

**CITY OF EARLVILLE
REGULAR SESSION FEBRUARY 11, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Alderman Harp, Alderman Jenkins, Alderman Austin, and Alderman Stockley. Alderman Sawicki and Alderman Sweeney were absent. Also present were City Treasurer Dave Waldron and City Attorney Mark Anderson.

Visitors at the meeting were Sue Hall, George Durbin, Ken Bonine, Mike Heiston, Walter Grimm and Stu Bloom (Earlville Post).

ADDITIONAL AGENDA - None

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 14TH REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Alderman Stockley made a motion, seconded by Alderman Harp to approve the January 14, 2015 Regular Session minutes as presented. All in favor by voice vote. Alderman Sawicki and Alderman Sweeney-absent. MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Alderman Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stockley, to accept the treasurer's report as read by Treasurer Dave Waldron. All in favor by voice vote. Alderman Sawicki and Alderman Sweeney-absent. MOTION CARRIED.

**COMBINED FUNDS ACCOUNT BREAKDOWN
January 2015**

| <u>FUND</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| CORPORATE | \$ 222,364.01 |
| SOCIAL SECURITY | \$ 24,063.35 |
| INSURANCE | \$ 24,616.28 |
| AUDIT | \$ 7,181.01 |
| GARBAGE | \$ 3,920.31 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT | \$ 7,135.53 |
| WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION | \$ 12,261.32 |
| IMRF FUND | \$ 23,859.54 |
| MOTOR FUEL TAX | \$ 127,754.98 |
| TIF II | \$ 0.00 |
| TIF III | \$ 622.97 |
| 2007 DEBT CERT./INT. REPAYMENT | \$ 2,966.65 |
| WATER | \$ 242,785.84 |
| SEWER | \$ 26,957.73 |
| IEPA LOAN REPAYMENT | \$ 82,733.41 |
| OUTSTANDING CHECKS | \$ 7,389.63 |
| TOTAL | \$ 816,552.56 |

ILLINOIS FUNDS INVESTMENTS – JANUARY 2015

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| General Fund | \$ 75,520.74 |
| Motor Fuel Tax Fund | \$ 25,192.94 |

REVIEW ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Alderman Stockley made a motion, seconded by Alderman Harp, to pay all bills as presented. On roll call: Alderman Jenkins-aye, Alderman Sawicki-absent, Alderman Austin-aye, Alderman Stockley-aye, Alderman Sweeney-absent, Alderman Harp-aye. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC VOICE

Walter Grimm stated he would like to see the bills that are being paid. He stated that he read a statement at the Zoning Board hearing last night. Attorney Anderson reminded him that the time for testimony was last night, this is simply Public Voice. Mr. Grimm stated that he received a list of items that a citizen wanted brought up and he read the list. He stated he had some things he felt that should be added to this ordinance. He read a statement concerning the movement of sand and safety concerns with high structures.

Ken Bonine asked how many people did not get their city stickers last year. Mayor Hall stated that he did not know.

Mike Heiston stated that the public works guys did a good job shoveling around the hydrants.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Alderman Stockley reported:

- Nothing new on the vacant and burned out home
- Some calls have been received about tall snow piles causing some driving hazards
- Attorney Anderson stated that County just enacted an ordinance similar to Streator's, that deals with abandoned buildings. He will work on getting an ordinance put together for the City.

Alderman Sweeney arrived at 7:45 p.m.

FINANCE

Alderman Stockley reported:

- Recommended payment of bills
- An ordinance to abate the tax levy for the \$1,220,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014(A) will be on the agenda for the February 11th City Council meeting. These bonds were used to refinance the loans for the sewer plant. They will save money on interest and shorten the life of the debt. The \$24.00 per month charge on the utility bill is used to make the payments on the new bonds.
- Discussion was held on persons who have not purchased their vehicle stickers. The police are issuing \$60.00 citations in addition to the \$20.00 sticker price and the \$20.00 late fee. The Council decided not to waive and delinquent fees, however, some payment plan would be accepted.

