

**CITY OF EARLVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
August 2, 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 John Boltz, Alderman Michael Goodbred, Alderman April Law, and Alderman Steven Osborne. Also present, by telephone, Attorney Nigel Smith.

Visitors at the meeting were Wilma Stillwell, Thomas Sullivan, Kate Hoffman and Samantha Majestic.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC VOICE

Wilma Stillwell commented on allowing chickens and the lack of police department ordinance enforcement.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approval of July 5, 2023 regular Committee Meeting minutes
- B. Recommendation payment of all bills be placed on Council agenda

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

FINANCE

Alderman Goodbred discussed the commercial scavenger license process. Alderman Goodbred made a motion, seconded by Alderman Law to draft an amendment to the code regarding the approval of commercial scavenger licenses and place approval of the amendment on the council agenda. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Goodbred discussed moving the hiring date for the new office employee to October 2nd. Alderman Goodbred made a motion, seconded by Alderman Boltz, to approve moving the hiring date for the new office employee to October 2, 2023 with corresponding changes in the approved Clerk's Office Succession Plan to coordinate with the change in hiring date. Roll call: Alderman Goodbred - aye, Alderman Law - aye, Alderman Austin - aye, Alderman Boltz - aye, Alderman Osborne - aye and Mayor Actis - nay. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC WORKS

Alderman Bolts informed the council of the need for a catch basin at Sunset Avenue and Hawthorne Street. The approximate cost is \$5,000.00

POLICE - none

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Alderman Goodbred stated he saw an article that Plano was spraying for mosquitos and asked about checking to see if they might be able to provide the service for Earlville.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion on Chapter 26 of ordinances, especially nuisance properties and the penalties for such offenses. Attorney Smith is working on this.

Discussion was held on the Right-of-Way Agreement submitted by Surf Air Wireless, LLC. Attorney Smith stated some areas of the agreement need clarification and possibly some changes. Alderman Boltz and Attorney Smith will work on completing the review of the proposed agreement and communicate issues to Surf Air Wireless, LLC to come to an agreement to bring to the council for final discussion and possible approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Smith commented on the reconsideration of the Hiring Process Policy and the proposed changes.

Alderman Osborne made a motion, seconded by Alderman Boltz, to approve the proposed reconsideration of the Hiring Process Policy. Roll Call: Alderman Law – aye, Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, Alderman Goodbred – aye, Alderman Boltz – aye, and Mayor Mark Actis - aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion was held on reconsidering allowing chickens.

Mayor Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Boltz, to reconsider allowing chickens and request the Zoning Board of Appeals schedule the necessary Public Hearing and move to the council agenda. Roll call: Mayor Actis - nay, Alderman Boltz - nay, Alderman Law -nay, Alderman Goodbred - nay, Alderman Austin - nay, and Alderman Osborne - nay. MOTION FAILED.

CLOSED SESSION - none

ADJOURN

At 7:51 p.m., Alderman Goodbred made a motion, seconded by Alderman Law, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by Voice Vote. MOTION CARRIED.

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