

**CITY OF EARLVILLE  
210 WEST RAILROAD STREET  
REGULAR SESSION SEPTEMBER 9, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Michael Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present: Alderman Robin Austin, Alderman Ken Bonine, Alderman Walter Grimm, Alderman Brock Harp, Alderman Chuck Jenkins, and Alderman Michael Konsoer. Also present were City Treasurer Dave Waldron and City Attorney Mark Anderson.

Visitors at the meeting were Jenny Boltz, Martha Dankenbring, George Durbin, James Hall, Mike Heiston, Sheila Jenkins, Jerry Jones, Joan Jones, Rita Novak, Tracy Smith, Judi Neill, Deb Carella, Wilma Stillwell, Rose Stockley, Sue Hall, and Stu Bloom (Earlville Post).

**ADDITIONAL AGENDA** - Alderman Austin proposed changing the time of the Committee of Whole meetings to 7:00 p.m. so that Jane Bauer (City Clerk) could attend and take minutes. Mayor Hall added the item to New Business.

**APPROVAL OF AUGUST 12th REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

Alderman Harp made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jenkins, to accept the August 12, 2015, Regular Session minutes as presented. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Alderman Harp made a motion, seconded by Alderman Konsoer, to approve the treasurer's report as read by the Treasurer Dave Waldron. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

**COMBINED FUNDS ACCOUNT BREAKDOWN  
AUGUST 2015**

FUND	AMOUNT
CORPORATE	\$ 216,747.34
SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 23,470.40
INSURANCE	\$ 37,102.20
AUDIT	\$ 9,121.28
GARBAGE	\$ 5,442.25
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 7,248.39
WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION	\$ 25,271.44
IMRF	\$ 20,973.29
MOTOR FUEL TAX	\$ 175,621.81
TIF III	\$ 27,543.13

2014B GO BOND REPAYMENT	\$ 37,906.97
WATER	\$ 273,652.79
SEWER	\$ 51,809.11
2014A GO BOND REPAYMENT	\$ 197,384.61
OUTSTANDING CHECKS	\$ 598.24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,109,893.25</b>

### ILLINOIS FUNDS INVESTMENTS - AUGUST 2015

GENERAL	\$72,538.98
MOTOR FUEL TAX	\$ 3,927.93

#### REVIEW ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Alderman Bonine made a motion, seconded by Alderman Austin, to pay all bills as presented. On roll call: Alderman Konsoer-aye, Alderman Austin-aye, Alderman Grimm-aye, Alderman Jenkins-aye, Alderman Harp-aye, Alderman Bonine-aye. MOTION CARRIED.

#### PUBLIC VOICE

Mike Heiston sought clarification on new business, A and B agenda items.

James Hall urged the city to cut down a dead tree on Chestnut Street, to adopt an ordinance to raise sidewalks to street level when repairing them, and eliminate police who want a union.

Wilma Stillwell said new members bragged about eliminating vehicle stickers, put lights on hold, call to cut one office person, and stall meetings. She said, "If it's not broke don't fix it."

Jerry Jones agreed with Stillwell's comments then asked the three new council members why they are messing with city vehicle stickers, riding with the insect sprayer, and causing trouble.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

Alderman Bonine reported:

- The dead tree on Chestnut Street needs to be removed, the property owners said they would split the cost, and he made a motion to have the tree removed. Mayor Hall stated the city must follow the procedures which are in place before removing a tree from private property. Attorney Anderson advised to use the procedures that are in place to declare the tree a public nuisance, notify the owner, state the city can deal with it, and put a lean on the property. He advised against setting a precedent of the city going onto private property. The motion failed for lack of second. The Mayor said he understood the urgency and would follow procedures in the most expedient manner.
- Alderman Bonine asked about the burned home at 515 Stilson Street. Attorney Anderson stated he received a phone call from the Chicago Attorney for Chase Bank. Chase dismissed their bankruptcy, they do not want to be the owner of the property due to

liability, Chase dismissed their lean on the property. Now the city can proceed against the owners whose whereabouts can be sought through public notice. Alderman Bonine stated he knew a potential buyer willing to pay \$6,200 for the property.

- Alderman Bonine congratulated the public works department saying the streets look nice.

## **FINANCE**

Alderman Austin discussed rescinding or modifying the Vehicle License Ordinance. Attorney Anderson said the Council needs an ordinance to repeal the ordinance; it must go down the same way it went up. He said the Council must decide what it will do and recommended a straw poll to establish the consensus of the Council.

Austin proposed a straw poll.

Mayor Hall stated a "yes" vote meant rescind the Vehicle License Ordinance and a "no" vote meant amend the existing ordinance. Then he called for a straw poll vote. On roll call: Alderman Austin-no, Alderman Bonine-yes, Alderman Grimm-yes, Alderman Jenkins-no, Alderman Konsoer-yes, Alderman Harp-no. The Mayor voted no. The Vehicle License Ordinance will not be rescinded. The Mayor authorized a Special City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 15, 2015 to discuss proposed amendments to the Vehicle License Ordinance. There will be a meeting, recess, then come back to adopt any amendments.

## **POLICE**

Alderman Jenkins reported:

- He attended a presentation by a locksmith on city cameras in the park. He and Chief Plumlee looked over the proposal. He stated the city was getting a fantastic deal on new equipment which meets specifications. He proposed the city accept the proposal as soon as legally possible. The Mayor asked for the approval of repairs to cameras and purchase of a new DVR to be placed on the agenda for the Special City of Earlville Meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 15, 2015. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.
- Police are struggling to fill shifts but they are working on it.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Alderman Harp reported:

- Tower maintenance is done and it is back on line
- Street patching is being done.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Konsoer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bonine, to approve ORDINANCE NO. 09-09-2015 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE FOR THE CITY OF EARLVILLE, ILLINOIS. On Roll Call: Alderman Grimm-aye, Alderman Jenkins-aye, Alderman Bonine-aye, Alderman Austin-aye, Alderman Harp-aye, Alderman Konsoer-aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Austin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Harp, to adopt the City of Earlville Fee/Rate Schedule. On Roll Call: Alderman Bonine-aye, Alderman Jenkins-aye, Alderman Konsoer-aye, Alderman Austin-aye, Alderman Harp-aye, Alderman Grimm-aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Alderman Konsoer moved to table to the Committee of the Whole the adoption of the training and meeting report form.

Alderman Austin proposed changing the Committee meetings to 7:00 p.m. so the City Clerk could attend to take minutes. The Mayor asked to place the change of Committee of the Whole meeting time on the agenda for Special City of Earlville Meeting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 15, 2015. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - None**

At 8:12 p.m. Alderman Jenkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED.



Jane M. Bauer  
City Clerk

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