

**CITY OF EARLVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
REGULAR SESSION, March 1, 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.

Alderman Jenkins acknowledged the loss and devastation suffered in Ottawa, Naplate, and surrounding areas and expressed concern.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mayor Mike Hall, Alderman Mark Actis, Alderman Robin Austin, Alderman Ken Bonine, Alderman Walter Grimm, Alderman Chuck Jenkins, and Alderman Michael Konsoer.

Visitors at the meeting were George Durbin, Pat Durbin, Beverly Malkey, Wilma Stillwell, Pat Cottingim, Ken Zink, Dr. Kevin Zollars, Jim Baird, Tom Sullivan, Austin Taylor, Joan Jones, Jerry Jones, Ryan Richardson, Tom King, Maureen King, Rose Stockley, Gary Stockley, Tim O'Regan, Mike O'Regan, Brian Smith, Joe Plumlee, Roger Torman, Martha Dankenbring, Bruce Bauer, Sergeant Valdez, and Stu Bloom (Earlville Post).

ADDITIONAL AGENDA – none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bonine, to approve the February 1, 2017, Regular Committee minutes with the addition of seating Mayor Hall as a member of the Committee of the Whole. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

North Central Illinois Council of Governments (NCICG) – Information/Services

Austin Taylor from NCICG presented information/services and presented folders on resources of NCICG. These include help to better service communities, help with workshops and speakers, grant assistance, and any help finding resources for the city.

NEW BUSINESS

Earlville Business Association (EBA) members Dr. Kevin Zollars and Ken Zink spoke on Cruise Night. Alderman Austin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Grimm, to approve moving a request from the EBA for the closure of Ottawa Street from Union Street to Railroad Street and downtown streets starting at 2:00 p.m. on May 20, 2017, for the Annual Cruise Night, banning any non-EBA activities on the sidewalks for the protection of the public and vehicles, requesting a restriction on live music until 9:00 p.m. and permission to hang a sign over Ottawa Street to the regular City Council meeting. The street sign would be attached to permanent brackets for use by any city use. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Bonine made a motion, seconded by Alderman Konsoer, to approve moving a request from Earlville Lions Club for the use of Dodge Park & Pavilion, closing Winthrop Street from Ottawa Street to Main Street for Lions Fest, June 24, 2017, to the regular City Council meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC VOICE

Wilma Stillwell stated campaign signs are placed in the public right of way on Union Street, which is illegal.

Jerry Jones stated the flag in the park was not lowered to half-mast. He asked why there was so much hate and lies. He said he wanted to see Mr. Tom King's qualifications for mayor.

Tim O'Regan demonstrated pure product compared to a sand tainted product. He refuted EOG facts. He asked that the city require licenses for workers in town.

Brian Smith stated the city did not need to worry about EOG coming back. He said he would like to see something from Earlville on zoning.

FINANCE

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

Alderman Konsoer called for a point of order regarding the Mayor sitting on the city of the whole. He called Mr. Mark Anderson, city attorney, an employee and therefore, an employee could not determine composition of committees.

Alderman Austin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Actis, to move the adoption of RESOLUTION NO. 02-08-2017, AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION IN the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Coop (NIMEC) AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST COST ELECTRICITY PROVIDER FOR A PERIOD UP TO 36 MONTHS to the regular City Council meeting. All in favor of motion by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, to approve moving a recommendation to pass ORDINANCE NO. 03-08-2017 to issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for infrastructure projects and paying certain costs of issuance to the regular City Council meeting. Discussion followed. Alderman Konsoer asked for more figures. Dr. Bauer said all of the figures that Mr. Torman has are the papers as presented. Voice Vote: 6 ayes, 1 nay. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Konsoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Grimm, to table a recommendation quote from CDWG for Barracuda Backup 390 – recovery appliance and Barracuda Secure Cloud Storage Service for Barracuda Backup Server for three years which will cover all departments of the city and seek two to three more bids for next month's Committee of the Whole meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Konsoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, to approve moving E-pay options to next month's Committee of the Whole meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC WORKS

Discussion/recommendation to purchase a used roller for a cost of \$5,000.00. Alderman Bonine made a motion, seconded by Alderman Grimm, to approve moving the purchase of a used roller for a cost of \$5,000.00 to the regular City Council meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bonine, to approve moving an ordinance authorizing the sale of surplus Personal Property owned by the City of Earlville, LaSalle County, Illinois (old Essick vibrating roller & trailer - to be taken to Leland Lions Club Auction and sold) and move to the regular City Council meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Bonine made a recommendation, seconded by Alderman Actis, to approve moving RESOLUTION NO. 03-08-2017 RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE. (for 2017 Cape Seal Project) to the regular City Council meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Bonine made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, to approve moving a recommendation on Ottawa/Warren Street maintenance projects to the regular City Council meeting. Mr. Torman said March was the best month to get bids. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

POLICE

Alderman Jenkins reported there were no current issues.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Alderman Bonine made a motion to approve moving a RESOLUTION DECLARING THE PROPERTY AT 103 W RAILROAD AND 136 W RAILROAD A NUISANCE to the regular City Council meeting. Discussion followed. Motion died for lack of a second. Alderman Konsoer asked that the owner be given another warning for the ordinance violation. Alderman Jenkins said that had already been done by the police; it was issued. Alderman Konsoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Grimm, to give owners another 10 days to take care of the problems or be cited. Voice Vote: results were unclear, Chair called for a roll call vote: Alderman Jenkins-aye, Alderman Bonine-nay, Alderman Konsoer-aye, Alderman Actis-nay, Alderman Austin-aye, Alderman Grimm-nay, Mayor Hall-nay. 3 – aye, 4 – nay. MOTION FAILED.

Alderman Konsoer made a motion to table Item 11 A and B to the next Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion died for lack of a second.

Discussion followed on concerns for child safety due to open windows in a renovation at 418 S. Chestnut Street. Mike O'Regan, owner, stated he started work but the weather was against him and stated he would board up windows.

Discussion followed on hedges blocking vision on 517 4th Street, Baumgardner's old place, which is along a state highway. The concern will be discussed with the owner.

Alderman Bonine made a motion, seconded by Alderman Konsoer, to move approval of \$770 bid to check all the warning sirens. Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to amend the motion to wait for more bids. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Roger Torman asked to add another Public Works item. Torman reported that he has received a signed letter of retirement from public works employee Gary Anderson, effective May 31, 2017. Roger reported that he does have vacation and personal time to use and I have approved him using those in May. Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin to recommend placing an ad in the paper to replace this employee. 6-aye, 1 nay by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Actis reported on the Safe Routes to School/ITEP grant. He submitted the NCICG Grant which is not due until March 17. The city will hear something after that date.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA - none

EXECUTIVE SESSION – none

ADJOURN

At 8:42 p.m., Alderman Grimm made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

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City Clerk

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