

**CITY OF EARLVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AGENDA
May 7, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Room
210 W. Railroad Street, Earlville, IL**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Osborne called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mayor Mark Actis, Alderman Robin Austin, Alderman John Boltz, Alderman April Law, and Alderman Steven Osborne. Also present: Treasurer Dr. Bruce Bauer. Absent: Alderman Walter Cwikla. Alderman Michael Goodbred arrived 7:03.

Visitors at the meeting were Chief Jim Scheib, Jessica Olson, Matt Johnson, Josh May, two children, and Christina Barr.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Alderman Law made a motion, seconded by Mayor Actis, to approve the agenda. All in favor by voice vote. Absent: Alderman Cwikla. MOTION CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Boltz made a motion, seconded by Alderman Law, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Approval of April 2, 2025, regular Committee Meeting minutes
- B. Recommendation payment of all bills be placed on the Council agenda
- C. Receipt and placement on file of the official canvass results of the Consolidated Election for the City of Earlville held on April 1, 2025.

ROLL CALL: Alderman Law - aye, Alderman Boltz - aye, Alderman Goodbred - aye, Alderman Osborne - aye, Mayor Actis - aye, and Alderman Austin - aye. Absent: Alderman Cwikla. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURN SINE DIE

Mayor Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Boltz, to adjourn the meeting, sine die. ROLL CALL: Mayor Actis - aye, Alderman Austin - aye, Alderman Boltz - aye, Alderman Law - aye, Alderman Osborne - aye, and Alderman Goodbred - aye. Absent: Alderman Cwikla. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Jane Bauer administered the oath to Mayor Mark Actis.

Mayor Mark Actis administered the oath to City Clerk Dr. Jane M. Bauer.

Clerk Jane Bauer administered the oath to City Treasurer Dr. Bruce A. Bauer

Clerk Jane Bauer administered the oath to Alderman Robin Austin.

Clerk Jane Bauer administered the oath to Alderman April Law.

CALL TO ORDER

Alderman Osborne called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mayor Mark Actis, Alderman Robin Austin, Alderman John Boltz, Alderman Michael Goodbred, Alderman April Law, and Alderman Steven Osborne.

Visitors at the meeting were Chief Jim Scheib, Jessica Olson, Matt Johnson, Josh May, Two children, and Christina Barr.

PUBLIC VOICE

Matt Johnson thanked the council for convening the Zoning Board to discuss chickens, stated their proposed rules are no roosters, 6 hens, keep enclosed, and have and follow a permit.

FINANCE

Alderman Goodbred reported that Departments will begin working on appropriation figures for the new fiscal year and have proposed figures for review in June.

Mayor Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Osborne, to approve and move to city council a one-time approval of Paid Leave for All Workers Act (PLFA) time of 13.5 hours to be carried over for Jessica Olson due to assistant on maternity leave and ongoing projects. ROLL CALL: Alderman Osborne – aye, Mayor Actis – aye, Alderman Austin - aye, Alderman Law - aye, Alderman Boltz – aye, and Alderman Goodbred - aye. MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS

Alderman Boltz made a motion, seconded by Alderman Goodbred, to approve and move to City Council RESOLUTION NO. 04-09-2025 for Cape Seal approval. ROLL CALL: Mayor Actis – aye, Alderman Austin - aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, Alderman Boltz – aye, Alderman Goodbred – aye, and Alderman Law - aye. MOTION CARRIED

Alderman Boltz reported the sewer plant has ongoing leaks, the plant is 23 years old, and it needs work.

POLICE

Chief Scheib reported background check software Trans Union provides more than enough searches, is \$900 a year, it is the most cost effective, and searches can be done in a day. Jessica Olson reported it costs \$60 to \$80 to do a search and takes 2 to 3 weeks to receive the information. Alderman Osborne made a motion, seconded by Mayor Actis, to approve and move to city council new background check software Trans Union for a cost of \$900. ROLL CALL: Alderman Law - aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, Alderman Goodbred – aye, Mayor Actis – aye, Alderman Austin - aye, and Alderman Boltz – aye. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY - none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Goodbred stated the state is taking away grocery tax the city collects. The city will lose money if it is taken away. Mrs. Olson reported that in 2023, the city received \$32,000 from grocery tax revenue. Mayor Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Boltz, to approve and move to city council a 1% Grocery Sales Tax. ROLL CALL: Alderman Austin - aye, Alderman Boltz – aye, Alderman Law - aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, Alderman Goodbred – aye, and Mayor Actis – aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Boltz reported he attended an Earlville CUSD 9 School Board meeting seeking their contribution to the Safe Routes to School Grant. He asked for half of the \$40,000 engineering costs, a \$20,000 share. The request was well received by the school board. Alderman Boltz made a motion, seconded by Alderman Law, to approve and move to city council the Safe Routes to School Engineering Agreement for a \$250,000 Grant proposal for sidewalks from Fourth Street to Ottawa Street on the north and from Casey's to the Catholic Church on the south with the city paying engineering costs and/or

entering into a intergovernmental agreement. ROLL CALL: Mayor Actis – aye, Alderman Austin - aye, Alderman Law - aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, Alderman Goodbred – aye, and Alderman Boltz – aye. MOTION CARRIED.

City Clean-up day was discussed. Mayor Actis will discuss dumpster fees with Wes Whittaker. Mayor Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Goodbred, to tentatively establish August 1st and 2nd as 2025 cleanup days. All in favor by Voice Vote. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

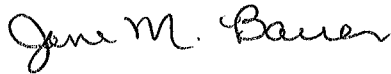
The City Council discussed chickens. Alderman Law stated a coyote recently entered her deck with a chicken in its mouth and there are chickens in the neighborhood. The Mayor stated policing chickens will take time and cost money and he doesn't want the police to be chasing chickens. Alderman Boltz said he thinks chickens are livestock and don't belong in the city. Alderman Osborne made a motion, seconded by Alderman Goodbred, to move approval of chickens to the Zoning Board for consideration. All in favor by Voice Vote. MOTION CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION - none

Mayor Actis informed the City Council, that following election as Ward 3, elected Alderman Jacob Neal moved out of the ward and therefore submitted his resignation. Mayor Actis outlined the process to replace the seat saying he has 30 days to name a person to fill the position, then the City Council would vote. The Mayor said this could mean a special meeting.

ADJOURN

At 7:45 p.m., Alderman Boltz made a motion, seconded by Alderman Goodbred, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by Voice Vote. MOTION CARRIED.



Jane M. Bauer, Ed.D.
City Clerk