

CITY OF EARLVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
December 6, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Room, 210 W. Railroad St., Earlville, IL

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mayor Mike Hall, Alderman Mark Actis, Alderman Robin Austin, Alderman Ken Bonine, Alderman Walter Grimm, Alderman Chuck Jenkins and Alderman Michael Konsoer.

Visitors at the meeting were Beverly Malkey, Sheila Jenkins, Jerry Jones, Joan Jones, Pat Durbin, Wilma Stillwell, Samantha Majestic, Tom King, Ryan Richardson, Kristy Actis, Joe Plumlee and Stu Bloom (Earlville Post).

ADDITIONAL AGENDA - none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bonine, to approve the November 1, 2017, Regular Committee minutes. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC VOICE

Wilma Stillwell stated that there are red stop signs in town and the alderman are not exempt from stopping.

Tom King stated concerns that the taxpayers money is being wasted and that the city should have a master plan.

Jerry Jones stated that the program in the park was very nice and attended by many people. He hopes events like this continue.

FINANCE

Alderman Austin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Actis, that payment of the bills be placed on the city council agenda. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Austin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Actis to place the passage of ORDINANCE NO. 12-13-2017, AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE CITY OF EARLVILLE, LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2017 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2018 on the agenda for the December 13, 2017 council meeting. Discussion followed. On roll call: Alderman Grimm – nay, Alderman Actis – aye, Alderman Jenkins – aye, Alderman Bonine – aye, Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Konsoer – nay. Four ayes, two nays MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jenkins to place the passage of ORDINANCE NO. 12/13/2017(A), AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX HERETOFORE LIVIED FOR THE YEAR 2017 TO PAY TAX DEBT SERVICE ON \$1,220,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2014A (Alternate Revenue Source) OF THE CITY OF EARLVILLE, LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS on the agenda for the December 13, 2017 council meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC WORKS

Alderman Actis reminded citizens that snow routes will be in effect when there is 2: or more of snowfall.

Alderman Actis reported that he and Alderman Austin met with the school board about purchasing property from the school for a new well site. Both sides are in agreement and they need to come up with a figure and then we will meet again. This will be brought back to the Council.

Alderman Konsoer brought up discussion on the truck routes and the heavy traffic during the harvest season. He feels that the truck routes need to be better identified. Roger Torman will look into this and report back to the Committee of the Whole in January.

POLICE

Alderman Jenkins had no report.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Alderman Actis brought up the issue of solicitation permits and he said he would like to ban all solicitation permits. Recently there have been numerous complaints about energy company solicitors. Alderman Actis will get a copy of Galena's code and try to have something ready for the council meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Konsoer stated that he and Alderman Actis met with Mark Anderson and he suggested that we table this. Alderman Actis stated that it was already tabled once, let's get it done and move on. The proposed Sidewalk Program was discussed line by line and the suggested changes will be forwarded to Mark Anderson.

NEW BUSINESS

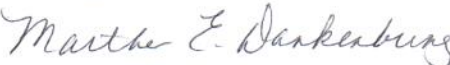
Alderman Actis asked for discussion on the possibility of renters being sent a copy of their water bills with the property owners permission because many of the renters do not get anything and do not know what to pay. Alderman Konsoer stated he sees the problem but that is a landlord/tenant issue and he does not feel that the city should get into it.

Alderman Actis discussed use of a web cam to live-stream committee and council meetings. Alderman Konsoer stated it would cost nothing to create a you tube channel which gives you a much larger benefit than live-streaming. Alderman Actis stated he would like it to be live streamed and archived to the website. Mayor Hall stated that it must be archived because it becomes a public record and would be subject to FOIA. Alderman Actis would like to talk to Chris Bland, our IT guy to see if we can come up with a reasonable solution and be secure.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - none

ADJOURN

At 9:33 p.m., Alderman Konsoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to adjourn the meeting.


Martha E. Dankenbring
Deputy City Clerk