

**CITY OF EARLVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
REGULAR SESSION JULY 1, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Harp called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Alderman Austin, Alderman Bonine, Alderman Grimm, Alderman Harp, Alderman Jenkins and Alderman Konsoer.

Visitor at the meeting were Mike Heiston, Jenny Boltz, Brent Hanson, Mike Hall and Stu Bloom (Earlville Post).

ADDITIONAL AGENDA

Alderman Konsoer brought up the following:

- The need to amend the sign ordinance to end conflict with current state statute – Ms. Dankenbring stated that it has already been addressed in the codification process.
- Several people in Ward 3 have stated they have problems getting to the meeting by 4:30 p.m., Mr. Konsoer suggested changing the starting time to 5:00 p.m., after discussion Alderman Bonine made a motion to change the start time for the Committee of the Whole meeting to 5:30 p.m. starting August 5, 2015, seconded by Alderman Grimm. On roll call: Alderman Bonine-aye, Alderman Grimm-aye, Alderman Harp-aye, Alderman Austin-aye, Alderman Jenkins-aye, Alderman Konsoer-aye.
MOTION CARRIED.
- Recommended drafting Resolution making all travel/training costs exceeding \$100.00 (inclusive of training fees, travel costs and wages paid to person while attending training) be pre-approved by the council. Discussion followed. Consensus to put this item on the Committee of the Whole agenda for August for continued discussion.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Alderman Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the June 3rd Regular Session minutes and June 23rd Special Session minutes. All in favor by voice vote.
MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC VOICE

Brent Hanson stated he is having some water problems and asked how he should proceed. He was instructed to contact Roger Torman to discuss possible solutions that Mr. Hansen could use.

Mike Heiston asked if there was going to be another spraying for mosquitos and Alderman Bonine stated that one was scheduled for Saturday, July 4th, weather permitting.

FINANCE – Alderman Austin reported:

- Recommend payment of all bills
- Alderman Austin reported on the few appropriation figures that were missing as of the last meeting

Alderman Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin to place the APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 07-08-2015, (with the additional figures added) on the agenda for the July City Council meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC WORKS – Alderman Harp reported:

- The MFT Maintenance Project is waiting IDOT approval
- Reviewed quote for maintenance on the east water tower and discussed the options
 - it was noted that only the name of the City would be put back on the tower,
 - discussed doing only inside of tower maintenance vs. inside and outside,
 - questioned need to bid project, not necessary if approved by 2/3 of Alderman and other companies are far away and just their mobilization costs would be higher than the local company who has done our tower maintenance for years
 - asked about replacing the aircraft warning lights on top, there are none
 - the tower is a good symbol of pride and identity

Alderman Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bonine to put approval of the whole quote from Putnam County Painting Inc. on the July council meeting agenda. On roll call: Alderman Austin-aye, Alderman Jenkins-aye, Alderman Konsoer-aye, Alderman Grimm-aye, Alderman Harp-aye, Alderman Bonine-aye. MOTION CARRIED.

POLICE – Alderman Jenkins reported:

- Alderman Jenkins complimented the Police Department on a great job with the Picnic in the Park for the children, there was a great turnout
- Chief is working on coverage issues
- Looking at possibilities to get the cameras in the park working again – suggestion to look into going wireless, Alderman Jenkins and the Chief will look at the different alternatives

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY – Alderman Bonine reported:

- Next spraying for mosquitos is scheduled for Saturday, July 4th, weather permitting

NEW BUSINESS

Sidewalk repair at 420 Winthrop Street - Alderman Harp reported that the contractor stated they did not damage the sidewalk at 420 Winthrop Street. It was decided to gather more information and put this on the agenda for the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Alderman Austin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jenkins to make two corrections to the previously approved Committee of the Whole minutes: change ..was broken by the "city"..., to ...was broken by the "contractor"..., under PUBLIC WORKS, and correct the address of the house under PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY from "515 N. Main St." to "515 Stilson St." and approve the Committee of the Whole minutes for June 3, 2015 as corrected. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Bonine asked about the sewer back-up problem on 4th Street. This is a private sewer service line problem and the city is not responsible.

Stu Bloom asked if any of the council members were graduates of Earlville High School. No council members were.

At 5:45 p.m. Alderman Harp made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

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