, be adopted.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that a Resolution authorizing legal action against 1845 LaSalle Street, 1886 Canal Road, and 806 Fulton Street as blighted properties, be adopted.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that a Resolution authorizing a public right of way permit to BASH LLC for 215 West Jefferson Street, for a temporary door enclosure from November 1 until April 1 of each year, be adopted. Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Request.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the Request for a side yard setback variance from Bob Harding for property located at 1519 Clark Street, be received and referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals for review and recommendation. Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Bid Opening/Proposal.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the Proposal received from Modesto Ventures in the amount of \$130,000.00 be received and placed on file and referred to Staff to verify all conditions of the proposed requirements are satisfied. Second by Aussem.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach wanted it publicly noted that the Little City Building property is for sale. The Council would like it developed with a building for commercial use and/or retail use with a possibility of the upstairs being used for residential. If anyone is interested they should contact City Hall. Commissioner Aussem inquires as to whether Godfrey would be interested and that the City could possibly donate the land for a worthwhile project.

Mayor Eschbach presented Motion to recess. Moved by Mayor Eschbach that this Council recess into Closed Session to discuss a Step III Police Grievance.

Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried. Council recessed at 7:27 p.m.

Mayor Eschbach presented motion to reconvene.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that this Council reconvene from Closed Session. Second by Ganiere.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Step III Police Grievance.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the Step III Police Grievance be denied indicating that the City has no present intent to reduce the current number of corporals and sergeants. Second by Aussem.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented motion to adjourn.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that this regular meeting be adjourned.

Second by Eichelkraut.

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

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly L. Munks, City Clerk