

**CITY OF EARLVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
REGULAR SESSION NOVEMBER 4, 2015
City Hall Council Room, 210 W. Railroad Street, Earlville, IL**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Harp 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.

Visitors at the meeting were Martha Dankenbring, George Durbin, Mike Heiston, Sheila Jenkins, Roger Torman, Wilma Stillwell, Rose Stockley, Mike Hall, Joe Plumlee, Tamara Abbey (News-Tribune), and Stu Bloom (Earlville Post).

ADDITIONAL AGENDA - None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Alderman Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to approve the October 7, 2015, Regular Session minutes. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC VOICE

Alderman Bonine asked a question related to elected officials and non elected officials sitting at the table. Alderman Harp explained that the additional seating of the deputy clerk was at the request of Alderman Austin.

FINANCE – Alderman Austin reported:

Alderman Austin recommended payment of bills be placed on the agenda of the regular November meeting. Alderman Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, that payment of the bills be placed on the council agenda. Discussion followed. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Austin discussed Levy figures recommending a request of a 4.95% increase over the previous year's levy extension, for a total levy request of \$182,400. Discussion followed with Mrs. Dankenbring explaining the levy process, Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV), and the various funds within the levy.

PUBLIC WORKS – Alderman Harp reported:

Mr. Torman recommended sealing a small well located in the Industrial Park with betonite as it only produced about 100 gallons of water per minute and is of no use. He reported he would seek local truckers for hauling. Mr. Torman asked that residents bag leaves to facilitate city pick up.

POLICE – Alderman Jenkins reported:

Chief Plumlee reported that there was static in the radios caused by the filter in repeaters and it is being repaired. He reported three officers were going to homicide investigation certificate training November 19-20, in Princeton. He reported he was never made aware that there

were radar gun complaints and the radar guns are re-certified. The older radar gun is getting a new cord and port which is at a cost of \$100 compared to a new gun at a cost of \$1,500. Chief Plumlee reported he is looking at new portable radios.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY – Alderman Bonine reported:

He has contacted city attorney Anderson, but has not received a return call. Therefore, he was not sure where the city was on the discussion of a possible ordinance to deal with vacant properties and priority lien procedures. Currently the city is using the State Law as it relates to the burned Stilson Street property.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Konsoer discussed a RFP on lighting upgrade to city hall and the rebate application. He proposed a T-8 upgrade. Alderman Austin stated we should also bid a LED upgrade.

Alderman Harp discussed requirements for the website. Mrs. Dankenbring explained state requirements on archiving emails, posting agendas, posting minutes on a city website and necessary upgrades to accomplish that task.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Austin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, to recommend City Council adoption of RESOLUTION NO. 11-11-2015 Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Konsoer proposed the city discuss sand transfer plant royalties in an effort to gain increased benefits for the city. He stated the city could create an operators license. He discussed some of the things being done at the Wisconsin sand transfer facilities. Alderman Harp said the city could look it over.

Discussion on the City Cable Television Franchise was explained by Mayor Hall. He said the current franchise contract is not up until 2016 and that the contract is non-exclusive. It was decided the city would seek information from the state, get a letter of interest, and continue with further discussion.

At 8:45 p.m. Alderman Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.



Jane Bauer
City Clerk