

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
Earlham City Council Meeting
September 14 2020

The Earlham City Council met in regular session, held electronically via Zoom, on Monday, September 14, 2020, 7:00 p.m. Mayor Lillie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the following answered roll: Baskin, Fredericksen, Payne, Petersen, Swalla. Also present Clerk Hibbs and Police Chief Heimdal.

1. Approval of Agenda
Motion by Petersen, second by Payne, to approve the agenda.
Roll: Ayes - Unanimous. Motion passes.
2. Swearing in of Officer Matt Stringham – Officer Stringham not available. Mayor Lillie will swear him in this week.
3. Public Forum – None.
4. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Council meeting minutes for August 10 & 17, 2020
 - b. Treasurer’s Report as of August 31, 2020
 - c. Claims and Receipts Report for September 14, 2020
 - d. Liquor licenses for Bricker Price Block Foundation for outdoor service 9-17/9-21-20 and 10-2/10-6-20
 - e. Consider approval of Resolution No. 20-35 Removing Amy Willem As A Signatory for the City of Earlham at the Earlham Savings Bank.
 - f. Consider approval of Resolution No 20-36 Authorizing Kristy Amsden As A Signatory for the City of Earlham at the Earlham Savings Bank.
Motion by Petersen, second by Baskin, to approve the consent agenda.
Roll: Ayes - Unanimous. Motion passes.
5. Boards, Commission, Committee Reports
 - a. Public Safety Committee – no report on 8-17-20 meeting. It was also council meeting with all in attendance. Payne asked about the progress of the new golf-cart, ATV, UTV ordinance. Hibbs said she wasn’t done editing the new ordinance yet. She will then send it to Attorney Braland for review.
6. Department Reports
 - a. Public Works - Gary Coffman, Public Works Supervisor
Coffman was not present, but sent in the following report. In the last month we had clean up from the storm, winterized the pool. The valve turner was here, he will be back to spin the hydrants in a couple of weeks. Trimmed the trees in the alleys, prepared for the celebration, read meters, multiple high usage complaints. Tower meeting - they are behind schedule and the engineer forced the issue today, Petticord is going to do compositing at Gendler and are going through all the correct channels. The railroad crossings are complete. It should also be noted that they cleaned up the complete business district area and I have verbally thanked them and will send an email to Greg Mitchell next week. Discussion on water tower being behind schedule. Mayor said it is just a couple of days behind, but they are there working every day.
 - b. Police Department – Chief Jason Heimdal
New battery in the Charger and oil change in both cars. Stringham had issue with his tablet that have been taken care of. Someone hit a tree on S. Sycamore. Not sure if it belonged to City or property owner. Chief spoke to Council about possibility of starting a Reserve Officer program. It would help fill in shifts and provide flexibility to the schedule. We would not have to call in officers from other departments to help. Would be part-time pay with no benefits. The Public Safety Committee will meet Wednesday, September 23, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss. Mayor asked the Chief is someone could be at the school parking lots, especially the swimming pool lot (where the freshmen and sophomores are temporarily parking) before and after school. There are reports of reckless behavior taking place.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Consider approval of Resolution No. 20-37 Waiving the Right to Review a Subdivision at 1151 Fawn Avenue Within Two-Mile Radius of the City of Earlham.

Motion by Petersen, second by Swalla, to approve Resolution No. 20-37 Waiving the Right to Review a Subdivision at 1151 Fawn Avenue Within Two-Mile Radius of the City of Earlham.

Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consider approval of Resolution No. 20-33 Approving the FY20 Street Finance Report

Motion by Swalla, second by Baskin, to approve Resolution No. 20-33 Approving the FY20 Street Finance Report

Roll: Ayes - Unanimous. Motion passes.

- b. Consider approval of Resolution No. 20-34 Approving Wages for Utility Billing Clerk

Motion by Fredericksen, second by Swalla, to approve Resolution No. 20-34 Approving Wages for Utility Billing Clerk

Roll: Ayes - Unanimous. Motion passes.

- c. Consider approval of sewer credit for 430 NW 2nd St in the amount of \$49.56.

Motion by Petersen, second by Swalla, to approve sewer credit for 430 NW 2nd St. for \$49.56.

Roll: Ayes - Unanimous. Motion passes.

- d. Discussion and possible action for setting Beggar's Night

Discussion on whether or not to have Beggar's Night. Hibbs stated it appears many towns are holding this event and leaving it up to people if they want to participate. Consensus of Council is to go ahead with the event on Oct 31st 6-8PM for the tricksters and the treaters who wish to join.

- e. Discussion and possible action on Noise ordinance variance Bill Hunter for old fire station

Mayor explained Mr. Hunter found what he believes is the original fire siren. He would like to be able to use the siren on Freedom Fest, during school children visits, and other events in conjunction with the fire department. Mayor also said he wasn't sure if he needed an official variance. He should let us know when he is going to sound it so we can alert fire department members and citizens. Consensus of Council was to allow the siren on those terms.

- f. Alissa Johnson – Madison County Heart & Soul. Presentation cancelled for this evening.

9. Mayor's Report

10. Clerk's Report

Hibbs asked for clarification on certain policies regarding water payments, shut off amounts, and sewer credits.

11. Council comments/discussion - none

12. Adjourn

Motion by Petersen, second by Swalla to adjourn.

Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

Being there was no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Jeff Lillie, Mayor

Attest: _____
Mary Sue Hibbs, Clerk/Treasurer