

CITY OF EARLVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
July 12, 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, Alderman Michael Konsoer and Mayor Mike Hall.

Visitors at the meeting were Shelia Jenkins, James Hall, George and Pat Durbin, Pat Cottingim, Glenn Jacoby, Wilma Stillwell, Beverly Malkey, Marlene Klimczak, Pat Waldron, Ryan Richardson, Jerry & Joan Jones, Jenny Boltz, Roger Torman, Alfonso Valdez, Tamara Abbey (News Tribune) and Stu Bloom (Earlville Post).

ADDITIONAL AGENDA – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bonine, to approve the June 7, 2017, Regular Committee minutes. Alderman Grimm requested that his entire report from attending a law enforcement seminar be included in the minutes. Alderman Bonine made a motion, seconded by Alderman Konsoer to amend the minutes to include the report from Alderman Grimm. 3 – aye, 3 – nay by voice vote, Mayor Hall – nay. MOTION TO AMEND FAILED. Vote on main motion: 3 – aye, 3 – nay, Mayor Hall – aye. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC VOICE

James Hall stated he felt that the people causing headlines in the paper are destroying our community, making us the laughing stock of the whole state.

Wilma Stillwell stated in regards to the lawsuit, with all the identity theft in the country, the local people are the last ones I would want to have my personal information. You are supposed to be representing the best interests of the citizens and getting our personal information is not in our best interests.

Pat Waldron asked the Council to consider planting a fast growing tree on the west side of the playground. The playground equipment gets so hot that the kids cannot play on it. Alderman Konsoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Actis to place the purchase of a fast growing tree on the Council agenda for next week. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Jerry Jones stated he agreed with the comments made by Wilma and Mr. Hall. He stated he has had people ask him why nothing is being done about the drug dealing in the park.

FINANCE

Alderman Austin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, that payment of the bills be placed on the July council agenda. Alderman Konsoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bonine to amend the motion to take out the invoice for Wipfli LLP in the amount of \$5,000.00. On roll call: Alderman Bonine – aye, Alderman Actis – nay, Alderman Austin – nay, Alderman Grimm – aye, Alderman Konsoer – aye, Alderman Jenkins – nay, Mayor Hall – nay. 3 ayes, 4 nays, MOTION

TO AMEND FAILED. Vote on main motion, on roll call: Alderman Grimm – nay, Alderman Bonine – aye, Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Actis – aye, Alderman Jenkins – aye, Alderman Konsoer – nay. 4 ayes, 2 nays, MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion was held on the proposed appropriation figures. Alderman Bonine where the amount from the sale of vehicle stickers came from. Alderman Austin stated they come from looking at past years.

Alderman Konsoer stated he provided the Council with office hours, for the 7 communities immediately larger than Earlville, required to process water/sewer billing and payments per month. He stated that the average used for water/sewer billing was 40 hours per month, Earlville uses 160 hours per month. Alderman Austin asked where are the hours spent on all of the other things that are done for the water/sewer departments like annual reports to the EPA, accounts payable bills, management of utility accounts, calls about utility services, loans, grants or debt service issues, bounced checks, etc. Alderman Actis stated that he contacted the same towns as Alderman Konsoer and 2 others and found that the information Alderman Konsoer presented was inaccurate. Alderman Konsoer suggested that the full time salary in water and sewer be reduced by 80 hours of office time. Alderman Grimm made a motion, seconded by Alderman Konsoer that we reduce the monthly hours for water and sewer for administration to 80 hours. On roll call: Alderman Actis – nay, Alderman Grimm – aye, Alderman Bonine – aye, Alderman Austin – nay, Alderman Jenkins – nay, Alderman Konsoer – aye, Mayor Hall – nay. 3 ayes, 4 nays MOTION FAILED.

Alderman Konsoer moved that a line item be added to page 5 under Police, to create a vehicle replacement fund, as the Chief recommended, and make this an annual fund for \$5,000.00. Alderman Jenkins stated he also recommends this. Discussion followed. Deputy Clerk Dankenbring clarified that the appropriation is setting the maximum that you will spend on a line item in this fiscal year. She stated that if you are wanting to put money aside, that is a different than putting a line item in your appropriation ordinance. If you want to create a line item it would be an asset not an expense, something like Police Vehicle Replacement. Alderman Konsoer stated he would amend his motion to create a line item for vehicle replacement. Discussion followed. Creating a reserve asset line item is outside of the Appropriations. Alderman Konsoer withdrew his motion.

