

**CITY OF EARLVILLE**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
May 3, 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.

**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 Wilma Stillwell, Beverly Malkey, Pat Cottingim, Joan Jones, Jerry Jones, Tom King, Rose Stockley, Joe Plumlee, Roger Torman, Andrew Cook, Martha Dankenbring, Alfonso Valdez, Sue Hall, Jenny Boltz, Sheila Jenkins, Pat Waldron, and Stu Bloom (Earlville Post).

**FILL OPEN LIAISON POSITIONS**

Alderman Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to elect Alderman Mark Actis to fill the Liaison position for Public Health and Safety and Public Works.

In the discussion that followed Alderman Konsoer stated it was necessary to first elect a new chairman for Committee of the Whole. Alderman Austin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Actis, to nominate Alderman Jenkins to serve as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole. Alderman Konsoer made a motion to nominate Alderman Actis; Alderman Actis declined the nomination. Alderman Grimm then nominated Alderman Konsoer, the motion died for lack of a second. On Roll Call: Mayor Hall – aye, Alderman Actis – aye, Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Bonine – aye, Alderman Grimm – abstain, Alderman Jenkins – aye, Alderman Konsoer – nay, 6-1. MOTION CARRIED.

Vote on the motion for Liaison. Roll Call: Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Actis – aye, Mayor Hall – aye, Alderman Jenkins – aye, Alderman Grimm – abstain, Alderman Konsoer – aye, Alderman Bonine – aye. MOTION CARRIED.

**ADDITIONAL AGENDA** – none

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Alderman Bonine made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to approve the April 5, 2017, Regular Committee minutes. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC VOICE**

Tom King stated the police position should have been discussed in February and March.

Jerry Jones stated the sign across the street said three (aldermen) don't want to work with the other three here. He said it is the other way around, they all need to work as a team with the Mayor.

**FINANCE**

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

Discussion followed on E-pay options. Alderman Konsoer made a recommendation, seconded by Alderman Grimm, that approval of E-Pay be moved to the regular City Council meeting. Discussion followed related to citizens who objected to the city paying \$17 per month to maintain E-Pay and other citizens who are requesting E-Pay. It was established that this action was intended to provide convenience to the citizens who desire to use it. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Austin stated the worksheets were going to department heads for preparation on the upcoming Appropriation Ordinance. Alderman Konsoer asked that those worksheets also be emailed to the Alderman.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Torman reported the cape seal project work would not be completed in May or June.

Mr. Torman asked the council to consider using Vehicle Sticker money to be used to hire the County to do additional street work on 4<sup>th</sup> Street and the west half of Greenridge while they are working on streets in Earlville. The committee agreed.

Mr. Torman introduced new hire Andrew Cook, who received a round of applause.

### **POLICE**

Alderman Jenkins reported there were no current issues.

Chief Plumlee reported that he will have extra officers out on Cruise Night.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY**

Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, that the City of Earlville enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Princeton, IL, for mosquito eradication services for the same price as last year and move the agreement approval to the City Council meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Actis stated solicitors are going around town without registering with the city and advised citizens to beware, tell them to leave, and contact the police. Alderman Konsoer also added the telephone phone scams are being used as well and recommended these warnings be placed on the city website to inform the citizens. Alderman Actis will prepare the language for the post.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Actis stated he has no new report on the Sidewalk Assessment Grant.

Alderman Konsoer brought up the Safe Routes to School/Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Grant and said the city should pursue it. Alderman Konsoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Actis, to pursue the ITEP Grant and move to the Council meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Grimm discussed the city garden. He stated he did not have any volunteers. Mayor Hall said the city had no land to dedicate as a garden. Alderman Grimm stated he presented the proposal to the Earlville CUSD 9 School Board asking the FFA to participate.

Alderman Grimm stated a Judge had ordered the city to fix some zoning. Mayor Hall responded that the attorney is working in conjunction with other attorneys to resolve the issue.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Bonine said the audience says the council should work together and asked them to read the sign across the street.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – none**

**ADJOURN**

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

*Jane M. Bauer*

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