

**CITY OF EARLVILLE**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
**May 2, 2018, 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.

**ROLL CALL**

On 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, Alderman Michael Konsoer.

Visitors at the meeting were Brian Maillet – Microgrid Energy, Sheila Jenkins, Wilma Stillwell, Bev Malkey, Sue Hall, Jerry Jones, Joan Jones, Martha Dankenbring, Barry Aldrich, Roger Torman, Rich Faivre (Superintendent Earlville CUSD #9), Tom King, Alfonso Valdez, and Stu Bloom (Earlville Post).

**ADDITIONAL AGENDA** – none

**APPROVAL OF MIINUTES**

Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to accept the April 4, 2018 regular Committee Meeting minutes. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

**DISCUSSION**

Brian Maillet, Microgrid Energy, explained a concept which is part of the Illinois Future Energy Jobs Act, Solar Energy System. He reported we are entering a new energy frontier. He stated there is access to land near the Earlville water facility for a solar field. Solar energy would go to the water treatment facility and the rest would go to ComEd lines to people who want the incentive. They are able to offer a reduced rate. The water bill will be lower for 25 years. Microgrid Energy finances the project, gets the permits, and operates and maintains the system. Microgrid Energy is required to have a decommission plan, bond, and collateral for the Illinois Power Agency (IPA).

Microgrid Energy would pull from local labor shops for the two month construction period of the solar energy field.

A majority of Earlville residents participate in the current electricity discount program.

In addition to the sewer, there must be small usage users who participate in the program. The program requires subscribers of 50% of users of 25 Kw or less.

The City of Earlville's only expense to install solar energy is a small cost for the city engineer to review the project and the city attorney to approve the agreement.

Rich Faivre, Earlville CUSD9 Superintendent, asked about monitoring the program and financial benefits for the school system.

In conclusion, Mr. Maillet stated he would like to have Earlville prepared in advance to compete for funding of solar energy which would benefit the water sewer treatment facility and participating Earlville citizens.

Alderman Austin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Actis, to move intent to engage Microgrid Energy for solar energy to the regular city council meeting. Alderman Jenkins conducted a roll call: Alderman Bonine – aye, Alderman Konsoer – aye, Alderman Grimm – no vote, Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Actis – aye, Mayor Hall – aye, Alderman Jenkins - aye. MOTION CARRIED.

#### **FINANCE**

Alderman Austin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Actis, that payment of the bills be placed on the city council agenda. Voice vote 6 aye: 1 nay. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Austin discussed the upcoming Appropriation Ordinance. Worksheets go to department heads at the end of the month and will be returned. The office will distribute spreadsheets via email to council members when the numbers are returned to the office.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Alderman Actis had no report.

#### **POLICE**

Alderman Jenkins reported the city has entered into negotiations for a new police contract.

Mayor Hall reported he has conducted four Chief of Police interviews with criteria which includes past employment, philosophy, policies, and vetting by the police department. All interviews were one hour and fifteen minutes. There are no applicants at this time for part-time police officers.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY**

Alderman Actis reported that, due to the rain, there was no need for a burn ban.

Alderman Actis reported on demolition at 515 Stilson Street. All asbestos is removed and Whittaker will begin demolition once ComEd removes the service drop.

Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Grimm, to move approval of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Princeton, IL, for mosquito eradication services to the city council meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none**

#### **NEW BUSINESS - none**

#### **PUBLIC VOICE**

Tom King stated that there is a hole in front the park flag, flags on buildings are discolored and frayed, and there is going to be an auto show so businesses should be told to replace the flags.

#### **CLOSED SESSION - none**

#### **ADJOURN**

At 7:58 p.m., Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Hall, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.



Jane M. Bauer  
City Clerk