

**CITY OF EARLVILLE
REGULAR SESSION APRIL 8, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Alderman Stockley, Alderman Sawicki, Alderman Sweeney, Alderman Jenkins, Alderman Harp and Alderman Austin. Also present were Treasurer Dave Waldron and City Attorney Mark Anderson.

Visitors at the meeting were Sue Hall, Tracy Smith, Ken Bonine, Joan Jones, Jerry Jones, Walter Grimm, Mike Konsoer and Stu Bloom (Earlville Post).

ADDITIONAL AGENDA - None

APPROVAL OF MARCH 11TH REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Alderman Sweeney made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the March 11th Regular Session minutes as presented. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Alderman Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sawicki, to accept the treasurer's report as read by Treasurer Dave Waldron. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

**COMBINED FUNDS ACCOUNT BREAKDOWN
March 2015**

<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
CORPORATE	\$ 170,161.75
SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 20,938.94
INSURANCE	\$ 24,625.94
AUDIT	\$ 7,183.83
GARBAGE	\$ 3,966.95
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 6,801.44
WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION	\$ 12,266.13
IMRF FUND	\$ 17,635.49
MOTOR FUEL TAX	\$ 136,067.83
TIF II	\$ 0.00
TIF III	\$ 623.22
2007 DEBT CERT./INT. REPAYMENT	\$ 2,907.81
WATER	\$ 254,418.63
SEWER	\$ 36,655.00
IEPA LOAN REPAYMENT	\$ 119,673.23
OUTSTANDING CHECKS	\$ 4,206.38
TOTAL	\$ 818,132.57

ILLINOIS FUNDS INVESTMENTS – MARCH 2015

General Fund	\$ 118,630.95
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$ 32,276.23

REVIEW ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Alderman Sweeney made a motion, seconded by Alderman Harp, to pay all bills as presented. On roll call: Alderman Sawicki-aye, Alderman Sweeney-aye, Alderman Jenkins-aye, Alderman Harp-aye, Alderman Austin-aye, Alderman Stockley-aye. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC VOICE

Ken Bonine asked about the status of the sirens. Mayor Hall stated that the sirens are linked and can be set off by dispatch in Mendota.

Jerry Jones stated he heard both sirens yesterday and there is no problem with them. He stated that he would like to thank the Alderman who were not re-elected for all of their hard work. He stated that he hopes that the progress made over the last few years is not affected by the new Alderman coming on the Council.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Alderman Sweeney made a motion, seconded by Alderman Harp to approve the continuation of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the City of Princeton for mosquito eradication services. On roll call: Alderman Sweeney-aye, Alderman Jenkins-aye, Alderman Harp-aye, Alderman Austin-aye, Alderman Stockley-aye, Alderman Sawicki-aye. MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCE

Alderman Stockley reported:

- Recommended payment of bills
- IDOT Local Roads and Streets Compliance Review #54 will be put on the agenda to be accepted and placed in the permanent file
- Council was asked to continue review of Wage Ordinance and be prepared to make any changes necessary by the end of the month.
- A Special Meeting was set for April 28th at 5:00 p.m. to complete all matters regarding 2014 fiscal year
- Alderman Sawicki noted changes the Governor of Illinois is trying to get approved and commented on what impact it could have on the City of Earlville

Alderman Stockley made a motion, seconded by Alderman Harp to accept IDOT Local Road and Streets Compliance Review #54 covering the receipt and disbursement of Motor Fuel Tax Funds by the City for the period beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2014. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman discussed a wage increase as a percentage or a flat amount per hour. Alderman Jenkins recommended a 1.5% increase for the six full time employees, as a cost of living increase. It was noted that Social Security cost of living increase was 1.7% for 2015. The two full time police officers will be covered by the union contract under negotiation. Alderman

Jenkins noted that there needs to be clean up of language in the Employee Handbook since the City went to direct deposit for paychecks. He also suggested looking at the vacation section of the wage ordinance – he proposed changing the years worked for 4 weeks vacation and adding a 5th week of vacation for employees with 20 + years. Alderman Jenkins noted that the new medical insurance premiums should be in by April 20th and that section can be looked at to see if any change would be suggested.

POLICE

Alderman Jenkins reported:

- Chief Plumlee noted about three vests still need to be ordered and filling part time hours is sometimes a problem

PUBLIC WORKS

Alderman Harp reported:

- Roger Torman stated that hydrant flushing will begin April 6th
- Roger Torman commented on the state of the streets, noting some patch repair needs to be done
- Mr. Torman stated that the city vehicles and mowers are in good shape at this time

Mayor Hall announced on April 25th from 9:00 to 1:00 there will be an electronic recycling event at the LaSalle County Governmental Complex on Etna Road in Ottawa. Each person is allowed to take up to 10 items and it is free. You can find more information on the County website at www.lasallecounty.org.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Hall proclaimed May 2015 as Motorcycle Awareness month.

Alderman Sawicki made a motion, seconded by Alderman Harp approving request from Earlville Business Association for the closure of Ottawa Street from Union Street to Railroad Street and downtown streets starting at 2:00 p.m. on May 16, 2015 for the Annual Cruise Night and banning any non-EBA activities on the sidewalks for the protection of the public and vehicles. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Harp made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sweeney to accept the resignation of Josh Hamer from the Zoning Board of Appeals. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Hall appointed Mary Bender to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Josh Hamer. Her term will expire on 7/23/2017.

Alderman Harp made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sawicki to approve the mayoral appointment of Mary Bender to the Zoning Board of Appeals with term expiring 7/23/2017. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Hall announced that there would be a Special City Council meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. to take care of business for the end of the fiscal year.

Alderman Sawicki stated that he has researched the Illinois Statutes and the Sign section of the City Zoning ordinance. He requested that the City Attorney look it over and have a proposal ready for the May meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:23 p.m. Alderman Harp made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sweeney to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and collective bargaining. On roll call: Alderman Sweeney-aye, Alderman Jenkins-aye, Alderman Harp-aye, Alderman Austin-aye, Alderman Stockley-aye, Alderman Sawicki-aye. MOTION CARRIED.

At 7:29 p.m. Council returned to regular session.

On roll call the following members were present: Alderman Stockley, Alderman Sawicki, Alderman Sweeney, Alderman Jenkins, Alderman Harp and Alderman Austin. Also present was City Attorney Mark Anderson.

At 7:30 p.m. Alderman Harp made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sawicki, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.



John Stevens
City Clerk

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