

**CITY OF EARLVILLE
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
December 10, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Room
210 W. Railroad Street, Earlville, IL**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Alderman Robin Austin, Alderman John Boltz, Alderman Michael Goodbred, Alderman Matthew Johnson, and Alderman April Law. Absent: Alderman Steven Osborne. Also present was Treasurer Dr. Bruce Bauer.

Visitors at the meeting were Deputy Clerk Jessica Olson and, by remote participation, Attorneys Sandie Maahs and Emily Moore.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Alderman Boltz made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to approve the agenda. Voice Vote: All in Favor. Absent: Alderman Osborne. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC VOICE – none

TREASURERS REPORT

Dr. Bauer presented the Treasurer's report.

CONSENT AGENDA – OMNIBUS VOTE

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

- A. Approval of November 12, 2025, regular session minutes
- B. Acceptance and placement to be on file of the monthly Treasurer's report
- C. Approval for payment of bills as presented
- D. Approval of ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 3, an ordinance amending Chapter 24, Law Enforcement, Article III, Police Department, Section 24-23, Auxiliary Police Officers
- E. Approval of ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 4, an ordinance AMENDING BUILDING CODES, Chapter 8
- F. Approval of Personnel Policy Manual update for Section 3 – Employee Hours, Wages & Reimbursement, 3.1 – Working Hours, The Police Department, in the Personnel Policy Manual to be changed to say hours will be determined by the Chief
- G. Approval of the proposed streets for 2026 Cape Seal Project paid for by Motor Fuel Tax money

H. Approval authorizing the mayor and/or City Clerk to sign all documents for the 2026 Cape Seal Project

I. Approval of the Zoning Board of Appeals to meet as needed for 2026

Roll Call: Alderman Goodbred – aye, Alderman Boltz – aye, Alderman Law - aye, Alderman Austin – aye, and Alderman Johnson – aye. Absent: Alderman Osborne. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC WORKS

Alderman Johnson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin to approve placing two “Playground Ahead” signs on Ottawa Street and Winthrop Street at a cost of no more than \$50 for each sign plus the cost of the poles for each sign, if needed. Roll Call: Alderman Johnson – aye, Alderman Law - aye, Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Goodbred – aye, and Alderman Boltz – aye. Absent: Alderman Osborne. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Law made a motion, seconded by Alderman Boltz, to approve the purchase of two electronic speed signs for the front of the school at a cost at no more than \$8,000 with reimbursement of one speed sign from the school. Roll Call: Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Law - aye, Alderman Goodbred – aye, Alderman Johnson – aye, and Alderman Boltz – aye. Absent: Alderman Osborne. MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCE

Alderman Austin, made a motion, seconded by Alderman Boltz, to approve ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 5, AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE CITY OF EARLVILLE, LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2025, AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2026. Roll Call: Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Boltz – aye, Alderman Goodbred – aye, Alderman Johnson – aye, and Alderman Law - aye. Absent: Alderman Osborne. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Boltz made a motion, seconded by Alderman Goodbred, to approve the GoBond Engagement letter and Risk Disclosure Document. Roll Call: Alderman Law - aye, Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Boltz – aye, Alderman Johnson – aye, and Alderman Goodbred – aye. Absent: Alderman Osborne. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Johnson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Boltz, to approve the Fee Rate Schedule for utilities to be in effect starting the new fiscal year, May 2026, after 1,000 gallons of water are used, the water rate will be \$6.25 and sewer rate will be \$8.25. Roll Call: Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Boltz – aye, Alderman Johnson – aye, Alderman Goodbred – aye, and Alderman Law - aye. Absent: Alderman Osborne. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Austin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Johnson, to approve a Fee Rate Schedule for video gaming machine permits to be \$200/terminal, effective January 1, 2026. Roll Call: Alderman Boltz – aye, Alderman Goodbred – aye, Alderman Johnson

– aye, Alderman Law – aye, and Alderman Austin – aye. Absent: Alderman Osborne. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Austin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Goodbred, to approve a Christmas bonus of \$100 to the 7 full time employees and 1 part time city office assistant clerk. Roll Call: Alderman Boltz – aye, Alderman Johnson – aye, Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Law – aye, and Alderman Goodbred – aye. Absent: Alderman Osborne. MOTION CARRIED.

POLICE

Alderman Boltz reported that Cops with Santa was a complete success.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY - none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Law made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to approve Regular City Council meeting dates of the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call: Alderman Boltz – nay, Alderman Johnson – aye, Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Law – aye, and Alderman Goodbred – aye. Absent: Alderman Osborne. Aye 4/Nay 1: MOTION CARRIED.

