

CITY OF EARLVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
April 2, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Room, 210 W. Railroad Street, Earlville, IL

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Osborn called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Alderman Robin Austin, Alderman John Boltz, Alderman Walter Cwikla, Alderman Michael Goodbred, Alderman April Law, and Alderman Steven Osborne. Present by remote participation - Mayor Mark Actis.

Visitors at the meeting were Chief Jim Scheib, Roger Torman, Kathy Wolfe, Rachel Wright, and Kira Champlin

REMOTE PARTICIPATION

Mayor Actis completed the proper paperwork for remote participation and there is a quorum present. Alderman Goodbred made a motion, seconded by Alderman Osborne, to approve the remote participation of Mayor Actis. ROLL CALL: Alderman Goodbred – aye, Alderman Boltz – aye, Alderman Law – aye, Alderman Austin - aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, and Alderman Cwikla – aye. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Alderman Law made a motion, seconded by Alderman Goodbred, to approve the agenda. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC VOICE - None

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Boltz made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Approval of March 5, 2025, regular Committee Meeting minutes
- B. Recommendation payment of all bills be placed on the Council agenda

ROLL CALL: Alderman Law - aye, Alderman Boltz – aye, Alderman Goodbred - aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, Mayor Actis – aye, Alderman Austin - aye, and Alderman Cwikla – aye. MOTION CARRIED

FINANCE

Alderman Boltz made a motion, seconded by Alderman Goodbred on to add the discussion/decision to approve the Annual Investment in NCI Regional Industrial Development Marketing from North Central Illinois Economic Development Corporation (NCIEDC) for a fee of \$2,211.00.

ROLL CALL: Alderman Cwikla - aye, Alderman Law - aye, Mayor Actis – aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, Alderman Boltz – aye, Alderman Goodbred - aye, and Alderman Austin – aye.

MOTION CARRIED

Discussion to get to motion: Alderman Law asked the question if this is something that the town is benefitting by us paying this every year. Alderman Goodbred replied by saying that this is something that we talked about last year and that we need someone that is dedicated to going out and looking for opportunities to come here not wait for opportunities to find us. Mayor Actis said that

we need an economical developer to help us bring in opportunities to Earlville. Alderman Boltz asked if we can do some more research into this and discuss at Council meeting. Mayor Actis agreed and said that he would reach out to the City of Earlville's representative from NCIEDC and see if someone would be willing to come to our next meeting to discuss it.

Alderman Goodbred made a motion, seconded by Alderman Boltz, to send to Council for Discussion/Decision/Approval of ORDINANCE 04-09-2025, to amend Ordinance No. 04-10-2024(A), an ordinance regulating wages, vacation time and other benefits of the employees of the City of Earlville, section II, Paragraph A, Section IV, Paragraph H, and Section V, paragraph M, to be in effect May 1st, 2025.

ROLL CALL: Alderman Goodbred - aye, Alderman Cwikla - aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, Alderman Boltz – aye, Alderman Law - aye, Alderman Austin - aye, and Mayor Actis – aye.

MOTION CARRIED

Discussion to get to motion: *Mayor Actis made the comment about being concerned about eliminating Earlville being additionally insured and the \$2 million policy and that he thinks we need to keep them to protect the town.*

PUBLIC WORKS

Alderman Boltz made a motion, seconded by Alderman Goodbred, to add to Council agenda for discussion/decision/approval on the Safe Routes to School Engineering Agreement. ROLL CALL: Alderman Law - aye, Alderman Boltz – aye, Alderman Goodbred - aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, Mayor Actis – aye, Alderman Austin - aye, and Alderman Cwikla – aye. MOTION CARRIED

Discussion to get to motion: *Alderman Boltz discussed that he would like to talk with McMahan when they come to the Council meeting next week about what the engineering costs consist of and if this is something that is needed to be paid upfront or if we receive this grant. Alderman Boltz also said that he wanted to call the school board and discuss the option if the school would consider splitting the engineering costs with the city or work out something with them and work together on this grant. He also wants to discuss with the school board about the speed signs that are in our grant because they cost \$25,000.00 each and we would like to weigh the options of purchasing on our own or with the school and if we can use that sign money to go towards more sidewalk instead.*

Alderman Boltz made a motion, seconded by Alderman Law, to move the discussion/decision of the Intergovernmental Agreement for Cape Seal 2025 to the Council meeting.

ROLL CALL: Alderman Boltz – aye, Alderman Goodbred – aye, Alderman Law – aye, Mayor Actis – aye, Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Cwikla - aye, and Alderman Osborne – aye.

MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Boltz made the comment that he would like to discuss doing a town-wide pickup day and asked for it to be added to the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting in May.

POLICE

Alderman Osborne asked that the discussion/decision of an estimated quote be put on the Council agenda from Wire Wizard for the possible cost of \$1200-\$1500 to renovate the camera systems as the City Hall building and Dodge Park to be more assessable for the Police.

