

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
Public Safety Committee Meeting
Earlham City Council
May 13, 2024

The Public Safety Committee of Earlham City Council, met Monday May 13, 2024, at Earlham City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Visser, and the following answered roll: Visser, Nelsen, Fredericksen. Also present: Mayor Lillie, Councilmembers Mudge and Miller, Clerk Hibbs.

1. Approval of agenda

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

Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

2. Discussion with Council and public regarding possibly amending the Earlham Code of Ordinances for residential pool fences, and consider recommendation to Council.

Chairperson Visser summarized the previous committee meetings on residential pool fences. He invited public discussion. Bruce Kobolt stated when he worked for city, there was a code section requiring fences and locking gate or retractable ladder. Somewhere over the years, in one of the codifications, it could possibly have been removed from the code. Several people expressed concern about safety without a fence. Mayor stated council had talked about requiring proof of insurance from pool owners. Rachel Bruns presented a copy of the ICC, Section 305 Barrier Requirements, which states in 305.5 that on an above ground pool, of 48 inches or more, the pool wall serves as the barrier. It also states ladders need to be secured and gates locked. Consensus of committee is to recommend to Council to follow the guidelines in the ICC, as well as adding the definition of a pool. A pool of less than 48 inches will need a fence. Hot tub should have locking covers.

3. Adjourn

Motion by Fredericksen, second by Nelsen, to adjourn.

Roll: Ayes – unanimous.

Being there was no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Joel Visser, Chairperson

Attest: _____
Mary Sue Hibbs, Clerk