

**CITY OF EARLVILLE**  
**REGULAR SESSION August 12, 2015**  
**City Hall Council Room, 210 W. Railroad Street, Earlville, IL**

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Hall called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present: Alderman Austin, Alderman Bonine, Alderman Harp, Alderman Grimm, Alderman Jenkins and Alderman Konsoer. Also present were City Treasurer Dave Waldron and City Attorney Mark Anderson.

Visitors at the meeting were Joseph Fechter, Shelia Jenkins, James Hall, Tracy Smith, Wilma Stillwell, Mike Heiston, Gary Green, George Durbin, Jessica Jeter, Keith Stevens, Jenny Boltz, Carla Gast, Don Sawicki, Gary Ayala, Rose Stockley, Eldon Collins, Rita Novak, Tamara Abby (News-Tribune) and Stu Bloom (Earlville Post).

**ADDITIONAL AGENDA – None**

**APPROVAL OF JULY 8th REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

Alderman Harp made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jenkins to approve the July 8, 2015, Regular Session minutes as presented. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

**COMBINED FUNDS ACCOUNT BREAKDOWN**  
**JULY 2015**

FUND	AMOUNT
CORPORATE	\$ 254,296.20
SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 25,090.46
INSURANCE	\$ 37,094.90
AUDIT	\$ 9,119.49
GARBAGE	\$ 5,332.60
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 7,246.97
WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION	\$ 25,266.45
IMRF	\$ 23,104.03
MOTOR FUEL TAX	\$ 175,587.22
TIF III	\$ 27,537.71
2014B GO BOND REPAYMENT	\$ 37,899.49
WATER	\$ 268,510.14
SEWER	\$ 47,386.84
2014A GO BOND REPAYMENT	\$ 178,944.20
OUTSTANDING CHECKS	\$ 286.30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,113,703.00</b>

## ILLINOIS FUNDS INVESTMENTS – JULY 2015

General Fund	\$	48,204.41
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$	3,927.75

### REVIEW ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

### PUBLIC VOICE

Joseph Fechter stated he is bewildered as to why he has to pay a fine for a sticker that he had no prior knowledge of whatsoever. How are residents supposed to know about the sticker, we do not get a paper, our water bill is incorporated into our lot rent, and there is no other way for us to possibly know about it? I did pay for and obtain a sticker as soon as I could after I was cited. Can the fine be forgiven? If not, why?

Attorney Anderson stated that because your case is actually pending we cannot discuss it in this forum. You can discuss it with the officer who issued the ticket or talk to the Chief of Police about how to proceed with the matter.

James Hall stated he is still concerned about the tree on Chestnut Street that is in extremely bad condition. Mr. Hall stated he is on disability and he purchased a \$20.00 sticker. \$20.00 is not going to hurt anybody.

Tracy Smith asked about the "no dumping" sign right before the Brooklyn Bridge and why they are dumping there and who owns the property. The Mayor stated that it is private property and the owner has the ability to stop dumping if they so choose.

Mike Heiston had an officer come on private property and write out some tickets. How am I supposed to protect my property? He stated that he would be up tomorrow to sign a trespassing complaint.

Gary L. Green stated he received a ticket about not having a city sticker. He asked if it is true that at 3 o'clock in the morning that the police can come in their yard and write a ticket?

Carla Gast stated she received a ticket on her daughter's car. She had purchased a sticker but it did not stick. Is there not such a thing as a warning?

### PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY - Alderman Bonine reported:

- The city was sprayed for mosquitos last week.
- 515 Stilson Street vacant and burned out home remains a health concern and I have pictures. I hope we can get something done about it.
- Mr. Bonine stated that he looked at the tree on Chestnut Street and it is in terrible shape and it needs to be determined whose property it is on

### FINANCE - Alderman Austin reported:

- Bill Schwabenland of WIPFLI, LLC gave an overview of the annual audit for the fiscal year 5/1/2014 – 4/30/2015.