Chief Scheib told the Council that the Police will be hosting Cookout with Cops on Saturday, July 19th, 2025

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Alderman Law made a motion, seconded by Alderman Cwikla, to put the approval of ORDINANCE 04-09-2025-10, to amend Chapter 10 Businesses, Article II – Solicitors, Itinerant Merchants,

Vendors, Peddlers and Canvassers, Sec. 10-32 (b) 8 & 9, Application of Permit. ROLL CALL: Alderman Goodbred - aye, Alderman Cwikla - aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, Alderman Boltz – aye, Alderman Law - aye, Alderman Austin - aye, and Mayor Actis – aye. MOTION CARRIED

Discussion to get to motion: Alderman Goodbred discussed with the Council that other towns have different forms for solicitors, mobile food truck, etc. and that maybe that is something the city should think about doing. He also made the comment about having the discussion of putting on our website a No Soliciting sign from the City of Earlville that residents can print out at home and post on their doors. Mayor Actis asked if this Ordinance was reviewed by the City's lawyer before he proceeded with his vote.

Alderman Law made a motion, seconded by Alderman Cwikla, to add the Vendor Permit fee/rate schedule discussion/decision to Council agenda with an annual yearly fee of \$100 and a one-time use fee of \$50. ROLL CALL: Alderman Cwikla - aye, Alderman Law - aye, Mayor Actis – aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, Alderman Boltz – aye, Alderman Goodbred - aye, and Alderman Austin – aye. MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Law made a motion, seconded by Alderman Boltz, to add the proposed Application for Permit as a Mobile Food Truck with an annual yearly fee of \$100 and a one-time use fee of \$50 to the Council agenda. ROLL CALL: Alderman Goodbred - aye, Alderman Cwikla - aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, Alderman Boltz – aye, Alderman Law - aye, Alderman Austin - aye, and Mayor Actis – aye. MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Law made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to table this discussion to next months Committee of the Whole meeting about adding the 1% Grocery Sales Tax. All in favor by Voice Vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion to get to motion: Alderman Goodbred thinks adding this will be a good thing for our town to bring in some income since we will be losing the sales tax from the state for grocery. Alderman Cwikla and Alderman Austin commented that they are not in favor of this as they feel the residents of the town need a break since others voted to raise the water bill recently and they feel the cost of living to high already.

Alderman Austin made a motion, seconded by Mayor Actis, to move to the Council agenda for the approval of Earlville Lions Club application for Temporary Use & Public Gatherings Permit to use Dodge Park & Pavilion and closing Winthrop St. from Ottawa St. to Main St. and Ottawa St. from Winthrop St. to Church St for Earlville's Lion's Fest 2025 on June 6th and June 7th, 2025 and to waive the permit fee. ROLL CALL: Alderman Cwikla - aye, Alderman Law - aye, Mayor Actis – aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, Alderman Boltz – aye, Alderman Goodbred - aye, and Alderman Austin – aye. MOTION CARRIED

Discussion to get to motion: Alderman Goodbred commented that the entire street should be closed to stop traffic from parking on the road since they cannot get thru and then all activity will be contained to that street for the bag's tournament. Alderman Cwikla commented that there should be a fee added to this as there was not one brought to the Committee with the application since the event is not a non-for-profit event. Alderman Law agreed and said it should be considered a block party with a fee of \$50.

Alderman Goodbred made a motion, seconded by Alderman Boltz

To be moved to Council agenda for the approval of the Lounge's application for Temporary Use & Public Gatherings Permit for a Bags Tournament to close the street from the Earlville Fresh Market parking lot to the Stop Sign at the corner of Ottawa/Railroad Street and to allow beer outside in the closed road section from 3-7p.m. on May 17th, 2025 with a fee of \$50. ROLL CALL: Alderman Goodbred - aye, Alderman Cwikla - aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, Alderman Boltz – aye, Alderman Law - aye, Alderman Austin - aye, and Mayor Actis – abstained. MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Actis reported that he signed a proclamation for the month of May to be Motorcycle Awareness Month

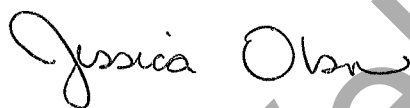
Alderman Osborne commented that the Earlville United Presbyterian Church is doing an Easter Egg Hunt on April 13th, 2025, from 1-3 p.m. at Dodge Park

Alderman Boltz commented that he asked Jessica for a copy of the letter that the council had the city's lawyer write up to SURF Internet's lawyer about invoices that hadn't been paid from RLM, getting our downtown internet, and removing the spools of wires located in a resident's grass. He then asked Jessica and Mayor Actis if they have heard a response from Nigel and Mayor Actis replied that he had not but would call Nigel to see if there is an update and would update us at the next meeting if we have gotten a response back. Alderman Boltz also asked if the city has received a response back from the owners of a house on Grant St. that needs to be boarded up for public safety, but Mayor Actis has not received anything from Nigel but would ask about that also and give an update for next meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURN

At 8:05 p.m., Alderman Cwikla made a motion, seconded by Alderman Goodbred, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by Voice Vote. MOTION CARRIED.



Jessica Olson
Deputy Clerk