

**CITY OF EARLVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
July 2, 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: Mayor Mark Actis, Alderman Robin Austin, Alderman John Boltz, Alderman Michael Goodbred, Alderman Matthew Johnson, Alderman April Law, and Alderman Steven Osborne.

Visitors at the meeting were Attorney Cassandra Gottschalk, Chief Jim Scheib, Deputy Clerk Jessica Olson, and Roger Torman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC VOICE - none

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approval of June 4, 2025, regular Committee Meeting minutes
- B. Recommendation payment of all bills be placed on the Council agenda

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

PUBLIC WORKS

Alderman Boltz expressed that the Safe Routes to School Grant Application process was too expensive with no guarantees and should be abandoned. Alderman Osborne made a motion, seconded by Alderman Boltz, to drop the Safe Routes to School Grant Application Process. All in Favor by Voice Vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Boltz discussed the alternate route sidewalk. Roger Torman had an estimate of \$195,000 to lay sidewalk along Union Street from Casey's to the Catholic Church and school, north and south side. Roger will have a sidewalk proposal for the Council meeting.

Mayor Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to approve and move to City Council Bill Martin fixing the wood on the playground for approximately \$4,000. ROLL CALL: Mayor Actis - aye, Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Johnson – aye, Alderman Goodbred - aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, Alderman Law - aye, and Alderman Boltz – aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Osborne made a motion, seconded by Alderman Law, to approve and move to City Council the purchase of 20 banner brackets at a cost of \$82/each. ROLL CALL: Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Johnson – aye, Alderman Boltz – aye, Alderman Goodbred - aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, Mayor Actis - aye, and Alderman Law - aye. MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCE

The council discussed figures for the Appropriation Ordinance. Roger stated the water side of citizen bills is losing money, the sewer side is not. Mayor Actis asked Roger to contact the Illinois Rural Water Association for a free investigation of our entire water process. Mayor Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Law, to approve and move to City Council ORDINANCE NO. 07-09-2025-C APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE. ROLL CALL: Alderman Goodbred – aye, Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Law - aye, Alderman Boltz – aye, Alderman Johnson – aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, and Mayor Actis. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Law made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to approve and move to City Council RESOLUTION NO 7-9-2025-A amending the City of Earlville Personnel Policy (Return-to-Work Policy to be added to the City of Earlville's Personnel Policy Manual on page 25). ROLL CALL: Mayor Actis – aye, Alderman Boltz – aye, Alderman Goodbred – aye, Alderman Law - aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, Alderman Austin – aye, and Alderman Johnson - aye. MOTION CARRIED.

POLICE

Chief Scheib reported there will be a Cookout with Cops on Saturday, July 19th.

The chief reported they purchased two phones, one for the car and the other for the school SRO with the school paying for the school phone during the school year.

He ordered a \$830 computer for the squad car, and he is seeking funding for computers.

Also, the Ottawa center is getting another CAD system.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY - none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Attorney Gottschalk will prepare the procedure for City to use in creating honors.

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney Gottschalk will make recommendations on closed session minutes at the next meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:01 p.m., Mayor Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Goodbred, to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing "The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity." 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). All in favor by Voice Vote. MOTION CARRIED.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 8:21 p.m., Council returned to open session. ROLL CALL: The following members were present: Mayor Mark Actis, Alderman Robin Austin, Alderman John Boltz, Alderman Michael Goodbred, Alderman Matthew Johnson, Alderman April Law, and Alderman Steven Osborne.

Visitors at the meeting were Attorney Cassandra Gottschalk, Chief Jim Scheib, and Jessica Olson.

ADJOURN

At 8:22 p.m., Mayor Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Goodbred, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by Voice Vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Jane M. Bauer

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City Clerk

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