

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES
Earlham City Council Meeting
Special Session
November 25, 2019**

The Earlham City Council met in special session, on Monday, on November 25, 2019, at Earlham City Hall. Mayor Lillie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the following answered roll: Fredericksen, Griswold, Payne, Petersen. Absent: Swalla. Also present: Public Works Supervisor Coffman, Police Chief Heimdal

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Fredericksen, second by Griswold, to approve agenda.

Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

2. Public Hearing – 2019 Urban Renewal Plan and Area

Mayor Lillie declared the public hearing open at 7:01 p.m. No one was present to address this issue. Hibbs had sent copies of the Planning & Zoning meeting, as well as the Consultation meeting, to Council members for their review. Hibbs stated there were no written or oral comments received at City Hall.

Motion by Payne, second by Petersen, to close the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Roll: Ayes unanimous. Motion passes.

3. Consider approval of Resolution No. 19-47 Determining An Area of The City to be an Economic Development and Blighted Area, and that the Rehabilitation, Conservation, Redevelopment, Development, Or A Combination Thereof, Of Such Area Is Necessary In The Interest of The Public Health, Safety or Welfare of The Residents of The City; Designating Such Area As Appropriate For Urban Renewal Projects; And Adopting The Earlham 2019 Urban Renewal Plan

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Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

4. Consider approval of First Reading of Ordinance No. 416 Providing That General Property Taxes Levied And Collected Each Year On Certain Property Located Within The Earlham 2019 Urban Renewal Area, In City Of Earlham, County Of Madison State Of Iowa, By And For The Benefit Of The State Of Iowa, City Of Earlham, County Of Madison, Earlham Community School District, And Other Taxing Districts, Be Paid To A Special Fund For Payment Of Principal And Interest On Loans, Monies Advanced To And Indebtedness, Including Bonds Issued Or To Be Issued, Incurred By The City In Connection With The Earlham 2019 Urban Renewal Area (2019 Ordinance Area)

Motion by Griswold, second by Petersen, to approve Ordinance No. 416 Providing That General Property Taxes Levied And Collected Each Year On Certain Property Located Within The Earlham 2019 Urban Renewal Area, In City Of Earlham, County Of Madison State Of Iowa, By And For The Benefit Of The State Of Iowa, City Of Earlham, County Of Madison, Earlham Community School District, And Other Taxing Districts, Be Paid To A Special Fund For Payment Of Principal And Interest On Loans, Monies Advanced To And Indebtedness, Including Bonds Issued Or To Be Issued, Incurred By The City In Connection With The Earlham 2019 Urban Renewal Area (2019 Ordinance Area)

Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

Swalla arrives at 7:04 p.m.

Motion by Fredericksen, second by Swalla, to waive Second and Third Readings of Ordinance No. 416.

Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

5. Discussion and possible action on Sycamore Street railroad crossing.
Griswold said he is in favor of doing nothing at the crossing including installing arms. Petersen questioned if it really was an improvement regarding the additional time the remaining 2 crossing would be open. Payne stated we only have three crossings and closing the Sycamore crossing would leave us with two. Coffman was concerned that moving the switch could leave Chestnut open, but the Walnut crossing with the truck traffic would be closed. As soon as truck drivers find out Chestnut is open, they will get off the truck route, come down the main street of town, and try to cross at Chestnut. Mayor stated he still believes regardless of where the switch is, a lazy employee will park the train where ever they want. A personal experience earlier in the week solidified the Mayor's position on this. Consensus of the Council is to leave the Sycamore crossing alone and do nothing.
6. Consider approval of 2019 Annual Financial Report
Motion by Payne, second by Swalla, to approve 2019 Annual Financial Report.
Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.
7. Council comments/discussion - none
8. Adjourn
Motion by Fredericksen, second by Swalla, to adjourn.
Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

Being there was no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Jeff Lillie, Mayor

Attest: _____
Mary Sue Hibbs, Clerk/Treasurer