

CITY OF EARLVILLE
REGULAR SESSION JULY 8, 2015
City Hall Council Room, 210 W. Railroad Street, Earlville, IL

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00 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. Also present were City Treasurer Dave Waldron and City Attorney Mark Anderson.

Visitors at the meeting were Wilma Stillwell, Dawn Konsoer, Tracy Smith, Sheila Jenkins, Rose Stockley, Martha Dankenbring, Gary L. Green, Jenny Boltz, Mike Heiston, Don Sawicki and Stu Bloom (Earlville Post).

ADDITIONAL AGENDA - Mayor Hall announced Committee Meetings time change from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 10th REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Alderman Harp made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jenkins to approve the June 10, 2015, Regular Session minutes as presented. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Alderman Bonine made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to accept the treasurer's report as read by the Treasurer Dave Waldron. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED

COMBINED FUNDS ACCOUNT BREAKDOWN
JUNE 2015

FUND	AMOUNT
CORPORATE	\$ 264,775.62
SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 15,239.09
INSURANCE	\$ 24,640.74
AUDIT	\$ 7,188.15
GARBAGE	\$ 3,805.42
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 6,704.14
WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION	\$ 12,273.49
IMRF	\$ 10,802.66
MOTOR FUEL TAX	\$ 176,156.58
TIF III	\$ 623.59
2014B GO BOND REPAYMENT	\$ 958.79
WATER	\$ 269,248.51
SEWER	\$ 47,178.44
2014A GO BOND REPAYMENT	\$ 161,880.19
OUTSTANDING CHECKS	\$ 1,190.66
TOTAL	\$1,002,666.07

ILLINOIS FUNDS INVESTMENTS – JUNE 2015

General Fund	\$	5,965.82
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$	1,516.66

REVIEW ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Alderman Harp made a motion, seconded by Alderman Grimm, to pay all bills as presented. On roll call: Alderman Konsoer-aye, Alderman Grimm-aye, Alderman Jenkins-aye, Alderman Bonine-aye, Alderman Austin-aye, Alderman Harp-aye. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC VOICE

Wilma Stillwell stated she worked in town from the age of 15 to 68 and saw many changes and new comers who came and left. She stated that if it isn't broke, don't fix it.

Dawn Konsoer stated the city needs to tighten its budget and said the council needed to bring the city back to life with new hope, new life, and an enjoyable existence.

Tracy Smith asked if mosquito spraying could be done at the senior apartments. Alderman Bonine stated he rode along during spraying and the same places they sprayed the last three years were sprayed. Bonine said the apartments, golf course, other streets will be sprayed.

Gary L. Green, 424 Ottawa Street, stated apartment dwellers next to him have asked to use his garbage can as the apartment owner is exempt from garbage collection. He inquired as to how that is possible. Mrs. Martha Dankenbring responded that the apartment owner was exempt as a prior business owner, but if there are now dwellers in the apartments, the owner will have to pay garbage collection fees and will no longer be exempt from the fees.

Jenny Boltz inquired as to who is responsible for the Ward 3 webpage. Alderman Konsoer replied he started the webpage. Boltz inquired as to why Alderman Konsoer did not post positive things about the city like Lion's Fest and the Cruise Night Car Show. Konsoer replied the description says the website is for members of Ward 3 and what is going on in Ward 3.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Alderman Bonine reported:

- The city sprayed July 4th.
- 515 Stilson Street vacant and burned out home remains a health concern. Attorney Anderson stated the city could initiate a lawsuit to speed up the process but that could prove costly. The Mayor stated that discussion was not part of the committee report.

FINANCE

Alderman Austin discussed finances related to ORDINANCE 07-08-2015 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE.

Alderman Konsoer stated the time has come to put citizens first and find a way for increased input. He stated government should run like a business and concluded with if you believe you can't improve, want things as usual, will not change one line to save dollars, and that the presented ordinance is the best we can do, then vote yes for the ordinance.

Alderman Austin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, to pass ORDINANCE 07-08-2015 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE. On roll call: Alderman Bonine-no, Alderman Harp -aye, Alderman Austin-aye, Alderman Konsoer-no, Alderman Jenkins-aye, Alderman Grimm-no. Mayor Hall-aye. MOTION CARRIED.

POLICE

Alderman Jenkins reported:

- Cops in the Park was great and he thanked the Police and community for support.
- Police discussed digital security surveillance.
- Time will tell about additional needs of Police due to the crossing closed by the drive-In. The Police are playing it by ear; things are going alright.

PUBLIC WORKS

Alderman Harp reported:

- Sewer needs
- Water needs
- Roger Torman discovered a problem which led to an inspection detecting a broken conveyor. The 39 foot customized conveyor, used for waste water treatment, has been ordered from Parkson.

Alderman Harp made a motion, seconded by Alderman Konsoer, to approve the estimate of \$39,650.00 from Putnam County Painting Inc. for interior and exterior maintenance of the 100,000 gallon water tower. On roll call: Alderman Austin-aye, Alderman Grimm-aye, Alderman Jenkins-aye, Alderman Harp-aye, Alderman Konsoer-aye, Alderman Bonine-aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Harp made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bonine, to approve a quote from Parkson for parts to repair the fine screen at the waste water treatment plant in the amount of \$19,710.00 and approve their labor to do the work. On roll call: Alderman Grimm-aye, Alderman Harp-aye, Alderman Bonine-aye, Alderman Jenkins-aye, Alderman Konsoer-aye, Alderman Austin-aye. MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Konsoer asked City Clerk Bauer to report on the City Website. She said, as reported by Konsoer at last month's meeting, the city website contact person is Martha Dankenbring and the GovOffice company office had recommended Konsoer contact Dankenbring. Dankenbring has not been contacted on the website. Konsoer expressed an urgent need to complete the website in 30 days.

Mayor Hall reported the city has until August 10, to review the 366 page codification document it received which will be linked to the website. Konsoer stated he saw a payment of \$2,935 and asked how much more we must pay for the work. Martha Dankenbring responded that the city will owe another \$3,500 or \$4,000 for the final document and additional hard copies. Following the August 10, return of the document, it will take another 3-4 weeks until the codification document is ready to ship.

Grimm inquired as to how many hours Dankenbring had spent on the city website. Dankenbring responded she did not record the time spent on the website. Grimm asked about the software being used for the website. Dankenbring responded it is the GovOffice website software.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Hall re-appointed Robert Atherton and Dave Waldron to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term to expire 7/23/2020.

Alderman Bonine made a motion, seconded by Alderman Harp, to approve the re-appointment of Robert Atherton and Dave Waldron to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term to expire 7/23/2020. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Hall announced the resignation of Andy Stegman as Building Inspector, effective July 8, 2015, and appointed Rick Morphey, who is state licensed as a building and plumbing inspector, as Building Inspector.

Alderman Konsoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Grimm, to approve the appointment of Rick Morphey as Building Inspector. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Hall stated the semi-annual review of Executive Session minutes was conducted and recommended all remain closed due to their content related to bargaining and litigation.

Mayor Hall recommended approval of a variance, as recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals, for Andrew Rhoton, 602 Betty Street, Blackthorn Subdivision stating all requirements were met.

Alderman Austin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Grimm, to approve the variance, as recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals, for Andrew Rhoton, 602 Betty Street, Blackthorn Subdivision. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

At 7:49 p.m. Alderman Harp made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Jane M. Bauer

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City Clerk