

**CITY OF EARLVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
September 6, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Room, 210 W. Railroad Street, Earlville, IL**

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: Mayor Mark Actis, Alderman Robin Austin, Alderman John Boltz, Alderman Michael Goodbred, Alderman April Law, and Alderman Steven Osborne. Alderman Walter Cwikla – absent. Also present, Attorney Nigel Smith.

Visitors at the meeting were Wilma Stillwell, Sgt. Tom Richardson, Wade McClellan (police officer candidate), and Samantha Majestic.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Alderman Goodbred made a motion, seconded by Alderman Law, to approve the agenda. All in favor by voice vote. Alderman Cwikla – absent. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC VOICE

Wilma Stillwell suggested using “political” signs to place around the city to remind citizens to purchase their vehicle stickers.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of August 2, 2023 regular Committee Meeting minutes
- Recommendation payment of all bills be placed on Council agenda

Roll Call: Mayor Actis – aye, Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, Alderman Goodbred – aye, Alderman Law – aye, and Alderman Boltz – aye. Alderman Cwikla – absent. MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCE - none

PUBLIC WORKS

Alderman Boltz stated Roger Torman is working on playground repairs.

POLICE

Mayor Actis reported the candidate choice for police chief withdrew his name after the interviews. Discussion held on reposting the position.

Mayor Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Osborne to approve advertising for Police Chief and School Resource Officer positions with information being posted on the city website and the Blueline. Roll Call: Alderman Boltz – aye, Alderman Law – aye, Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Goodbred – aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, Mayor Actis – aye. Alderman Cwikla – absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Actis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Boltz to approve the job postings and descriptions with an application deadline of September 29, 2023. Roll Call: Mayor Actis – aye, Alderman Goodbred – aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, Alderman Law – aye, Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Boltz – aye. Alderman Cwikla – absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Actis reviewed his written submission to the Council regarding his candidates for appointment to a full-time and a part-time officer position.

Alderman Osborne made a motion, seconded by Alderman Law to approve the conditional offers of employment for the full-time and part-time police officer positions and authorize the Mayor to deliver them. Roll Call: Alderman Boltz – aye, Alderman Goodbred – aye, Alderman Law – aye, Alderman Austin – aye, Mayor Actis – aye, Alderman Osborne – aye. Alderman Cwikla – absent. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY - none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion on Chapter 26 of ordinances, especially nuisance properties and the penalties for such offenses was held. Discussed the need to change the warning regulations for certain offenses and the need to look at Chapter 40 of the city code.

Alderman Boltz stated he talked to Attorney Smith, and Jennifer Alvarez, on the Right-of-Way Agreement submitted by Surf Air Wireless, LLC, about the areas that needed clarification and possible changes. He talked to Mendota about how things went there with Surf Air's installation. They said installation had issues but the internet service is great. The city needs a construction permit process for work in our right-of-way. The man power for the JULIE locates and overseeing the construction process is a problem for us. Surf Air will be submitting a new proposal.

NEW BUSINESS

Some discussion was held on proposed updated Personnel Policy Manual. Alderman Osborne suggested to move this to the Council meeting next week.

Council took a short recess to allow for the full-time officer candidate to sign necessary paperwork for the conditional offer of employment extended to him.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:43 p.m. Alderman Goodbred made a motion, seconded by Alderman Boltz to enter Closed Session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body. (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)) Roll Call: Alderman Austin – aye, Mayor Actis – aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, Alderman Law – aye, Alderman Goodbred – aye, and Alderman Boltz – aye. Alderman Cwikla – absent. MOTION CARRIED.

MEETING RESUMED

Alderman Osborne resumed the Open Session at 9:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mayor Mark Actis, Alderman Robin Austin, Alderman John Boltz, Alderman Michael Goodbred, Alderman April Law, and Alderman Steven Osborne. Alderman Walter Cwikla – absent.

Discussion was held on the decision to make a conditional offer of employment for the Assistant Clerk position.

Alderman Goodbred made a motion, seconded by Mayor Actis to wait on the decision of the candidate for the Assistant Clerk position. Roll Call: Alderman Boltz – nay, Alderman Goodbred - aye, Alderman Osborne – nay, Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman – nay, Mayor Actis – aye. Alderman Cwikle – absent. MOTION FAILED.

Alderman Osborne made a motion, seconded by Mayor Actis to table the decision until next week and request a written report from the City Clerk. Roll Call: Alderman Austin – aye, Alderman Osborne – aye, Alderman Boltz – nay, Alderman Goodbred – aye, Mayor Actis – aye, Alderman Law – nay. Alderman Cwikla – absent. MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURN

At 9:12 p.m., Alderman Goodbred made a motion, seconded by Alderman Law, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by Voice Vote. Alderman Cwikla – absent. MOTION CARRIED.

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