

Earlham City Council Meeting
January 8, 2018

The Earlham City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 8, 7:00 p.m., at Earlham City Hall. Mayor Jeff Lille called the meeting to order and the following answered roll: Frederickson, Griswold, Payne, Petersen. Absent: Swalla. Also present: Clerk Hibbs, Police Chief Heimdal, Public Works Supervisor Coffman.

1. Approval of Agenda
Motion by Frederickson, second by Griswold, to approve agenda.
Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.
2. Public Forum – none.
3. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Minutes of December 11, 2017 Council meetings
 - b. January 8, 2018 Treasurer's report
 - c. January 8, 2018 Claim & Receipts report
 - d. Consider approval of Resolution No. 18-1 Designation of The Winterset Madisonian as the Official Newspaper for the City of Earlham, Iowa, for 2018
 - e. Consider approval of Resolution No. 18-2 Approving the Mayor's Appointment of The Law Firm of Nelson, Braland, & Young as City Attorney for the City of Earlham for 2018
 - f. Consider approval Resolution No. 18-3 Designating Earlham Savings Bank And Piper Jaffray & Co. As Depositories For Public Funds Belonging To The City Of Earlham, Iowa, For 2018
 - g. Consider approval of 2018 Annual Financial Report
 - h. Consider approval of Mayor's appointments of Shawn Boyle as Fire Chief and David Hopp as Rescue Captain for 2018.**Motion by Petersen, second by Payne, to approve consent agenda.**
Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.
4. Boards, Commission, Committee Reports - none
5. Department Reports
 - a. Public Works - Gary Coffman, Public Works Supervisor
Projects included: snow removal, ice rink installed and repaired, new shop lights installed, frozen water meters replaced, Christmas decorations taken down. He stated Mike and Shane from Shive Hattery Engineering will be at the next meeting to discuss the water storage study.
 - b. Police - Police Chief Jason Heimdal
Chief stated it was quiet over the holidays. He mentioned Officer Sand had an accident with the Charger and it slid down into a ditch. The estimate for repairs is approximately \$8700. He hasn't heard from the appraiser yet. Mayor asked Chief to check around town for nuisance junk cars.
6. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Tax Abatement update
Hibbs reported the paperwork for the tax abatement is now with the attorney. We need to provide assessed valuations of the real estate in the URA from the county assessor's office. When we are ready for public hearing, notices need to be sent to landowners and occupants informing them the hearing.
7. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. 2017 Earlham Fire Department Annual Report – Chief Shawn Boyle
Chief stated the department responded to 94 calls in 2017. The department has 23 active and 2 reserve fire fighters. Members logged 662 hours of training. New truck was purchased in May. Received new radios through grant in conjunction with Statewide Interoperability Communications Network worth \$58,000. Participated in various civic activities during the year.

- b. 2017 Earlham Rescue Squad Annual Report – Captain David Hopp
Captain stated responded to 213 calls in 2017. The department has 17 members which includes 8 EMTs, 4RN, 1 paramedic and 4 drivers. Participated in several community events.
 - c. Discussion and possible action on future of Old Fire Station
Chief Boyle says the structure is unstable. Almost 30 years ago it got a facelift through the TV8 Project Main Street Grant. But it hasn't been maintained since that time. It is used for storage of antique equipment and other items.
 - d. Update on possible purchase of 150 S Chestnut Avenue
Mayor, Chief and realtor Jim Cress recently toured the building. Mayor stated Public Safety Committee should meet to discuss and form recommendation to Council. Public Safety meeting is set for Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
 - e. Set date for Public Hearing for 2018 Budget for City of Earlham, for Monday, February 12, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at Earlham City Hall.
Motion by Petersen, second by Fredericksen, to set date for Public Hearing for 2018 Budget for City of Earlham, for Monday, February 12, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at Earlham City Hall.
Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.
 - f. Set date for Public Hearing for Status of Funded Activities on the Earlham Housing Sustainability Project for Monday, February 12, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at Earlham City Hall.
Motion by Petersen, second by Fredericksen, to set date for Public Hearing for Status of Funded Activities on the Earlham Housing Sustainability Project for Monday, February 12, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at Earlham City Hall.
Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.
8. Mayor's Report
9. Clerk's Report
Clerk confirmed dates for the Finance Committee Budget Meetings. Presented two different health insurance plans for consideration. Human Resources Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, immediately following the Public Safety meeting, to discuss policies and make recommendation.
10. Council comments/discussion - none
11. Adjourn
Motion by Griswold, second by Payne, to approve adjourn
Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

Being there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Mayor Jeff Lillie

Attest: _____
Mary Sue Hibbs, Clerk/Treasurer