- Discussed and recommend to remove the monthly water bill attached to the property now owned by the Earlville Historical Society. It will be brought to the Council at the Feb. 11th meeting for approval

Alderman Stockley made a motion, seconded by Alderman Harp, to pass ORDINANCE NO. 02-11-2015 AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX HERETOFORE LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2014 TO PAY TAX DEBT SERVICE ON \$1,220,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2014(A) (Alternate Revenue Source) OF THE CITY OF EARLVILLE, LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS. On roll call: Alderman Sawicki-absent, Alderman Austin-aye, Alderman Stockley-aye, Alderman Sweeney-aye, Alderman Harp-aye, Alderman Jenkins-aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Stockley made a motion, seconded by Alderman Harp to waive the utility bill for the Historical Society Building. On roll call: Alderman Austin-aye, Alderman Stockley-aye, Alderman Sweeney-aye, Alderman Harp-aye, Alderman Jenkins-aye, Alderman Sawicki-absent. MOTION CARRIED.

POLICE

Alderman Jenkins reported:

- The vests have been ordered and have been arriving
- Mr. Grimm asked about negotiations. It was stated they are ongoing.

PUBLIC WORKS

Alderman Harp reported:

- Discussed snow pile removal and clearing around hydrants.
- Snow removal went smoothly with no breakdowns or serious problems
- We have good supply of salt.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Grimm asked about grants mentioned earlier in meeting. Attorney Anderson clarified that once the City would get the abandoned property then it is a problem funding the demolition. He stated that there may be grants available. He asked Alderman Sweeney about quiet zones. Alderman Sweeney stated she did not find the cost, she looked into it and we would need a change in our area before it could be considered and even with a quiet zone they may still blow the train whistle.

NEW BUSINESS

The Zoning Board of Appeals submitted their recommendation from their meeting the previous evening. Mayor Hall read their recommendation as follows:

- RE: Zoning Board Appeals Meeting: Proposed amendment to City of Earlville Zoning Ordinance deleting the current item (a) in Section 8.03(B)(1) and Section 8.04(B)(1) and replacing it with the item (a) in Section 8.03(B)(1) and Section 8.04(B)(1)
- a. Height – No building or structure shall exceed forty (40) feet in height except that the following buildings and structures (and any infrastructure related to them) may be erected above the height herein prescribed:

penthouses for roof structures for the housing of elevators, stairways, tanks, ventilating fans, or similar equipment required to operate and maintain the structure, and fire or parapet walls, skylights, steeples, flagpoles, chimneys, smokestacks, radio and television aerials, wireless masts, electric and telephone service poles, water tanks, silos, bins, storage hoppers, elevators or similar structures.

Mayor Hall and the City Council,

Pursuant to appropriate notice, the above referenced public hearings were held on Tuesday, February 10th, 2015, beginning at 7:30 p.m., to discuss the above referenced matter.

During said hearing, there was a presentation of the proposed language and the reason(s) for the suggested changes thereto. There was time allowed for public comment/testimony and an open discussion by the Zoning Board of Appeals. At the conclusion of the hearings, the Zoning Board of Appeals deliberated on the issues at hand. With a vote of 7 "yes" and 0 "no", the board **recommends** the approval of the amendment to the City of Earlville Zoning Ordinance as set forth above.

Respectfully submitted,
Josh Hamer, Chairman
Earlville Zoning Board of Appeals

The Council discussed the recommendation.

Alderman Harp made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin to pass ORDINANCE NO. 02-11-2015(A) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 02-12-2003, THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF EARLVILLE. On roll call: Alderman Stockley-aye, Alderman Sweeney-aye, Alderman Harp-aye, Alderman Jenkins-aye, Alderman Sawicki-absent, Alderman Austin-aye. MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:30 p.m. Alderman Stockley made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sweeney to go into Executive Session to discuss collective negotiating matters and pending litigation. On roll call: Alderman Sweeney-aye, Alderman Harp-aye, Alderman Jenkins-aye, Alderman Sawicki-absent, Alderman Austin-aye, Alderman Stockley-aye. MOTION CARRIED.

At 7:54 p.m. Alderman Harp made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stockley to return to open session. On roll call: Alderman Harp-aye, Alderman Jenkins-aye, Alderman Sawicki-absent, Alderman Austin-aye, Alderman Stockley-aye, Alderman Sweeney-aye. MOTION CARRIED.

On roll call the following members were present: Alderman Harp, Alderman Jenkins, Alderman Austin, Alderman Stockley and Alderman Sweeney. Alderman Sawicki was absent.

Also present was City Attorney Mark Anderson.

At 7:55 p.m. Alderman Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sweeney, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by voice vote. Alderman Sawicki-absent. MOTION CARRIED.



John Stevens, City Clerk