

**CITY OF EARLVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
February 5, 2025, 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: Alderman Robin Austin, Alderman John Boltz, Alderman Walter Cwikla, Alderman Michael Goodbred, Alderman April Law, and Alderman Steven Osborne. Present by remote participation - Mayor Mark Actis.

Visitors at the meeting were Roger Torman, Racheal Quintero, Jessica Olson, Chief Schieb, Greg Lawton, Matt Johnson, Wayne King, Christie Barr, David Dugo, Aria Dugo, and Mike Konsoer.

REMOTE PARTICIPATION

Mayor Actis completed the proper work for remote participation and there is a quorum present. Alderman Boltz made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to approve the remote participation of Mayor Actis. ROLL CALL: Alderman Osborne – aye, Alderman Goodbred - aye, Alderman Cwikla - aye, Alderman Boltz - aye, Alderman Law - aye, and Alderman Austin - aye. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC VOICE

Greg Lawton discussed the fire department.
Christie Barr discussed fire hydrants.
Mike Konsoer discussed fire hydrants and communication.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approval of January 8, 2025, regular Committee Meeting minutes
- B. Recommendation payment of all bills be placed on the Council agenda

ROLL CALL: Alderman Law - aye, Alderman Boltz – aye, Alderman Goodbred - aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, Mayor Actis – aye, Alderman Cwikla – aye, and Alderman Austin - aye. MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCE

Alderman Goodbred made a motion, seconded by Alderman Law, to approve and move to City Council Agenda a Remote Work Agreement for Part Time City Office Assistant Clerk Racheal Quintero during her maternity leave. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Goodbred made a motion, seconded by Alderman Cwikla, to table to March a discussion on city fee/rate schedules for possible updates. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC WORKS

Alderman Boltz stated he and Roger Torman had met with Nick Arps. They went over the Safe Routes to Schools streets. They are expensive. All sidewalk routes are on IDOT property. IDOT will only provide handicapped approaches, not pay for sidewalks. Nick Arps believes there is a \$250,000 grant for sidewalks, but it would cost \$100,000/block for sidewalks. They also discussed signage on Union Street. There is still a planned spring start for the Route 34 bridge and bypass.

POLICE

Chief Scheib stated the police are working with people on abandoned vehicles. There is a new dispatch supervisor in Ottawa and it is going well. Gary Thies has saved the department \$1,800 with their yearly subscription with Lexipol.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY – none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Actis made a motion to table indefinitely ORDINANCE NO. 2024 2-2.75 regarding meeting procedures and consent agendas. All in favor by Voice Vote. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Osborne made motion, seconded by Mayor Actis, to add Veteran Banners to our downtown at a cost of \$80/banner with the city paying half and move to City Council agenda. ROLL CALL: Alderman Austin – aye, Mayor Actis – aye, Alderman Goodbred – aye, Alderman Boltz – aye, Alderman Cwikla – aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, and Alderman Law – aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Law, to approve a one year agreement with CodeRed at a cost of \$1,500 and \$1,350 annually afterwards and move to the City Council agenda. Roll call: Alderman Boltz – aye, Alderman Cwikla – aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, Alderman Law – aye, Alderman Austin – aye, Mayor Actis – aye, and Alderman Goodbred – aye. MOTION CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION - none

ADJOURN

At 7:48 p.m., Alderman Law made a motion, seconded by Alderman Goodbred, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by Voice Vote. MOTION CARRIED.



Jane M. Bauer, Ed.D.
City Clerk