

**CITY OF EARLVILLE  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES  
City Hall Council Room  
210 W. Railroad Street, Earlville, IL  
November 5, 2025, 7:00 p.m.**

**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: Alderman Robin Austin, Alderman John Boltz, Alderman Michael Goodbred, Alderman Matthew Johnson, Alderman April Law, and Alderman Steven Osborne. Absent: Mayor Mark Actis. Also present was Treasurer Dr. Bruce Bauer.

Visitors at the meeting were Roger Torman, Jessica Olson, and Chief Jim Scheib.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC VOICE - none**

**CONSENT AGENDA – OMNIBUS VOTE**

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

- A. Approval of October 1, 2025, regular Committee Meeting minutes
- B. Recommendation payment of all bills be placed on the Council agenda
- C. Acceptance and placement on file of the Annual Treasurers Report

Roll Call: Alderman Johnson - aye, Alderman Law – aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Goodbred – aye, and Alderman Boltz – aye. Absent: Mayor Actis. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Osborne made a motion, seconded by Alderman Boltz, to approve payment to the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association \$68,222, due by November 14. Roll Call: Alderman Johnson - aye, Alderman Law – aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Goodbred – aye, and Alderman Boltz – aye. Absent: Mayor Actis. MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Citizens were reminded that the leaf vacuum is for leaves only, twigs and leaves must be separated.

Roger Torman stated that the Veteran's banners were hung and Route 34 Bridge has reopened.

**FINANCE**

Treasurer Dr. Bauer discussed the proposed Levy figures with and without the GO Bond. Alderman Boltz made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to approve and place proposed Levy figures including the GO Bond on the Council agenda. Roll Call: Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Goodbred – aye, Alderman Law – aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, Alderman Boltz – aye, and Alderman Johnson - aye. Absent: Mayor Actis. MOTION CARRIED.

Dr. Bauer discussed the GO BOND renewal. Alderman Law made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to approve GO BOND renewal and place on the Council agenda. Roll Call: Alderman Osborne – aye, Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Goodbred – aye, Alderman Boltz – aye, Alderman Johnson - aye, and Alderman Law – aye. Absent: Mayor Actis. MOTION CARRIED.

Jessica Olson explained that one word was changed per the Department of Revenue in ORDINANCE NO. 2025-2, and therefore, it had to be reapproved. Alderman Law made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to approve the amending of Ordinance No. Grocery Tax 06-11-2025, and place on the Council agenda to approve Ordinance No. 2025-2, A Municipal Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax and A Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax for the City of Earlville. Roll Call: Alderman Goodbred – aye, Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, Alderman Johnson - aye, Alderman Boltz – aye, and Alderman Law – aye. Absent: Mayor Actis. MOTION CARRIED.

### **POLICE**

Chief Jim Scheib reported that "Cops with Santa" will be on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Fire Department.

He reported that the police are being proactive to guard against being a target during the Queen of Hearts sales and the County Sheriff is supplementing Earlville Police with patrols.

**PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY** - none

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Roger Torman received a bid from John Anderson to pour a sidewalk from Casey's to West Street at a cost of \$21,650, which does not include permits. Roger wants to talk to IDOT about the permits. Roger talked to School Superintendent Jim Hermes and the school thinks they can help with IDOT and will discuss the idea of splitting those sidewalk expense numbers with the city now that the cost is under \$30,000. Roger will get a price from Ottawa Street to Stilson Street, too. He also has a price of \$8,600 for flashing signs at the school which are Wi-Fi and solar. The school will also discuss the idea of splitting those. Alderman Law made a motion, seconded by Alderman Goodbred, to move Union Street sidewalks and solar signs in front of school to next month's meeting. Voice Vote: All in Favor. Absent: Mayor Actis. MOTION CARRIED.

Roger Torman also reported on a discussion of making the intersection of Winthrop Street and Ottawa Street a 3-way stop. Roger talked to City Engineer, Nick Arps, and found the criteria for adding a stop sign comes from the "Manual of Uniform Traffic Devices". It includes crash experiences of 5 or more within a month or 6 or more within 36 months, the sight not being able to be seen, the volume of traffic of 300 units per hour, and a combined volume of traffic on the side street (Winthrop Street) of 200 units per hour, and pedestrian movement. Roger reported that Nick said it is a city street and if you want a stop sign, put it up. However, Nick recommended remarking the cross walk with "Beware" and "Slow Down" signs and flashing yellow lights. Roger stated that there are two poles there and a cable box that would have to be moved also. It would not be easy. Roger recommended trying the traditional recommendations first. In conclusion, Roger said Nick's greatest concern was the locals; people won't remember the stop sign. He will look at different signs we can put up and report back to what was found.

Jessica Olson discussed the Illinois Rural Water Association (IRWA) Assessment. It is currently costing \$6.22 to produce water and \$8.33 to process sewer. The IRWA recommends that we should increase what we are charging to \$6.25 for water and \$8.50 for sewer. Our reserve funds are okay, but we need to start planning. Jessica recommended we put the IRWA assessment on the agenda to discuss next month when the council discusses rate schedules.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Goodbred made a motion, seconded by Alderman Law, to move discussion of meeting dates and times for 2026 calendar year to the council meeting. Voice Vote: All in Favor. Absent: Mayor Actis. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Johnson discussed a proposal to develop a small nature park with a looped walking path behind the Lion's Ball Park and Water Treatment Plant. Roger addressed numerous concerns regarding inviting public to the area of the city water and sewer treatment plant, including a retention pond, a tower, odor, flooding, and maintenance. Considering all the possible harm that could occur, he did not think a public walk in that area would be a good idea. It was recommended that Alderman Johnson contact the school about the possibility of a public walk through their property.

A discussion of action on a proposal to raise the limit on raffle licenses was moved to January and Council would like to invite members from the Earlville Lions Club to discuss the future for Queen of Hearts.

The Earlville Lions Club withdrew their application request for public gatherings.

The Council was informed that all members are invited to attend the Mural Dedication on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in the NuMark bank parking lot with a reception to follow at the Museum.

**CLOSED SESSION** - none

### **ADJOURN**

At 9:18 p.m., Alderman Goodbred made a motion, seconded by Alderman Law, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by Voice Vote. Absent: Mayor Actis. MOTION CARRIED.

*Jane M. Bauer*

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City Clerk