

**CITY OF EARLVILLE  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**July 10, 2019, 7:00 p.m.**

**City Hall Council Room, 210 W. Railroad St., Earlville, IL**

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present: Mayor Mike Hall, Alderman Mark Actis, Alderman Robin Austin, Alderman Edward Farley, Alderman Michael Goodbred, Alderman Chuck Jenkins, and Alderman Steven Osborne.

Visitors at the meeting were Sheila Jenkins, Joan Jones, Jerry Jones, Roger Torman, Ken Bonine, Tom King, Bev Malkey, Wilma Stillwell, Tom Sullivan, Chief Darin Crask, and Stu Bloom (Earlville Post).

Alderman Actis reminded committee members to speak into the microphones and anyone addressing the Committee of the Whole move to the podium and use the microphone there so that everyone may hear. He announced that there are individual assisted hearing devices for those who have a problem hearing during the meeting. No one requested an assisted hearing device.

**ADDITIONAL AGENDA**

Alderman Actis requested to add Yard Waste Pick Up Guidelines as an item under Public Works.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Alderman Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Alderman Farley, to approve the June 5, 2019, regular Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC VOICE**

Mr. King spoke in regard to boarded up windows, pole in the downtown, hole in park sidewalk, administration doing nothing about run down conditions of the city, political junkets, computer malware, sharing knowledge with others, public comment policy should not be changed, and the taxpayers are tired of the deficit spending in past years.

Mr. Bonine spoke in regard to amount paid to office help, ordinances not being enforced, Chief getting lazy and questioned Waste Management sweetening the pot on the garbage contract.

**FINANCE**

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

Alderman Austin stated that the final proposed appropriation figures were handed out and those figures have been put in the proposed draft Appropriation Ordinance. She stated that a line item for Fees – Impound had been added to the revenue section and it could be taken out if the Council decided not to pass an Impound Ordinance. She asked if there were any questions and/or changes that need to be made on the final proposed appropriation worksheet pages.

Alderman Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Alderman Goodbred to place passing ORDINANCE NO. 07-17-2019 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE on the Council agenda. On roll call: Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, Alderman Goodbred – aye, Alderman Actis – aye, Alderman Jenkins – aye, Alderman Farley – aye, Mayor Hall – aye. MOTION CARRIED.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Alderman Actis reported that the 2019 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning & Televising Project should be fully completed by July 19, 2019. They have found no major issues. There are infiltration issues as expected.

Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Osborne to place Visu-Sewer of Illinois. LLC Pay Request #1 – 2019 Sanitary Sewer: Cleaning & Televising Project for \$47,535.93 on the Council agenda for payment. On roll call: Alderman Goodbred – aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Jenkins – aye, Alderman Actis – aye, Alderman Farley – aye, Mayor Hall – aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Actis reported on the 2019 Street Maintenance Project. The seal coat of E. 12<sup>th</sup> Road is done. The cape seal of Chestnut Street, S. Grant Street, Bates Street, Winthrop Street from Main to Stilson Street and a small portion of Green Ridge Avenue will begin at the end of July.

Roger Torman discussed the condition of the current salt spreader and monitor, it has to be run by hand now and the box is in very bad shape. Because of the lack of automated control we are actually wasting salt. He explained the quote received for a new spreader and controller. He stated that the city could purchase bot items at one time or purchase the controller this year and the spreader box next year. Discussion was held. Alderman Austin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Osborne to purchase both pieces now for a total price of \$9,776.00. On roll call: Alderman Actis – aye, Alderman Farley – aye, Alderman Goodbred – aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, Alderman Austin – aye Alderman Jenkins – aye, Mayor Hall – aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Actis read the proposed Yard Waste Guidelines and asked for discussion. It was suggested to put a length on the items not put in containers or bags. It was also suggested to add information about leaf pick up in the fall.

### **POLICE**

Chief Crask asked if any of the Alderman had more questions on the proposed Impound Ordinance. It is industry standard and another way to deter people from violating the law. Alderman Farley asked what would happen if someone did not pay the impound

fee, simply walking away from the vehicle. Chief Crask responded that if the owner did not sign over the title to the City, the City would have to go through the Secretary of State office to gain title to the car, sell it at auction and the City would get the proceeds from the auction. He stated that the Council needed to decide what the impound fee would be. Discussion was held on the amount of the fee. Alderman Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Alderman Goodbred to place passing the Impound Ordinance with a fee of \$300.00, pending approval by the city attorney. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY**

Alderman Farley stated that everything is in place for mosquito spraying when needed.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Actis asked to continue the discussion on the proposed Public Comment Policy. Discussion was held. Recommendation was made to leave the per person time limit at 5 minutes. Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Hall to place adoption of the updated Public Comment Policy on the Council agenda. On roll call: Mayor Hall – aye, Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Jenkins – aye, Alderman Actis – aye, Alderman Goodbred – aye, Alderman Farley – aye. MOTION CARRIED.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Osborne began discussion on RESOLUTION NO. 10-14-2015. He stated that he felt this resolution dealing with travel and training for officials and employees was a prime example of micro-management. He did not see value or need for people to do a write up before they go to training and then another when they return. This is a waste of their time. Mayor Hall stated that he felt that the department heads should handle this. Alderman Actis stated he felt that people should not have to wait until the next council meeting to receive their reimbursement for expenses incurred. Alderman Osborne made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin to place the repeal of RESOLUTION NO. 10-14-2015 on the Council agenda. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED..

#### **CLOSED SESSION** - none

#### **ADJOURN**

At 7:47 p.m., Alderman Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

*Martha E. Dankenbring*

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