

**CITY OF EARLVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
REGULAR SESSION, February 1, 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: Alderman Mark Actis, Alderman Robin Austin, Alderman Ken Bonine, Alderman Walter Grimm, Alderman Chuck Jenkins, and Alderman Michael Konsoer.

The Mayor was seated as a member of the Committee of the Whole on the recommendation of legal counsel.

Visitors at the meeting were Wilma Stillwell, George Durbin, Pat Durbin, Sue Hall, Pat Cottingim, Joan Jones, Jerry Jones, Ryan Richardson, Sheila Jenkins, Tom King, Rose Stockley, Joe Plumlee, Roger Torman, Martha Dankenbring, Bruce Bauer, Mike Hall, and Stu Bloom (Earlville Post).

ADDITIONAL AGENDA – none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bonine, to approve the December 7, 2016, and January 4, 2017, Regular Committee minutes. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC VOICE

Tom King asked that the Council re-study the railroad.

FINANCE

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

Alderman Austin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, to move the adoption of RESOLUTION NO. 02-08-2017, AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION IN the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Coop (NIMEC) AND AUTHORIZING THE DEPUTY CLERK TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST COST ELECTRICITY PROVIDER FOR A PERIOD UP TO 36 MONTHS.

Alderman Konsoer made a motion to amend the main motion that everywhere in the Resolution where the words Deputy Clerk appear that they be stricken. Alderman Grimm seconded the amendment. Voice vote - 3 aye, 4 nay. AMENDMENT FAILED.

Voice vote on main motion – 6 aye, 1 nay. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Torman reported the 2017 street projects will exceed available funds. We have agreed with the County to do some cape seal work and signed an intergovernmental agreement with them. The other part we want to do is Ottawa Street. Last year's quote was \$72,000 and this year's quote is \$44,000 more. He stated that in addition to Ottawa Street, Warren Street needs work. There is also engineering costs, sidewalk additions, a petro mat, and overlay increased from 1.5 inches to 2 inches. Dr. Bauer reported on funding of street projects recommending the city go out for a

\$500,000 - ten year bond to complete this project and to ensure funds are available for upcoming projects. Dr. Bauer reported the \$3,600 in Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) dollars received each month is not enough to keep up with the city street needs. He stated there will be no increase to the taxpayers as a current \$500,000 bond is paid off in December 2017. Alderman Austin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Actis, to set 7:00 p.m., February 22, 2017, as the proposed date for the public hearing on the bond issue and move it to the February council meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

POLICE

Alderman Jenkins stated there was no report.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Alderman Jenkins reported on 136 W. Railroad Street. Chief Plumlee stated he had talked to the owner last week and said the owner was working on the property. He stated the owner has other property in Earlville that he has renovated. Alderman Konsoer discussed concerns of 103 Railroad Street, The Wallace Building. Alderman Konsoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Grimm, on a resolution to declare 103 and 136 Railroad Street dilapidated buildings, and a resolution to give notice by ticket that the owners give the city a written plan to conform to the city code within 15 days and then have 30 days to correct the deficiencies and place it on the February council agenda. MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Chief Plumlee will issue a warning and then a citation if the work is not done. The Mayor suggested the City Engineer be involved and look at the outside of the building and give a recommendation about declaring the property dilapidated.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Jenkins reported the Safe Routes to School/Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) discussion is moved to combine with new business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Dankenbring gave a computer system update on the January 21, 2017, hacking of the city computers. The city received an estimate of \$15,500 a piece for the two servers for repairing and restoring the files on them but the city IT consultant, Chris Bland, is able to wipe the computers clean and reinstall needed programs for approximately \$2,500. Alderman Konsoer commended Mrs. Dankenbring on her response to the hacking, which was met with a round of applause.

Alderman Actis led in a discussion and recommended approval of a complete, free sidewalk assessment through the North Central Council of Governments on an Illinois Department of Transportation Rural Planning Funds grant. Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bonine, to apply for a Sidewalk Assessment Application for a complete, free sidewalk assessment through an Illinois Department of Transportation Rural Planning Funds grant and move to the February council meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

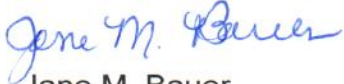
Alderman Konsoer discussed the city Website and epay. Mrs. Dankenbring stated she is working on that and suggested the discussion for epay would be ready for the March agenda.

Alderman Konsoer also discussed placing city salaries on the website by position. Dr. Bauer stated that is already done in the audit and reported to the public by category. Alderman Konsoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Grimm, to move discussion of posting city employee salaries by position on the city website to the February council meeting. On Roll Call: Alderman Actis – nay, Alderman Austin – nay, Alderman Bonine - abstain, Alderman Grim – aye, Alderman Jenkins – nay, Alderman Konsoer – aye. MOTION FAILED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - none

ADJOURN

At 8:39 p.m., Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.



Jane M. Bauer
City Clerk

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