- Discussion was held on replacing the light fixtures at city hall and will table this until September to gather additional information on the light fixtures and possible grants.

Alderman Konsoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Harp, to accept the annual audit completed by WIPFLi, LLC for the fiscal year 5/1/2014 – 4/30/2015 as presented. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

**POLICE** - Alderman Jenkins reported:

- Discussion was held on replacing the cameras in the park and will continue next month
- Discussed the city sticker ordinance

Chief Plumlee stated that the City Council does make the ordinances and the job of the police department is to enforce the ordinances. These ordinances are enforced by the letter of the law laid down by the City Council. If you don't agree with the tickets, I have always been open to discuss them. There was evidently some misunderstanding about being told to talk to your alderman. I did put out the word to talk to your alderman but not in this forum. My intention was to have you talk to them before the meeting. I hope that clears up some of your questions. You are certainly welcome to come and talk to me anytime you have an issue with the tickets. That doesn't mean that they are going to be dismissed or amended to warnings, but some of them possible could, based on a case by case situation.

Attorney Anderson stated that going to your alderman is a good idea to discuss the situation with them and maybe they could be an advocate for you but please understand that they are not the arbiter of whether the ticket is good, bad or otherwise. They do not possess that power and I would not want them to be put in a position where they felt like they are the ones who could decide by themselves.

**PUBLIC WORKS** - Alderman Harp reported:

- No bids were received on the 2015 MFT Maintenance Project because all the contractors were already booked with work for the season. Discussed holding the project until next year and bidding it earlier when the county bids projects.
- Roger Torman is waiting to hear from Putnam County on when they will start the water tower maintenance. They called and they will be starting next Monday.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Harp made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bonine to approve paying 70% of the cost of sidewalk repairs/replacement at 420 W. Winthrop Street.

Alderman Konsoer posed a concern about what the area between the sidewalk and the street is going to look like and who is going to do that work. Alderman Harp stated that Roger Torman would look at it and make sure it is draining correctly. Alderman Austin asked why they only had one bid on that particular project. And I am still unclear as to when this damage was done. Mr. Collins stated that it was 4 years ago, they piled gravel in front of my house and drove a bobcat around the back side of it. Alderman Austin asked why something was not brought to the Council before this. Mr. Collins stated he has been on and off for four years and now I cannot walk out there. Mayor Hall asked about the rebar that is in the bid but not required by the city specifications. Mayor also asked about the terminology of "raise ends of remaining walks to prevent new walk from being too low". This does not sound accurate with what would need to be done and it seems that they would be doing work on sidewalk other than that at 420 W. Winthrop which is outside of the sidewalk program request. Alderman Konsoer suggested that it could be handled as an as-built issue during the construction. Mayor Hall stated that it could be possibly

re-bid to the city specifications. Mayor Hall asked Mr. Konsoer if he was amending the motion on accepting the bid to say that. Mr. Konsoer stated no, that it would be handled during the inspection process.

Being no further discussion, Mayor Hall stated that the motion to approve paying 70% of the cost of sidewalk repairs/replacement at 420 W. Winthrop Street has been made and seconded and asked for a roll call vote: On roll call: Alderman Konsoer-aye, Alderman Harp-aye, Alderman Austin-aye, Alderman Jenkins-aye, Alderman Bonine-aye, Alderman Grimm-aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Alderman Harp to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 08-12-2015, TRAVEL / TRAINING. On roll call: Alderman Austin-aye, Alderman Konsoer-aye, Alderman Jenkins-aye, Alderman Harp-aye, Alderman Bonine-aye, Alderman Grimm-aye. MOTION CARRIED.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Konsoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Harp that the discussion / possible action on vehicle license requirement issues be tabled and have this discussion and invite public comment at the next committee of the whole meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION - None**

At 7:43 p.m. Alderman Harp made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

*Martha E. Dankenbring*

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