

**CITY OF EARLVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
April 5, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Room, 210 W. Railroad Street, Earlville, IL**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mayor Mark Actis, Alderman Robin Austin, Alderman Edward Farley, Alderman Michael Goodbred, Alderman April Law, and Alderman Steven Osborne. Alderman Bryan Nelson was absent.

Visitors at the meeting were Bev Malkey, Wilma Stillwell, Roger Torman, Chrissi Witkowski, Christie Barr, and Chief Darin Crask.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to approve the agenda. All in favor by voice vote. Alderman Nelson – absent. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC VOICE

Chrissi Witkowski asked the Council to reconsider allowing chickens. She feels they do not present problems and do not bother anyone. She stated she would fully respect whatever the decision is.

Chirstie Barr spoke in favor of allowing chickens.

Alderman Osborne stated he would contact the Zoning Board of Appeals chairperson about the matter.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Goodbred made a motion, seconded by Alderman Farley, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Approval of March 1, 2023 regular Committee Meeting minutes
- Recommendation payment of all bills be placed on Council agenda

Roll Call: Mayor Actis – aye, Alderman Goodbred – aye, Alderman Law – aye, Alderman Farley – aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, and Alderman Austin – aye. Alderman Nelson – absent. MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCE

Alderman Austin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Farley, to place approval of the proposed Fee/Rate Schedule – Permits on the council agenda. Martha stated the Council wanted to do the increase over two years, increasing the fee to \$125.00 last year and moving to \$250.00 this year. Discussion followed. On roll call: Alderman Farley – nay, Alderman Goodbred – nay, Alderman Osborne – nay, Mayor Actis – nay, Alderman Austin – aye, and Alderman Law – nay. Alderman Nelson – absent. MOTION FAILED.

Mayor Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Law, to leave the fee as is and bring back for review in March 2024. All in favor by voice vote. Alderman Nelson – absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Austin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Goodbred, to place acceptance of the proposal from Hopkins & Associates CPAs, Inc. for auditing services on the council agenda. All in favor by voice vote. Alderman Nelson – absent. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC WORKS

Alderman Goodbred made a motion, seconded by Alderman Law, to place acceptance of the ARPA Subrecipient Agreement, between LaSalle County and the City of Earlville for a \$520,000.00 award (for the replacement of sanitary sewer line in Union Street) and authorize the mayor to sign the agreement, on the council agenda. Mayor Actis thanked Roger Torman and Martha Dankenbring for their work in getting this grant. All in favor by voice vote. Alderman Nelson – absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Goodbred made a motion, seconded by Alderman Farley, to place authorization of McMahon to begin work on the plans and paperwork for the Union Street project on the council agenda. All in favor by voice vote. Alderman Nelson – absent. MOTION CARRIED.

POLICE - none

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Discussion was held on holding a spring clean-up day. This will be moved to the May Committee of the Whole meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion was held on the proposed Continued Education / Compensation policy. This will be moved to the May Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mayor Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to place approval of the Real Estate Sale Contract between Earlville CUSD#9 and the City of Earlville for the purchase of 1 acre of land on the council agenda. All in favor by voice vote. Alderman Nelson – absent. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Osborne made a motion, seconded by Alderman Farley to propose a change to the City Code regarding the number of each type of liquor license allowed to: 10 Class A, 5 Class B, 5 Class C, 5 Class D and leave Class E at 12 licenses and have the necessary Ordinance amendment drawn up and placed on the council agenda. All in favor by voice vote. Alderman Nelson – absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion was held on Chapter 26 of the City Code – regarding nuisance properties and the penalties for such offenses. This will be moved to the May Committee of the Whole meeting.

Discussion was held on building permit questions. Fence questions will be sent to the Building Inspector. The school will be contacted about a permit for the addition being built.

Alderman Farley made a motion, seconded by Mayor Actis, to place the applications for Temporary Use & Public Gatherings Permit from the Earlville Lions Club and Los 2 Amigos Restaurant and Bar (waiving the 60 day requirement for Los 2 Amigos) on the council agenda. All in favor by voice vote. Alderman Nelson – absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion was held on the retirement and replacement of Martha Dankenbring, June 2024. The succession plan was to have Samantha Majestic take over for Martha and hire another person to begin training in the office. Martha will prepare some suggestions for the transition.

CLOSED SESSION - none

ADJOURN

At 8:25 p.m., Alderman Goodbred made a motion, seconded by Alderman Law, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by Voice Vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Martha E. Dankenbring

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Deputy City Clerk

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