

**CITY OF EARLVILLE
REGULAR SESSION MAY 13, 2015**

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 Sawicki, Alderman Austin, Alderman Stockley, Alderman Harp, Alderman Jenkins and Alderman Sweeney. Also present were Treasurer Dave Waldron and City Attorney Mark Anderson.

Visitors at the meeting were Wilma Stillwell, Tracy Smith, Mike and Dawn Konsoer, Ken Bonine, Tom King, Walter and Paula Grimm, Joe Plumlee, Jane Bauer, Mike Heiston, Norm and Joan Peterson, Donna Mumm, Debbie Bute, Tamara Abby (News Tribune) and Stu Bloom (Earlville Post).

ADDITIONAL AGENDA - None

APPROVAL OF APRIL 8th REGULAR SESSION AND APRIL 21st SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES

Alderman Stockley made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sawicki to approve the April 8th Regular and April 21st Special Session minutes as presented. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

**COMBINED FUNDS ACCOUNT BREAKDOWN
April 2015**

<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
CORPORATE	\$ 126,573.12
SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 18,556.25
INSURANCE	\$ 24,631.08
AUDIT	\$ 7,185.33
GARBAGE	\$ 3,639.72
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 6,802.85
WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION	\$ 12,268.69
IMRF FUND	\$ 15,111.25
MOTOR FUEL TAX	\$ 136,096.25
TIF II	\$ 0.00
TIF III	\$ 623.35
2014B GO BOND REPAYMENT	\$ 2,908.41
WATER	\$ 256,360.21

SEWER	\$ 32,621.64
2014A GO BOND REPAYMENT	\$ 135,498.15
OUTSTANDING CHECKS	\$ 726.46
TOTAL	\$ 779,602.76

ILLINOIS FUNDS INVESTMENTS – APRIL 2015

General Fund	\$ 152,194.19
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$ 33,844.55

REVIEW ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

PUBLIC VOICE

Tom King stated that he thought it was embarrassing for the town that we made the newspapers. He felt that the article did not show both sides of what is going on here.

Donna Mumm asked what would have to be done to get the go-cart across the street from her off the street and quiet the corner down. Mayor asked if the police have been notified and Ms. Mumm stated they had. The Mayor stated that he would look into the situation with the Chief.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Alderman Sweeney reported:

- Mosquito contract is signed and in place
- Nothing new with the burnt house on Stilson Street

FINANCE

Alderman Stockley reported:

- Recommended payment of bills, holding none at this time
- Alderman Jenkins asked to revisit the Wage Ordinance with more discussion on the insurance coverage. After lengthy discussion it was decided by the committee to raise the cap on the insurance \$40.00 and continue with the agreed 1.5% raise to all full time employees. The total increase for the city will be approximately \$1,920.00 and \$4,000.00, ins. Cap and wages.
- Council members were asked to review the Appropriation Ordinance and be ready to discuss changes at future meetings
- Reminder that the City Auditors will be here June 16th – 17th

Alderman Stockley made a motion, seconded by Alderman Harp to pass ORDINANCE NO. 05-13-2015 TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 04-21-2015 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING WAGES, VACATION TIME AND OTHER BENEFITS OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF EARLVILLE, COUNTY OF LASALLE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS. On roll call: Alderman

Stockley-aye, Alderman Harp-aye, Alderman Jenkins-aye, Alderman Sweeney-aye, Alderman Sawicki-aye, Alderman Austin-aye. MOTION CARRIED.

POLICE

Alderman Jenkins reported:

- Chief Plumlee stated that some of the cameras in the park are not working and asked whether the committee wanted repairs done, the committee decided this was a project that needed to be maintained.
- Chief Plumlee noted that a training instructor course was coming up and felt it important to send an officer who could bring the info home to train other officers.
- May 16th is Earlville Business Assn. Cruise Night and we will have extra officers on duty
- Chief commented on the face of the old Humm building as a possible hazard.

PUBLIC WORKS

Alderman Harp reported:

- Roger Torman reported on Water Street and that the project came in a little more than estimated.
- Mr. Torman discussed possible 2015 MFT Project would include cape seal on a number of streets at a cost of \$136,000.00. He noted also that the downtown area and Ottawa Street (1 ½") resurface would cost around \$122,000.00. The MFT Fund does not have enough in it to complete both projects.

