

**CITY OF EARLVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
REGULAR SESSION, December 7, 2016, 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Room, 210 W. Railroad Street, Earlville, IL**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Jenkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., called for a moment of silence in memory of 75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Visitors at the meeting were Bev Malkey, Mike Hall, Wilma Stillwell, Joan Jones, Jerry Jones, Ryan Richards, Heather Richards, Becky Jungels, Sheila Jenkins, Jim Baird, Rose Stockley, Joe Plumlee, Roger Torman, Martha Dankenbring, and Stu Bloom (Earlville Post).

ADDITIONAL AGENDA - none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Konsoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2016, Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC VOICE – none

FINANCE

Alderman Austin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, 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, that ORDINANCE NO. 12-14-2016, AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE CITY OF EARLVILLE, LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2016 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2017 be placed on the City Council agenda. Discussion followed. Alderman Bonine asked how the 1.4687 city levy tax rate was set. Mrs. Dankenbring explained the levy process related to Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV), the amount of money requested, the amount of money levied and received. Alderman Grimm stated the city should tighten if we can. Alderman Austin stated the city was asking for less than they asked for the previous year. Alderman Konsoer stated no one had demonstrated an impact or need stating that just because we have an appropriation ordinance does not mean we have to spend it. Jenkins explained that salaries had gone up and the city increased the number of employees. Mrs. Dankenbring stated the levy was to pay for the appropriations already approved by the Earlville City Council in July. By voice vote: ayes – 3, nays – 2. MOTION PASSED. Alderman Konsoer asked for division. On roll call: Alderman Actis - aye, Austin - aye, Alderman Bonine - nay, Alderman Grimm - nay, Alderman Jenkins - aye, and Alderman Konsoer - nay. 3 aye, 3 nay - MOTION DIED.

Alderman Grimm made a motion to eliminate the 1.9% increase. Mrs. Dankenbring asked what you are going to change. Alderman Grimm asked what are we going to change. Much discussion followed. MOTION DIED for lack of a second.

Mrs. Dankenbring then offered a suggestion of reducing the levy by \$2,000 (dropping the corporate and police levy by \$1,000 each) which left a difference of \$1,385 in the reduction to reduce the 1.91 rate increase. Discussion followed.

Alderman Austin led a discussion on ORDINANCE NO. 12-14-2016(A), AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE \$1,220,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2014A (Alternate Revenue Source) OF THE CITY OF EARLVILLE, LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Alderman Austin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, that ORDINANCE NO. 12-14-2016(A), AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE \$1,220,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2014A (Alternate Revenue Source) OF THE CITY OF EARLVILLE, LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS be placed on the City Council agenda. Voice vote, 5 – aye, 1 – nay. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Austin reported the city received a \$2,366 energy efficiency rebate from the State of Illinois for the City Hall lighting upgrade.

PUBLIC WORKS

Alderman Bonine made a motion, seconded by Alderman Grimm, that a quote of \$1,250 for complete asbestos survey, testing, and lab fees of city water building be placed on the City Council agenda. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Bonine made a motion, seconded by Alderman Grimm, to place recommendation for quote of \$5,000 for a used steel roller on the City Council agenda. Discussion followed. Alderman Actis stated Alderman Konsoer did not want to spend money appropriated and the city should cut back. He stated this was a place to cut back. On roll call: Alderman Konsoer – aye, Alderman Jenkins – nay, Alderman Grimm – aye, Alderman Actis – nay, Alderman Austin - nay, Alderman Bonine – aye. 3 aye, 3 nay - MOTION DIED.

Alderman Bonine discussed cape seal. Mr. Torman asked the Committee of the Whole to give approval for LaSalle County to come in and bid work for cape seal and grinding and complete overlay of Ottawa Street and cape seal of side streets as needed to be paid for through Motor Fuel Tax (MFT), unofficial, unanimous approval was given to proceed with bidding at no cost to the City of Earlville.

