

**CITY OF EARLVILLE**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
**December 6, 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. Absent: Alderman Walter Cwikla,

Visitors at the meeting were Wilma Stillwell, Samantha Majestic, William Sosa, and Chief Jim Scheib.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC VOICE**

Mr. Sosa addressed the dangers of the sycamore tree on Winthrop which includes but is not limited to bird feces, bird attacks, and dead and dropping branches.

Mrs. Stillwell stated that someone appears to be living in a store front, which is a violation.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Approval of November 1, 2023, Regular Committee Meeting minutes
- Recommendation for payment of all bills be placed on Council agenda
- Recommendation to place the proposed Committee of the Whole and City Council regular meeting schedule for 2024 on the Council agenda; Committee of the Whole meetings to be the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and City Council meetings to be the second Wednesday of each months at 7:00 p.m., with the exception of July being the second and third Wednesday. The Zoning Board of Appeals meets as needed.

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

**FINANCE**

Alderman Goodbred made a motion, seconded by Alderman Law, to have ORDINANCE NO. 12-13-2023 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE CITY OF EARLVILLE, LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2024, AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2025, placed on the Council agenda. Roll Call: Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Law - aye, Mayor Actis – aye, Alderman Goodbred – aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, and Alderman Boltz – aye. Absent: Alderman Cwikla. MOTION CARRIED.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Alderman Boltz made a motion, seconded by Alderman Goodbred, to place authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign any and all documents for the 2024 Cape Seal Project on the council agenda. The project is paid for with Motor Fuel Tax Funds. ROLL CALL: Alderman Goodbred – aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, Mayor Actis – aye, Alderman Boltz – aye, Alderman Austin – aye, and Alderman Law – aye. Absent: Alderman Cwikla. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Boltz made a motion, seconded by Alderman Law, to place, on the Council agenda, approval for McMahon to put out for bids the plans for the Union Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project, upon receipt of I.D.O.T. approval. Absent: Alderman Cwikla. All in favor by Voice Vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Boltz made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to move to the city council agenda the removal of the Sycamore tree on W. Winthrop Street. Absent: Alderman Cwikla. All in favor by Voice Vote. MOTION CARRIED. Mayor Actis stated there is another tree for removal on N. Main and Alderman Law stated there is a limb to be trimmed on a tree at the corner of Ottawa and Stilson Street.

## **POLICE**

Mayor Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Osborne, to post for part-time police officers, leaving open the time frame for accepting applications but including job description, etc. Absent: Alderman Cwikla. All in favor by Voice Vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Chief Scheib addressed the 30 mile radius, recommending that be removed to attract more officers, who now, must have training and be certified. The radius narrows the applicant pool. He recommended more officers for the city so there is mingling in the community at school, the park, and during community activities. Chief Scheib also recommended the officer advertising be placed on the city website.

Alderman Osborne made a motion, seconded by Alderman Goodbred, to post for a part-time SRO Officers, including time frame for accepting applications from January 1 to January 31, job description, etc., and post job opening on The Blue Line from January 1 to January 31, 2024. Absent: Alderman Cwikla. All in favor by Voice Vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Chief Scheib reported camera and computer issues, which need to be resolved. Chris Bland, IT, will be called. There was work done on the Dodge transmission and a tire repair. Chief also stated that there is a law that states an officer must report everyone they stop. Chief Scheib is working on those records.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - none**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Law made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to donate \$1,000 to the Mendota Area Christian Food Pantry for their Building Fund Drive. ROLL CALL: Alderman Austin – aye, Mayor Actis – aye, Alderman Goodbred – aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, Alderman Boltz – aye, and Alderman Law - aye. Absent: Alderman Cwikla. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Boltz made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to move to City Council a request for the Registered Vehicle list from the Secretary of State. Absent: Alderman Cwikla. All in favor by Voice Vote. MOTION CARRIED.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Osborne made a motion, seconded by Alderman Boltz, to place approval of the updated Personnel Policy Manual on the Council agenda (replacing Paragraph 5.2 under Section 5 – Benefits in regard to the Paid Leave for All Workers Act (820 ILCS 192/1 *et seq*)). Absent: Alderman Cwikla. All in favor by Voice Vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Osborne made a motion, seconded by Alderman Law, to place ORDINANCE NO. 12-13-2023(A) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 05-11-2022 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING WAGES, VACATION TIME, AND OTHER BENEFITS OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF EARLVILLE, COUNTY OF LASALLE, AND STATE OF ILLINOIS on the Council Agenda. Absent: Alderman Cwikla. All in favor by Voice Vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Boltz made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to place ORDINANCE NO. 12-13-2023(B) AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE ILLINOIS PAID LEAVE FOR ALL WORKERS ACT FOR THE CITY OF EARLVILLE, COUNTY OF LASALLE, AND STATE OF ILLINOIS on the Council agenda. Absent: Alderman Cwikla. All in favor by Voice Vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Boltz made a motion, seconded by Alderman Goodbred, to place authorization on the Council Agenda for the City Attorney to foreclose on the City liens regarding properties at 515 Stilson Street and 314 Hiscock Street. Absent: Alderman Cwikla. All in favor by Voice Vote. MOTION CARRIED.

The office will contact individual business owners asking them if they would like to sponsor individual spring and fall banners.

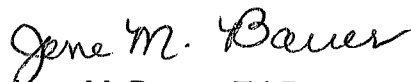
### **CLOSED SESSION - none**

Mayor Actis shared a recording from MariLee Halterman praising Earlville Schools and the City of Earlville.

Chief Scheib distributed Police Commander Responsibilities to be considered at the next meeting.

### **ADJOURN**

At 7:49 p.m., Alderman Law made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to adjourn the meeting. Absent: Alderman Cwikla. All in favor by Voice Vote. MOTION CARRIED.

  
Jane M. Bauer, Ed.D.  
City Clerk