

Ottawa, Illinois  
April 15, 2019

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

Present: Daniel F. Aussem, James J. Less and Mayor Robert M. Eschbach  
Absent: Wayne A. Eichelkraut Jr. and Thomas G. Ganiere.

Commissioner Aussem presented minutes of previous meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Aussem that the minutes of a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Ottawa, Illinois, held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, be approved as recorded in the permanent files of the City Clerk.

Second by Less.

Ayes: Aussem, Less, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Jeffrey Stoudt of 1241 Tower Drive appeared before the Council to discuss his Fence Ordinance variance request. He dropped off some current pictures of his property and doesn't feel that the fence he is planning on purchasing will obstruct the view of traffic. Mayor Eschbach referred the item to Staff.

A public hearing was held on the proposed Operating Budget for fiscal year 20. City Treasurer, Don Harris, explained that the overall budget is around forty six million with the general corporate portion being a little over seventeen million. We will be using a little over eight six thousand in reserves to balance the budget. With no one publicly commenting, the Mayor declared the hearing closed at 7:07 p.m.

A presentation from the LaSalle County Veterans Tribute Group was next. The County received the 2018 Governor's Cup Award for the Moving Wall. This cup will be on display at City Hall, but needs to be returned to Springfield, IL by September, as it is a traveling award. A plaque was also given along with an individual thank you award to the Mayor for supporting the veterans. IDOT also presented the City with a sign, to be posted, which indicates the Governor's Cup Award. The Veterans suggested it be erected by the bridge.

Commissioner Aussem presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Aussem that a Resolution authorizing the execution of an engineering services agreement between the City of Ottawa and Renwick & Associates Inc., regarding the Long Term Control Plan elements 1.8 and 1.10, which has been on file for public inspection since March 30, 2019, be adopted.

Second by Less.

Ayes: Aussem, Less, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Less presented Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Less that a Resolution requesting permission from the Illinois Department of Transportation to temporarily close LaSalle Street from Lafayette Street to Main Street from 4:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Friday, June 14, 2019, for the 2019 Cruise Night, be adopted.

Second by Aussem.

Ayes: Aussem, Less, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Less presented Request.

Moved by Commissioner Less that the Request from the Ottawa Memorial Association to hold their annual Memorial Day parade and ceremony from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on City Streets and in Washington Park, be approved and the City Departments involved be notified of the event.

Second by Aussem.

Ayes: Aussem, Less, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Biweekly Salary Payroll.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the Biweekly Salary Payroll of April 5, 2019, in the amount of \$395,098.70, be approved and warrants issued.

Second by Aussem.

Ayes: Aussem, Less, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Monthly Expense Report.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the Monthly Expense Report of April 15, 2019, showing expenses in the amount of \$772,911.63, be approved and warrants issued.

Second by Less.

Ayes: Aussem, Less, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Monthly Salary Payroll.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the Monthly Salary Payroll of April 11, 2019, in the amount of \$9,648.02, be approved and warrants issued.

Second by Aussem.

Ayes: Aussem, Less, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Monthly Financial Report.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the Monthly Financial Report of City Clerk, Shelly L. Munks, for the month of March 2019, be received and placed on file.

Second by Less.

Ayes: Aussem, Less, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Ordinance

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that an Ordinance adopting the operating budget for the fiscal year commencing May 1, 2019, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Aussem.

Ayes: Aussem, Less, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that a Resolution authorizing the transfer of funds from the 2007 Bond Fund, Fund #211, to the Events Fund, Fund #605, to close out the fund from accumulated interest, be adopted.

Second by Less.

Ayes: Aussem, Less, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that a Resolution authorizing the execution of employment agreements for appointed city officials in James Allen and Arthur Rick as part time NCAT bus drivers, which has been on file for public inspection since March 30, 2019, be adopted.

Second by Aussem.

Ayes: Aussem, Less, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that a Resolution authorizing a memorandum of understanding between the City of Ottawa and the Ottawa International Association of Firefighters Local 523, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Less.

Ayes: Aussem, Less, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that a Resolution authorizing the execution of an annexation agreement between the City of Ottawa and Andrew and Jessica Potthoff, for property located at 25 Oaklane Drive, be received and placed on file for public inspection.

Second by Less.

Ayes: Aussem, Less, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Resolution.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that a Resolution requesting permission from the Illinois Department of Transportation to construct a commercial entrance off Route 23 for Dollar General, be adopted.

Second by Aussem.

Ayes: Aussem, Less, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Request.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that the Request for variances from Whitmore Development for property located at 10 Port Place and Judson Partridge for property located at 522 W. Main Street, both be received and referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals for review and recommendation.

Second by Less.

Ayes: Aussem, Less, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Eschbach presented Proclamation.

Moved by Mayor Eschbach that a Proclamation declaring Friday, April 26, 2019, as Arbor Day in the City of Ottawa, be adopted.

Second by Less.

Ayes: Aussem, 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 Aussem.

Ayes: Aussem, Less, and Mayor Eschbach.

Nays: None. Motion carried. Council adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly L. Munks City Clerk