POLICE

Alderman Jenkins reported the city directional antenna, due to a frequency issue, cannot be shared with the Earlville Fire District and the city needs to reimburse the Earlville Fire District for the half they paid. Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to place reimbursement for directional antenna at a cost of \$17,004.60 to the Fire Department on the City Council agenda. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Alderman Bonine commended the city workers for doing an excellent job on the streets. Alderman Jenkins agreed and stated that their picking up the leaves has helped the air quality. He stated citizens told him they were better able to breathe this fall due to the reduction of burning leaves.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Jenkins reported on the Safe Routes to School/Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Grant. Alderman Austin said there is a sidewalk needed all along Union Street. Alderman Actis said he finished his part. Alderman Konsoer thanked the school and Mr. Torman for

surveys and information provided by them. He stated there is an app for the submission and paper copies cannot be used. Aldermen Jenkins and Grimm stated they received a lot of information from the school to help with the grant.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Jenkins discussed the Proposed Resolution for Travel Expense Reimbursement per Public Act 099-0604. Alderman Austin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Actis, to place Proposed Resolution for Travel Expense Reimbursement per Public Act 099-0604 on the City Council agenda. Discussion followed. Alderman Konsoer said the Act did not make the city use their figures and since it was not due until June, he did not favor acting on it. Voice vote was called 3 aye and 3 nay. MOTION DIED.

Alderman Konsoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bonine, to move Rule for City Council: In order to preserve the committee process, no item requiring a vote by the City Council may be placed on the City Council Agenda without first receiving a majority approval of a motion to place that item on the City Council Agenda by the Committee of the Whole. Discussion followed. Alderman Konsoer said the committee is irrelevant if agenda items are not approved. Alderman Grimm said they are in a council system and everything should go through the council. Alderman Actis said he would want to move the discussion to January 4, 2017. Alderman Austin said she disagreed with the motion giving the example that reports like the Treasurer's report cannot be finished to come to the Committee of the Whole. Alderman Jenkins stated the idea does not destroy the committee process but does limit the Mayor's authority to appoint and place emergency items on the agenda. On roll call: Alderman Actis – nay, Alderman Austin – nay, Alderman Grimm – nay, Alderman Konsoer – aye, Alderman Bonine – aye, and Alderman Jenkins – nay, Alderman Grimm stated he wanted to change his vote to aye. 3 aye and 3 nay - MOTION DIED.

At 8:23 p.m. Alderman Bonine, Alderman Grimm, and Alderman Konsoer walked out of the meeting.

The following items were not discussed due to lack of quorum:

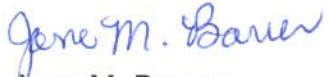
1. Appropriations for Water and Waste Water Funds shall only be used for expenses directly related to those funds
2. An auditable accounting system, approved by the City Council, shall be established within 30 days to insure:
 - (a) Charges to the Water and Waste Water Funds are solely for expenses directly related to those funds
 - (b) Payments from the Water and Waste Water Funds for salaries, labor charges, payrolls, and associated expenses such as FICA, workman's compensation insurance, employee medical insurance, vacation pay, holiday pay, sick pay, IMRF contributions and other payroll related items are directly associated with the Water and Waste Water Funds.
3. A labor timekeeping system, approved by the City Council, shall be established within 30 days to insure salaries, payroll charges, compensatory time, overtime, vacation pay, holiday pay, sick pay and the associated expenses of FICA, workman's compensation insurance, employee medical insurance, IMRF contributions and other payroll related items charged to the Water and Sewer Funds is only for work directly related to the Water and Waste Water Funds.

Action to set the Committee of the Whole meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and City Council meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. The Zoning Board of Appeals meets as needed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - none

ADJOURN

Alderman Jenkins adjourned the meeting due to lack of a quorum at 8:23 p.m., when Alderman Bonine, Alderman Grimm, and Alderman Konsoer walked out of the meeting.



Jane M. Bauer
City Clerk

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