

**CITY OF EARLVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES
City Hall Council Room
210 W. Railroad Street, Earlville, IL
September 3, 2025, 7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Actis called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Alderman Boltz made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to name Alderman Goodbred to conduct the meeting. All in favor by Voice Vote. Absent: Alderman Law and Alderman Osborne. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC VOICE - none

CONSENT AGENDA – OMNIBUS VOTE

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

- A. Approval of August 6, 2025, regular Committee Meeting minutes
- B. Recommendation payment of all bills be placed on the Council agenda.

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

PUBLIC WORKS

Mayor Actis reported that during the last storm the lift at Marathon station was damaged. It has been turned into insurance and repair has begun.

FINANCE - none

POLICE

Alderman Boltz made a motion, seconded by Mayor Actis, to approve and move to City Council an Intergovernmental Agreement for School Resource Officer(s). All in favor by Voice vote. Absent: Alderman Law and Alderman Osborne. MOTION CARRIED.

Chief Scheib reported on repairs including tires, alternator, and an axle. The axle was covered by the warranty. All cars are repaired.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY - none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Boltz has been looking into other grants and loans on sidewalks. There are some other things out there. He said we should keep it on our radar for next year. Mayor Actis stated the city could use motor fuel tax funds for sidewalks. We could skip cape seal projects and use it for sidewalks. Mayor Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Boltz, to move sidewalks to next month. All in favor by Voice Vote. Absent: Alderman Law and Alderman Osborne.
MOTION CARRIED.

Jessica Olson reported that Roger Torman has been in communication with our engineer, Nick Arpes, on the process related to a stop sign at the intersection of the Ottawa Street and Winthrop Street intersection. The city would have to hire our engineer, we would have to move a utility pole, fix everything around that corner, make it handicapped accessible, and be in compliance on all things related to the stop sign and corner. It is a truck route. Chief Scheib reported that there have been three accidents at that corner, one with injuries. Mayor Actis said it would be better to do that when we do the streets the next time. The last time the streets were repaired was 2017. Alderman Boltz made a motion, seconded by Alderman Law to table discussion on the stop sign until Roger can get input on costs. All in favor by Voice Vote. Absent: Alderman Law and Alderman Osborne.
MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to approve and move to city council a clause in the sale of 814 Hiscock Street that the buyer must remediate the property. Roll Call: Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Goodbred – aye, Alderman Johnson – aye, Alderman Boltz – aye, and Mayor Actis – aye. Absent: Alderman Law and Alderman Osborne. MOTION CARRIED. Mayor Actis made a motion amending action and to contact legal counsel, Casandra, to start the process immediately on a clause to remediate 814 Hiscock Street upon sale of the property. Roll Call: Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Goodbred – aye, Alderman Johnson – aye, Alderman Boltz – aye, and Mayor Actis – aye. Absent: Alderman Law and Alderman Osborne. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Boltz asked if there was an ordinance regarding noise or water in an occupied home as there is an inhabited home on Grant Street without electricity or water. It is running a generator non stop. There is no ordinance on record. DCFS has been involved as there are children in the home.

Alderman Boltz stated that he is checking with Surf Internet on their contract to run service to downtown businesses free of charge, as they have not done this, calls and emails go unanswered.

Mayor Actis stated the Illinois EPA and Legal Counsel Casandra met at Otterbach's property west of town. We may receive the report on their findings next week.

CLOSED SESSION - none

ADJOURN

At 7:43 p.m., Alderman Boltz made a motion, seconded by Alderman Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by Voice Vote. MOTION CARRIED.

Jane M. Bauer, Ed.D.
City Clerk

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By Jessica Olson, Deputy Clerk

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