

**CITY OF EARLVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
REGULAR SESSION SEPTEMBER 2, 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 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Alderman Austin, Alderman Bonine, Alderman Grimm, Alderman Harp, Alderman Jenkins and Alderman Konsoer.

Visitor at the meeting were Shelia Jenkins, Tracy Smith, Judi Neill, Deb Carella, Mike Heiston, Jenny Boltz, Wilma Stillwell, Don Sawicki, Rose Stockley, Joe Plumlee, Steve & Tyler Stegle (AA American Locksmith Inc.), Rita Novak, Randy Ikeler (REI Electric), Mike Hall, Tim G., Tamara Abbey (News-Tribune) and Stu Bloom (Earlville Post).

ADDITIONAL AGENDA

Alderman Konsoer stated he would like to add discussion on the training resolution. This was added under New Business.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Alderman Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bonine to approve the August 5th Regular Session minutes. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC VOICE - None

POLICE –

Steve and Tyler Stegle, of AA American Locksmith Inc., gave a presentation outlining the park camera system repairs and upgrades proposal they submitted. They stated that the camera equipment proposed has much better resolution and all equipment is warranted for three years. They are a reliable company and will perform the work themselves. Their labor cost is \$85.00/hour, no matter how many people working. The current DVR is old and can only be accessed at the station by computer. An upgrade to the DVR with new software would allow access from the network and remote by using the internet. There is also a phone app that allows for live view, search and pan, tilt and zoom of the cameras. Martha Dankenbring asked about the security in regards to the internet access at City Hall which needs to remain secure from any outside entities. Tyler stated the system is completely secure and there would not be any chance that the city computers could be accessed from outside entities. Question was raised about the need for "surveillance signs" in the park and it was suggested that they be installed. Chief Plumlee suggested that now is the time to consider adding additional cameras if that is wanted. He also suggested talking to the bank about possibility of coordination with them on placement of cameras and what they will cover, as it may benefit the bank as well. He stated that he would talk to the bank. Chief Plumlee thanked Steve and Tyler for their presentation. The alderman asked various questions. Alderman Konsoer stated that he felt this was good information and now the city needed to

decide what direction they would like to go. He suggested that a RFP (request for proposal) be drafted to acquire additional bids.

Jim Hall arrived at 5:53 p.m. and asked to speak. He was told that Public Voice was over.

FINANCE – Alderman Austin reported:

- Recommend payment of all bills – Alderman Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Alderman Harp to recommend payment of the bills be placed on the council agenda. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Martha Dankenbring left the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

The following is from personal notes taken by Alderman Austin.

- Randy Ikeler went over the work covered by his proposal in regard to changing the lights at city hall to LED lights from the current obsolete T12 fluorescent bulbs. There are some light fixtures that are currently not working at all and some working partially. There are no rebates on this work until the Illinois budget is signed. There are no rebates through the utilities and no grants available currently. With the LED bulbs there is no ballast, less heat and they are brighter and more efficient than T-12 bulbs. Alderman asked various questions. Would not removing the ballast reduce the labor time? Mr. Ikeler stated that it would but not by much because it would only take a brief amount of time to remove them. They should be removed and go back to the manufacturer for proper disposal to avoid any possible contamination. Alderman Konsoer stated they we are in a wait and see position and moved to see what we want. He moved to do a request for proposal of what is needed and get bids. Alderman Grimm seconded.
- Alderman Konsoer moved to rescind the Vehicle License ordinance, Alderman Grimm seconded. Alderman Konsoer state that as it is written it is illegal, the state law only allows for a reduced rate for those 65 and over. Alderman Jenkins and Austin stated that the statute does not forbid other discounts. Alderman Harp asked if Alderman Konsoer and Grimm checked with the city attorney, Mark Anderson. They responded no, this is the law. Alderman Konsoer & Grimm stated there is waste and expended police time and the incidental labor costs were not considered at the time the ordinance was passed.

PUBLIC WORKS – Alderman Harp reported:

- The East tower maintenance work is done and it is back on line
- Street patching is being done

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY – Alderman Bonine reported:

- Alderman Bonine made a motion to hire city attorney about abandoned house issues, Attorney Anderson can reference other city ordinances, Alderman Jenkins seconded. Mayor Hall stated the Martha Dankenbring has received copy of an ordinance from another community (common ordinance for communities in the area) and it puts city at top of the list for liens. Copies from Attorney Anderson and other cities apply to demolition etc. – with new state law, was not available before.

- Alderman Bonine stated he contacted the Illinois State Department of Conservation about the turkey vultures roosting in the sycamore trees at the intersection of Chestnut and Winthrop Streets. There are droppings all across Winthrop Street.
- Discussed the large partially dead tree on Chestnut Street. Jim Hall stated he is concerned about safety. Alderman Bonine talked about contacting the property owner. Alderman Bonine stated he talked to Jim Goellner and got an estimate, and it was mentioned to possibly split the cost with the homeowner. Alderman Bonine asked for this to be put on the agenda for next Wednesday.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

The City Code has been shipped and the Alderman will have an opportunity to review. It will need to be adopted by Ordinance at the council meeting. Alderman Konsoer stated that we need to review the sign section. He wants to see what changes were made to comply with state law.

Alderman Bonine expressed concern about where the executive session minutes prior to 1989 were, what happened to them.

Alderman Austin supplied a sample training report. Alderman Konsoer wants to change the resolution to include conferences and meetings as well as training and clarification about compensated time spent at meetings/trainings for hourly employees.

At 7:00 p.m. Alderman Grimm made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

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