Alderman Harp made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stockley to approve the City Engineer to prepare and put out for bid the 2015 MFT Maintenance Program submitted May 5, 2015 for cape seal of various city streets listed and also bid cape seal of the downtown (Ottawa and Railroad Streets) as a possible additional alternate to the 2015 MFT Maintenance Program. On roll call: Alderman Jenkins-aye, Alderman Sweeney-aye, Alderman Sawicki-aye, Alderman Austin-aye, Alderman Stockley-aye, Alderman Harp-aye. MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Hall appointed Jane M. Bauer as City Clerk, effective May 14, 2015, to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of City Clerk John Stevens.

Alderman Harp made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stockley to approve the Mayoral appointment of Jane M. Bauer to City Clerk. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Austin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Harp to approve Dodge Park for use as a possible Farmers Market during the summer from the FFA and other community people who might be interested. It would be used no more than once a week, without interfering with previously scheduled activities and park rentals. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

At 7:25 p.m. Alderman Sawicki made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stockley to adjourn Sine Die. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Hall thanked all the outgoing Alderman for their service to the City. Clerk John Stevens gave the oath of office to Jane M. Bauer, newly appointed City Clerk.

Clerk John Stevens gave the oath of office to newly elected Alderman Kenneth A. Bonine, Walter T. Grimm and Michael Konsoer.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hall called the meeting to order at 7:28 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Alderman Bonine, Alderman Grimm, Alderman Konsoer, Alderman Jenkins, Alderman Harp and Alderman Austin. Also present were Treasurer Dave Waldron and City Attorney Mark Anderson.

Visitors at the meeting were Wilma Stillwell, Tracy Smith, Rose Stockley, Don Sawicki, Kirsten Sweeney, Dawn Konsoer, Tom King, Walter and Paula Grimm, Joe Plumlee, Jane Bauer, Mike Heiston, Norm and Joan Peterson, Donna Mumm, Debbie Bute, Tamara Abby (News Tribune) and Stu Bloom (Earlville Post).

PUBLIC VOICE

Debbie Bute stated she has lived here 3 years and it has been hard for her because there are no pay phones. She has had problems with pre-paid cell phones. She asked about individual pay phone contractors installing them. Mayor stated that the Council can bring this up at their next committee meeting if they wish. She stated she paints faces and does balloons and Mayor stated she would need to contact the Business Association about participating in the Cruise Night.

Donna Mumm asked if it could be posted at the Post Office when clean up days are held as not everyone gets the newspaper.

Linda Kelty stated she is thrilled about having Walter, Ken and Mike on board and she definitely feels she is being represented by them. The other item I would like to discuss is the article that was printed, this article is an embarrassment to us and it should not have happened.

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Jane M. Bauer appointed Martha E. Dankenbring as Deputy Clerk.

Alderman Konsoer asked for a point of order from the Mayor. Alderman Konsoer stated that the Municipal Code provides that the appointment of a deputy clerk needs to be authorized by the City Council. I think it is important that we verify that that authorization has been made. The City Council has to authorize that a clerk may appoint a deputy, if that authorization has not been made then no appointment can be made. Attorney stated that he believes the City is compliant, she has the authority to appoint her deputy clerk. Alderman Bonine – without the Council's approval? Attorney Anderson – yes. What is the point of having two clerks, when you have someone of her caliber she is very qualified to do it without the community having to pay for two clerks? Alderman Bonine stated it is a money issue also, they have money for this office but do not have money for the police department. Alderman Konsoer asked what

happens, when you do your research, that the authorization has not been given. Attorney Anderson stated then it will have to go through a different process. Alderman Konsoer stated his concern that the deputy clerk acting in an official capacity and maybe later having that appointment rescinded, how do we handle any decisions that were made in that official capacity as deputy clerk? Attorney Anderson stated that any actions taken would have to be looked at and re-approached.

Mayor Hall stated that the point of order is denied, it is his opinion that this was done correctly and it will stand until such other time that something is proven.

Mayor Hall appointed Robin Austin Chairman of the Finance Department and Ken Bonine as Chairman of the Public Health and Safety Department.

At 7:42 p.m. Alderman Harp made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.



John Stevens
City Clerk

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