

**CITY OF EARLVILLE
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MARCH 9, 2016
City Hall Council Room, 210 W. Railroad Street, Earlville, IL**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Michael 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 Robin Austin, Alderman Ken Bonine, Alderman Walter Grimm, Alderman Brock Harp, Alderman Chuck Jenkins, and Alderman Michael Konsoer.

Also present were City Treasurer Dave Waldron and City Attorney Mark Anderson.

Visitors at the meeting were Martha Dankenbring, Wilma Stillwell, Sheila Jenkins, Rose Stockley, Jennifer Boltz, Pat Durbin, George Durbin, Ben Kerr, Gary Buffington, and Stu Bloom (Earlville Post).

ADDITIONAL AGENDA - None

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 10, 2016, REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Alderman Harp made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, to approve the February 10, 2016, Regular Session Minutes. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Alderman Konsoer asked Mr. Waldron about the impact of the impasse of the state budget on city finance. Mr. Waldron responded "I have no idea at this point". Mayor Hall responded that with a lack of a budget there does not seem to be anything going on in Springfield and the Motor Fuel Tax was released with a special motion. The city is receiving Retail Occupation Tax. The Mayor said the city auditors report things are okay.

**COMBINED FUNDS ACCOUNT BREAKDOWN
February 2016**

FUND	AMOUNT
CORPORATE	\$236,314.47
SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 22,598.05
INSURANCE	\$ 28,612.58
AUDIT	\$ 7,672.56
GARBAGE	\$ 6,933.65
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 7,665.35
WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION	\$ 18,491.79
IMRF	\$ 20,344.47
MOTOR FUEL TAX	\$199,937.24
TIF III	\$ 34,219.60

2014B GO BOND REPAYMENT	\$ 2,052.89
WATER	\$249,822.92
SEWER	\$ 39,551.02
2014A GO BOND REPAYMENT	\$ 89,263.82
OUTSTANDING CHECKS	\$ <u>107.61</u>
TOTAL	\$963,588.02

ILLINOIS FUNDS INVESTMENTS – February 2016

GENERAL FUND	\$ 12,280.94
MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND	\$ 4,497.01

REVIEW ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

PUBLIC VOICE - None

FINANCE

Alderman Austin reported committee members were reminded that the Wage Ordinance is passed and wage changes are decided in April to be effective May 1, 2016. The wage ordinance will be discussed at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

The city website is progressing. The live date is May 1. The server arrived March 1, Chris will get it loaded over his school break, and departments have been asked to submit forms for citizen use to be placed on the city website.

PUBLIC WORKS

Alderman Harp made a motion, seconded by Alderman Grimm, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 03-09-2016 RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE. (for the appropriation of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the project). Upon ROLL CALL: Alderman Grimm - aye, Alderman Harp - aye, Alderman Jenkins - aye, Alderman Bonine - aye, Alderman Konsoer - aye, Alderman Austin - aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Harp reported the motor fuel tax balance is approximately \$200,000 with \$92,000 needed for the proposed project. The reserved difference will be held for use next year to repair Ottawa Street and downtown streets.

Alderman Harp reported that Mr. Roger Torman stated the city workers will be conducting berm cleaning but only in areas where the snow plow has thrown gravel into the berm and grass. The city will not be cleaning all berms.

POLICE

Alderman Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Alderman Konsoer to approve Officer Gary Theis in presenting an alcohol awareness Class to the junior and senior students at Earlville High School and the purchase of two pairs of Silver Label Fatal Vision Alcohol Impairment

Goggles for the use in the class. Upon ROLL CALL: Alderman Konsoer - aye, Alderman Jenkins - aye, Alderman Austin - aye, Alderman Grimm - aye, Alderman Harp - aye, Alderman Bonine - aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Jenkins reported that Earlville School asked for additional police coverage for the Donkey Basketball Game on March 12.

Alderman Jenkins reported there is a tentative date of March 14, set for continued police negotiations.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Alderman Bonine made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, to return the Vacant Building Ordinance to the Committee of Whole for further discussion. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Bonine asked Mr. Anderson to report on the progress of the vacant Stilson Street property. Mr. Anderson expects to file a complaint on Friday, and then he will have a summons for the owner. There is another creditor who may try to get in. Mr. Anderson will get together with Rick Morphey, building inspector, to talk to him. Mr. Anderson reported the process may take 5-6 months but there is no way to say for sure.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Bonine made a motion, seconded by Alderman Harp, to approve the proposal from Turnroth Sign Co., Inc. for the purchase and installation of a lighted sign at City Hall with the total cost \$12,755.00 with one half the cost as down payment with order placement and balance upon completion. ROLL CALL: Alderman Konsoer - aye, Alderman Austin - aye, Alderman Bonine - aye, Alderman Grimm - aye, Alderman Harp - aye, Alderman Jenkins - aye. MOTION CARRIED.


Alderman Bonine reported on a recommendation for two flag poles to go along with the city sign. Discussion related to approval of flagpole replacements will be held in the Committee of the Whole meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Grimm encouraged all current city residents to compete for a logo concept design. He is awarding \$50 for the winner of the contest design and can have it developed for \$100. Mayor Hall stipulated that it be stated there is no guarantee that a submission will be accepted. Alderman Grimm will present the pamphlet for discussion at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

ADJOURN

At 7:34 p.m. Alderman Bonine made a motion, seconded by Alderman Harp, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.


Jane M. Bauer
City Clerk