

**CITY OF EARLVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
April 4, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Room, 210 W. Railroad St., Earlville, IL**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Jenkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

On roll call the following members were present: Mayor Mike Hall, Alderman Mark Actis, Alderman Robin Austin, Alderman Ken Bonine, Alderman Walter Grimm, Alderman Chuck Jenkins, Absent: Alderman Michael Konsoer.

Visitors at the meeting were Sheila Jenkins, Wilma Stillwell, Bev Malkey, Sue Hall, George Durbin, Pat Durbin, Joan Jones, Martha Dankenbring, Roger Torman, Michael Gast, Tom King, Alfonso Valdez, Treasurer Bruce Bauer, and Stu Bloom (Earlville Post).

ADDITIONAL AGENDA - none

APPROVAL OF MIINUTES

Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bonine, to accept the March 7, 2018 regular Committee Meeting minutes. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED. Absent: Alderman Konsoer.

PUBLIC VOICE

Mr. Tom King addressed an employee working 4 days a week and overtime. Mayor Hall stated all department heads are required at the meeting. Mrs. Dankenbring said she uses flex time to avoid overtime.

FINANCE

Alderman Austin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Actis, that payment of the bills be placed on the city council agenda. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED. Absent: Alderman Konsoer.

Alderman Austin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Actis, that Wage Ordinance be placed on the city council agenda with the recommended changes. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED. Absent: Alderman Konsoer.

Recommendation on wage rates for next fiscal year are already set with no changes.

Alderman Austin recognized Treasurer Bauer who gave a background related to wage ordinance and fund balances. He said 78% of the city revenue came from the state and 12.6% came from local taxes. He stated EAV is going up 7%, there will be an \$18,000 increase in state funding, and the council needs to look at a budget and appropriations. He advised that employers lose good employees if they don't pay fair wages. Mayor Hall reminded the council that the city had two large purchases last year, a leaf vac and a tractor, which impacted city costs.

PUBLIC WORKS

Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bonine, to let bids in the spring of 2019 and begin work in the summer of 2019 on the Compliance Management Operations and Maintenance (CMOM) provision of recently renewed Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) Discharge permit, clean and televise sewer system to be paid for with debt service though a loan from Pioneer State Bank, current interest rate is 4.5%, debt to be paid off over 12 months and place it on the city council agenda. Utility users will not realize an increase in their utility bill because the waste water treatment plant debt will be paid off by then. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED. Absent: Alderman Konsoer.

Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bonine, to purchase a Geographic Information System (GIS) software for mapping of water and sewer systems, integrated with computerized records for water/sewer system rounds and place it on the city council agenda. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED. Absent: Alderman Konsoer.

POLICE

Alderman Jenkins had no report.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Alderman Actis had no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Grimm inquired about placing the truck route signs. Mr. Torman stated they were ready to be installed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Grimm, to approve the Earlville Business Organization request to close Ottawa Street from Union to Winthrop on Halloween night, 4:00-7:00 p.m., so that a trunk or treat could be conducted; this would not prohibit door to door trick or treating, and move it to the regular city council meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED. Absent: Alderman Konsoer.

CLOSED SESSION - none

ADJOURN

At 7:36 p.m., Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bonine, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED. Absent: Alderman Konsoer

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