Ogden Village Board Regular Session

Ogden Village Hall

August 5, 2021

PRESENT:

Trustee Acklin Clerk Bowman Mayor Clements Trustee Cooper

Trustee Esposito Trustee Haan Trustee Lewis Trustee Newsom

Absent:

Also, Present: Don Wauthier, Marc Miller, Rick Breitenfeldt, Sonja Vickers, Allison Wakefield, Rhonda Fulkerson, Adam Uppinghouse and Kerry Fox

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Clements called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA

* + 1. Motion to approve minutes of the July 8, 2021, regular session
    2. Motion to approve August 2021 Treasurer’s Report
    3. Motion to approve July 2021 bank statements
    4. Motion to approve August 2021 bills

Trustee Cooper made a motion to approve the August 5, 2021, consent agenda. Trustee Esposito seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Trustee Acklin, “aye” Trustee Haan, “aye” Trustee Lewis, “aye”

Trustee Newsom, “aye” Trustee Esposito, “aye” Trustee Cooper, “aye”

All “ayes”, motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF OGDEN, ILLINOIS, AND THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT CONCERNING PROPERTY MAINTENANCE:

Trustee Esposito questioned if the Village had the proper equipment to do snow removal on the trail and Mayor Clements responded yes. She then stated that if we are going to plow the trail then we need to clear sidewalks for the kids to walk to school.

Trustee Esposito also stated that she wants the trail to be blacktopped from one end of town to the other. She wants it the whole length of town not just portions. She also wants it to be stated in the agreement that they will not do anything to the cottonwood tree behind BEC because it needs to be preserved. It is the oldest tree in Ogden.

Trustee Haan talked about tree planting on the Rails to Trails property. He thinks that something should be added about who is responsible for maintaining them. Trustee Esposito said that if it’s on their property then they would be responsible for them.

APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE REGULATING INOPERABLE VEHICLES:

Trustee Esposito wants all the places in the ordinance that say Police Committee or Village Marshall changed to Village Board.

Trustee Acklin brought up that a trailer is not part of a vehicle. They are not covered in the ordinance. Trustee Esposito wants trailers added to the ordinance.

Kenny Brown’s property was brought up. It has many trailers and buses on it. Attorney Miller said that we cannot regulate another state agency. Attorney Miller suggested that the board contact the Forest Preserve and request that they have them towed. If they will not tow them then we will have Attorney Miller send Kenny Brown a letter requesting that they be moved. Mayor Clements will contact the Forest Preserve. If Mr. Brown does have a lease with the Forest Preserve, the Forest Preserve should be able to give the Village a copy of the lease.

The Econ-O-Way property was also discussed. Trustee Lewis will contact Ralph Johnson to discuss the vehicles and if they still have a current dealer license.

APPROVAL OF LOADING ZONES ON BROADWAY STREET:

Trustee Newsom made a motion to approve loading zones on Broadway St. Trustee Cooper seconded the motion.

All “ayes”, motion carried.

There will be loading zones on both sides of Broadway St.

APPROVAL OF TREE REMOVAL (Not to exceed $18,000.00):

Trustee Esposito reported that this year we will let Randy Thompsen decide what trees need to be cut down. Next year we will do it how we have done it in the past.

Trustee Esposito spoke with Mike Poor and if we do not use him to cut down the trees then he will charge the Village for the consultation.

Trustee Lewis reported that he did not get in contact with the Tree company from Homer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building/grounds: Trustee Esposito reported that the beautification committee wants mulch for the ballpark flower bed. The board said when Randy Thompsen gets mulch for the Village Hall, he can get them some also. The Beautification Committee would also like to cut the weeds out of the fence line at the Old High School Park. The Village will send letters requesting permission from the homeowners. They also want to work on the Welcome signs. Trustee Esposito wants to see a proposal of what they want to do before giving them permission. Laura Ketchum wants to add a welcome sign at the grade school. The board agreed that they can try but IDOT might not allow it.

Trustee Lewis said that when the Beautification Committee works on the welcome signs that they need to take the Lion’s Club sign off them.

Trustee Esposito reported that the concrete out front of the library is done and the table has been moved.

Health & Safety: Trustee Lewis wanted to know what happens with the old bank building if Troy Bates does not comply by August 23rd. Attorney Miller said that at the September meeting the board will have to approve to spend money to take action. He will contact his litigator about court. Attorney Miller said it could cost between $1,500.00 to $4,000.00.

The board discussed the Bixler property again. Attorney Miller said that the owner does not have to sell the property even though she is in the nursing home, but Medicaid can put a lien on the property. Attorney Miller advised that we do a search on the property to see who the true owner is if Medicare has a lien on it or if anyone else has a lien on it. Clerk Bowman will send the tax ID of the property to Attorney Miller.

Trustee Newsom reported that the Wimmer property at the end of Broadway is in just as bad condition as the Bixler property.

Trustee Esposito reported that the Falcon property still has not been cleaned up. Mayor Clements said he would talk to them tomorrow. Trustee Esposito also questioned about what the village plans to do with the drainage ditch that is overgrown.

Water: Trustee Cooper reported that the outlet has been installed on the outside of the water building.

Sewer: None

Drainage: Mayor Clements reported that the drain tile on North St is done.

Trustee Newsom said that the Village needs to get multiple bids for the connecting the Kyle St drain to Leney St.

Streets/alleys/sidewalks: Trustee Newsom reported that Main St repairs will start between August 7th and 10th. It should only take a few days to complete.

Trustee Esposito reported that she did not realize that we were oil and chipping the sides of Broadway St or the alley. She said she will pay more attention next time and will not vote yes it something like that is on the MFT oil and chipping map again. She said that the Village should have used the funds to do a different road that needed it more.

Mayor Clements will contact IDOT about putting up a semi route sign to try to get the semi traffic to go down Broadway St instead of Main St.

Budget: None

Business: Trustee Haan reported that at the Business committee meeting about developing with Matanky Group around 30 people showed up. The idea of developing the baseball diamond area is not favorable with the residents of Ogden. It was asked if they would be willing to develop another area in Ogden. Trustee Newsom doesn’t believe so. Trustee Haan is trying to contact other developers in the area to try to get them to come to Ogden. Trustee Haan had the Village send a letter to Baloo Enterprises. He said that they seem to be interested in selling the property but not developing it themselves. They wanted to know if anyone was interested in purchasing the property for development because if so then they don’t want to do any drainage work to the property.

Events: Trustee Esposito reported that we will be showing Cars for Movie in the Park. Island Snow 2 Go will be there.

Trustee Cooper reported that the festival plans are moving forward. She has decided to move the cars to the gazebo park and the kids’ stuff to the Legion Park. The band will be Vivacious Audio. Registration for the car show will be from 9am to noon. There will be a pancake breakfast at the Masonic Lodge and a scavenger hunt for the kids.

MAYOR: None

OTHER BUSINESS:

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Trustee Newsom made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Acklin seconded the motion.

All “ayes”, motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Bowman, Clerk

Village of Ogden