Attorney Moore reviewed the status of the 314 Hiscock Street property. She reported the interested buyer wants all liens released on the property. They are asking the County for all liens to be withdrawn. The buyers will have Wes Whittaker tear down the property upon purchase. City attorney fees were \$1,500 at the last billing period. Moore stated that the County Attorney has authority. Current buyers cannot be held for costs incurred before the property was purchased and cannot be pursued after the property is purchased. Alderman Johnson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Law, to release the liens on the 314 Hiscock Street property. ROLL CALL: Alderman Johnson – aye, Alderman Law – aye, Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Goodbred – aye, and Alderman Boltz – nay. Absent: Alderman Osborne. Aye 4/Nay 1: MOTION CARRIED.

Attorney Moore reviewed the status of the 203 N. Grant Street property. She said the home owners wanted an agreement with the fines forgiven. If not, she asked what the City wanted to do and what they want the owners to pay and a timeline. The City has expenses of a lawyer, sign, reconnect fees, and newspaper posting. There are also city ordinance violations totaling \$2,700. The current owners took possession of the home in October 2024. The Mayor stated he wants all bills paid through a payment plan. They are the current owners' violations. Alderman Law made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to have owners pay all fees and set up an affordable payment plan beginning on February 1, 2026. ROLL CALL: Alderman Johnson – abstain, Alderman Law – aye, Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Goodbred – aye, Alderman Boltz – aye. Absent: Alderman Osborne. MOTION CARRIED.

Attorney Moore reviewed the status of the 405 S. Grant Street property. An LLC owns the home. There has been a letter sent from the Health Department. She suggested that the city could go the fast track demolition option, but needs a list of all violations. The demolition expense is on the city, if they do it, but they are not obligated to do it. The Grant Street residents told the police that they are moving, but they are still there. Alderman Law made a motion, seconded by Alderman Johnson, to have Attorney Gottschalk talk to the LLC owners and threaten to start the fast track to demolition. ROLL CALL: Alderman Boltz - aye, Alderman Goodbred - aye, Alderman Austin - aye, Alderman Law - aye, and Alderman Johnson - aye. Absent: Alderman Osborne. MOTION CARRIED.

Attorneys reviewed the status of the Otterbach property. Otterbach was personally served but through his wife. Our attorney has not been able to serve the LLC because Otterbach is the agent of the company and the agent must be personally notified, and he is not. Alderman Johnson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Law, to authorize city attorney to proceed with noticing action into court. ROLL CALL: Alderman Goodbred - aye, Alderman Boltz - aye, Alderman Austin - aye, Alderman Johnson - aye, and Alderman Law - aye. Absent: Alderman Osborne. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS - none

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:13 p.m., Alderman Boltz made a motion, seconded by Alderman Goodbred, to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body. (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)). ROLL CALL: Alderman Austin - aye, Alderman Boltz - aye, Alderman Goodbred - aye, Alderman Johnson - aye, and Alderman Law - aye. Absent: Alderman Osborne. MOTION CARRIED.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 8:20 p.m., council returned to Regular Session. Roll Call: Alderman Robin Austin, Alderman John Boltz, Alderman Michael Goodbred, Alderman Matthew Johnson, and Alderman April Law. Absent: Alderman Steven Osborne.

Visitors at the meeting were Deputy Clerk Jessica Olson, Attorneys Sandie Maahs and Emily Moore by remote participation.

ADJOURN

At 8:20 p.m., Alderman Law made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by Voice Vote. Absent: Alderman Osborne. MOTION CARRIED.

Jane M. Bauer, Ed.D.
City Clerk

JANE M. BAUER, CITY CLERK
BY Jessica Olson, DEPUTY CLERK

The undersigned, **BRUCE A. BAUER**
Treasurer of the CITY OF EARLVILLE respectfully submits the following
Report, showing the state of the Treasury at the close of business on the
31st day of December 2025

RESOURCE BANK	\$	167,202.35
NUMARK CREDIT UNION	\$	49,192.40

GENERAL FUND		11,791.29
SOCIAL SECURITY FUND		(1,986.19)
INSURANCE FUND		1,010.40
AUDIT FUND		418.91
GARBAGE FUND		4,209.34
UNEMPLOYMENT FUND		161.97
WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION FUND		1,613.93
IMRF FUND		2,897.95
DRUG FUND		51,162.44
MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND		446.25
2017 GO BOND CAPITAL PROJECT FUND		814.51
2017 GO BOND REPAYMENT FUND		(6,570.36)
WATER FUND		(11,213.46)
WATER - UNEARNED CASH		3,209.36
WATER RESERVE FUND		36,391.27
SEWER FUND		85,311.95
SEWER RESERVE FUND		35,667.39
ILLINOIS TOTAL FUNDS	\$	1,561,814.28
CHECKS NOT CASHED	\$	1,427.71

TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS: \$ 1,775,723.52

Find the Warrants and Vouchers above mentioned.
All of which is respectfully re-submitted, this
14th day of January 2026

Treasurer