

CITY OF EARLVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
September 5, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Room, 210 W. Railroad St., Earlville, IL

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

On roll call the following members were present: Mayor Mike Hall, Alderman Mark Actis, Alderman Robin Austin, Alderman Ken Bonine, Alderman Walter Grimm, Alderman Chuck Jenkins, and Alderman Michael Konsoer.

Visitors at the meeting were Marni Henert (Rock River Energy), Larry E. Smith, Sue Hall, Sheila Jenkins, Wilma Stillwell, Bev Malkey, Martha Dankenbring, Ryan Richardson, Roger Torman, Tom King, Alfonso Valdez, Chief of Police Darin Crask, and Stu Bloom (Earlville Post).

ADDITIONAL AGENDA

Alderman Ken Bonine added to the agenda. He asked why on August 20, the attorney was meeting with others in the office. Mayor Hall responded the meeting related to negotiations. He asked why Chris Benson was not allowed in the City Hall. Mayor Hall responded she was not barred, he asked her to step out where he could talk to her. Also, Alderman Bonine asked why Marlene was asked to leave city Hall without justification. Chief Crask stated they had already discussed this. Alderman Jenkins stated it has been investigated. Finally, Mr. Bonine asked if stop signs exclude police officers.

APPROVAL OF MIINUTES

Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hall, to accept the August 1, 2018, Minutes. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

ENERGY REPORT MUNICIAPL AGGREGATION

Marni Henert, Rock River Energy, gave a review of renewal electrical aggregation quotes and a recommendation to council on renewal, supplier, and term. Henert reported that as of June 1, Earlville citizens have saved a total of \$134,000 over the years of the electrical aggregation program. Eligio Energy IL LLC is the supplier with the lowest bid today, with rates as follow: Year 1 – 6.940, Year 2 – 6.811, and Year 3 – 6.774. The new rate would not start until March. Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to move renewal electrical aggregation quotes to the City Council Meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC VOICE

Mrs. Stillwell compared current discussion of a tree limb hazard to previous hazard discussions.

Mr. King questioned a harassment ticket (warning) stating a citizen must be advised when this is going to be on the agenda. He asked for pictures of his violation.

Mr. Smith, 201 North Main Street, would like to put a drive way to his property where currently there is a "No Park" sign. He has discussed moving the sign with Mr. Torman.

FINANCE

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

PUBLIC WORKS

Alderman Actis reported that a level transmitter is being replaced with a wireless transmitter at the Marathon well. The job is being paid under maintenance.

Alderman Actis reported the automatic transfer switch is being replaced at the Marathon lift station generator. The job is bring paid under maintenance.

POLICE

Alderman Jenkins said Chief Crask had no report. Alderman Konsoer commended Chief Crask for presenting a month calendar reflecting all shifts being covered.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Alderman Actis reported a hanging limb at 402 S. Ottawa Street had been resolved.

Alderman Konsoer referenced code 1-8-97, which deals with nuisances. He reported the stairway at 136 Railroad remains a safety hazard and the lawn north of town in the undeveloped subdivision is over 8 inches tall. The Mayor and Chief stated the stairway could not be blocked because it is a fire escape. The Mayor stated the subdivision was not zoned PUD.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Konsoer reported that he and Attorney Mark Anderson participated in a conference call with Nick (Arps), from McMahon and Associates, in regard to the Safe Routes to Schools grant. Alderman Konsoer said there was no need to use Kevin (Lindeman) from NCICG (North Central Illinois Council of Governments). He made a recommendation to divide the grant work among the aldermen. Alderman Actis made a motion to remove the Safe Routes to Schools Grant from the table, seconded by Mayor Hall. ON ROLL CALL: Mayor Hall – aye, Alderman Actis – aye, Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Bonine – nay, Alderman Grimm – nay, Alderman Jenkins – aye, Alderman Konsoer – nay. Aye: 4 – Nay: 3. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Actis reported that he and Mr. Anderson are working on the ordinance for street closures modeling it after the City of Sandwich. Alderman Actis stated he liked that fact that each request for street closure is voted on by the Council.

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURN

At 8:27 p.m., Alderman Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

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