

Earlham City Council Meeting
December 27, 2021

The Earlham City Council met in special session on Monday, January 11, 2021, conducted via Zoom, originating at City Hall. Mayor Lillie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and the following answered roll: Baskin, Fredericksen, Petersen, Swalla. Absent: Payne. Also present Clerk Hibbs, and council members-elect Mudge and Nelsen.

1. Approval of Agenda
Motion by Fredericksen, second by Baskin, to approve the agenda.
Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

2. Consider approval of motion to approve Engagement Letter from Ahlers Law Firm for Amendment No. 1 to the Earlham Urban Revitalization Plan.
Motion by Baskin, second by Swalla, to approve the Engagement Letter from Ahlers Law Firm for Amendment No. 1 to the Earlham Urban Revitalization Plan, and direct Mayor to sign same.
Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

3. Discussion and possible action on commercial/industrial tax exemption schedule in Amendment No. 1 to the Earlham Urban Revitalization Plan.
Hibbs stated Jenna Sabroske, our attorney with Ahlers, asked if the city wanted to include industrial as well as the commercial tax abatement. Council consensus was to include industrial. Attorney also added, by State Code, those exceptions cannot be 5-year 100%. Law states it can be 3-year 100%, or a 10-year declining percentage exception. The Council can choose to offer a lesser exemption under either option. The Council can also offer both options, and allow commercial properties owners to select which option they want to apply for. Following discussion, Council agreed they like giving people options.
Motion by Fredericksen, second by Baskin, to direct Clerk to inform attorney that Council wishes to have the amendment No 1 to the Earlham Urban Revitalization Plan include both commercial and industrial properties and to use both tax exemption options.
Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

4. Other council discussion
Hibbs mentioned that she re-did the Budget work schedule, and she will email it to members.

5. Adjourn.
Motion by Swalla, second by Fredericksen, to adjourn.
Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

Being there was no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Jeff Lillie, Mayor

Attest: _____
Mary Sue Hibbs, Clerk/Treasurer