

**CITY OF EARLVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
October 2, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Room, 210 W. Railroad St., Earlville, IL**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Alderman Mark Actis, Alderman Robin Austin, Alderman Edward Farley, Alderman Michael Goodbred, Alderman Chuck Jenkins, Alderman Steven Osborne, and Mayor Mike Hall.

Visitors at the meeting were Sheila Jenkins, Joan Jones, Jerry Jones, Sue Hall, Tom King, Bev Malkey, Wilma Stillwell, Chief Darrin Crask, Dr. Kevin Zollars, Jenny Smith, Martha Dankenbring (Deputy Clerk), and Stu Bloom (Earlville Post).

Alderman Actis advised members to speak into the microphones, stated there were assistive hearing devices if needed, asked others who speak to go to the podium. No one requested an assistive hearing device.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA - none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to approve the September 4, 2019, regular Committee Meeting minutes. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC VOICE

Dr. Zollars, EBA President, appealed to the Committee to exempt the EBA from the Temporary Use & Public Gathering fee stating their profits promote the town.

Mr. King stated if he were removed from a meeting for referring to employees by name, he would return with an attorney, only need one ½ time clerk, and protect public in cannabis law.

FINANCE

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

Alderman Austin reminded the public that new vehicle stickers are now available and the deadline for sticker purchase is October 31, 2019.

PUBLIC WORKS

Alderman Actis reported on the 2019 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning & Televising Project. He stated a few manholes had been missed but are now completed and there is no bill submitted for this month.

Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Osborne, to place A.C. Pavement Striping Company Pay Request #2 – 2019 Street Maintenance Project, in the amount of \$19,839.26, on the Council Agenda for payment. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

POLICE – none

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Alderman Farley led in a discussion relating to blocking of sidewalks forcing people to walk in the streets and parking on the streets in the wrong direction. He would like Mr. Anderson to look at this. Alderman Austin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, to move discussion to the next Committee of the Whole meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Farley reminded citizens there is no burning on October 31st, Halloween. Trick-or-Treat is October 31st, 4-7 p.m. and the City will have a portion of Ottawa Street closed for Trunk-or-Treat.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Actis led in a discussion on Adult-Use Cannabis in regard to Public Act 1001-0027, the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act. Mayor Hall said the date to adopt something has changed to June 1, 2020, in order to capture the 3% sales tax by September 1, 2020. Mayor Hall said the State is still working on this and advised the Council to wait until the State is done. He said the State has 75 licenses available for dispensary and growing facilities and distribution facilities. The Mayor said the taxes on these are hundreds of thousands of dollars. Mayor Hall stated we should leave this on our agenda and continue to follow the state.

Alderman Actis led in a discussion on Solar Panel Regulations. He asked if members had a copy of regulations and had any questions. Mayor Hall stated he did not believe the city can dictate who can put up a solar panel as long as it does not violate city ordinance. Mrs. Dankenbring stated she could get copies of other city commercial and private ordinances on solar panels. Alderman Actis said he wants to ensure that qualified individuals, as determined by the Department of Labor, do the work. Alderman Goodbred and Alderman Jenkins would like to look at it some more. Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, to move discussion on Solar Panel Regulations to the next Committee of the Whole meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, setting a fine of \$250 for violators of ORDINANCE NO. 05-08-2019(A) ALLOWING TEMPORARY USE & PUBLIC GATHERINGS. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, to waive the fee for non – profits under ORDINANCE NO. 05-08-2019(A) ALLOWING TEMPORARY USE & PUBLIC GATHERINGS. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Hall, to move discussion and action on proposed changes to ORDINANCE NO. 05-08-2019(A) ALLOWING TEMPORARY USE & PUBLIC GATHERINGS to next month's Committee of the Whole meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Hall made a motion, seconded by Alderman Goodbred, to approve the Application for Temporary Use & Public Gatherings Permit received from the Earlville Business Association for the Annual Christmas Festival to be held December 1, 2019, and not pay the fee, as discussed. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

CLOSED SESSION - none

ADJOURN

At 7:52 p.m., Alderman Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Alderman Osborne, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by voice vote.



Jane M. Bauer
City Clerk