Alderman Austin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Actis to move the passing of ORDINANCE NO. 07-18-2017 APPROPRAITION ORDINANCE to the July council agenda. On roll call: Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Bonine – aye, Alderman Konsoer – nay, Alderman Jenkins - aye, Alderman Actis – aye, Alderman Grimm – nay. 4 aye, 2 nay, MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Torman reported on the 2017 Street Maintenance Project, weather permitting they will put the fabric down tomorrow and put the final layer of asphalt down. The downtown is done and we will begin working on the striping.

Alderman Actis began discussion on possible equipment needs. Everyone has a copy of paperwork on a leaf vacuum and the unit is at the sewer plant for anyone to look at. I would like to discuss the possibility of purchasing it this year, this would be a great asset to the city and save a lot of man hours picking up leaves in the fall. There is a payment option available. We may not want to wait until the next committee meeting as this is the last unit available this year. Discussion followed. Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Konsoer, to place the purchase of the leaf vacuum and box, with a total cost of \$40,703.00, on the council agenda. On roll call: Alderman Grimm – aye, Alderman Bonine – aye, Alderman Actis, aye, Alderman Jenkins – ayes, Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Konsoer – aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Actis opened discussion on the possibility to trade in the current John Deere tractor for a new one with a cab. The public works plows snow with the tractor and it would be a good idea to have a cab for protection. Discussion followed. The tractor cost would be divided between street, water and sewer because it is used in all areas. Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Konsoer to place the purchase of a 2016 John Deere tractor for a total of \$19,000.00, which includes the trade-in of the current tractor, on the council agenda. On roll call: Alderman Konsoer – aye, Alderman Bonine – aye, Alderman Actis – aye, Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Grimm – aye, Alderman Jenkins – aye. MOTION CARRIED.

POLICE

Sergeant Valdez reported that our camera for the library is out. Alderman Konsoer stated he felt it was time to discuss ditching the whole current camera system in the park. Alderman Jenkins suggested looking into replacing the system with a wireless system or repairing the current system and cameras. Alderman Jenkins agreed to write up a Request for Proposal on the park cameras.

Alderman Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Alderman Konsoer to place the transfer \$5,000.00 per year from cash to create an asset line item for Reserve - Police Vehicle purchase on the council agenda. Discussion followed. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Actis stated we need to look at what is going on in the park.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Alderman Actis stated at 418 Chestnut Street has demolition work going on and he is concerned that they have left an open hole that children could fall into. He suggested that the owner be contacted to secure the area to prevent anyone from falling in. Officer Valdez said he would contact the owner Mike O'Regan.

Alderman Actis stated we are currently waiting on a contract with North Central Illinois Council of Governments (NCICG) in regard to the ITEP Grant. We also need to think about things other than sidewalks, the grant cannot be just sidewalks. Discussion followed. Alderman Konsoer stated that utility relocation could be included. Alderman Jenkins stated we need more research on this. Alderman Konsoer reminded everyone that the deadline is December 1st. Alderman asked about including the cleaning of the monument in the park. Alderman Actis will look into it but he thought they may be something that would need to be done on the local level.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jenkins to recommend passing ORDINANCE NO. 07-18-2017(A) AN ORDINANCE DISCONNECTING PROPERTY FROM THE CITY OF EARLVILLE (MURST). All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Konsoer questioned the payment of property taxes to the City on the Cooper property. There are 2 different parcels that make up the Cooper property, one is a very small parcel.

Alderman Austin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jenkins to recommend passing ORDINANCE NO. 07-18-2017(B) AN ORDINANCE DISCONNECTING PROPERTY FROM THE CITY OF EARLVILLE (COOPER), AND ORDINANCE NO. 07-18-2017(C) AN ORDINANCE DISCONNECTING PROPERTY FROM THE CITY OF EARLVILLE (REMICK). All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Alderman Grimm to move the approval of the draft of Invitation to Receive Bids for the demolition of house at 515 Stilson Street to the council agenda. Alderman Austin indicated that the direction in item 6 should be west, not south, and we need to confer with our insurance company to be certain what insurance coverages are necessary for bidders. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Deputy Clerk Dankenbring reminded the Council to consider where they wanted to advertise for bids and what dates will be set for the bid turn in date and bid opening date, these items will need to be decided next week.

NEW BUSINESS - none

EXECUTIVE SESSION – none

ADJOURN

At 8:17 p.m., Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

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