

Earlham City Clerk

From: Jared BTWI <jared@btwi.net>
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2026 9:30 AM
To: Earlham City Clerk; Nick BTWI
Subject: RE: Water Tower Questions
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I don't believe that the contract would need to be re-done. We have gotten approval at one other site already, and I have sent this same email to a few other sites we are on waiting to hear back.

We would like to install "sky cameras" across our service area and make the stream publicly accessible from our website or youtube channel to allow for community benefit to see storms rolling in, and some people enjoy watching storms roll in. The only intention is to cover storms/sky views. This is in no way intended to monitor the community or look at anything on the ground.

Attached image from our Minburn camera that we blocked out the view of the yards and houses in view for privacy. This cover is always on and **can not** be removed in video playback or editing – it is over the camera in live view as well as the recording. The only way to remove it is to edit the camera settings, and that changes the live view as well as any future recordings, but nothing in the past.

We are planning on installing a small PTZ camera that can be moved around remotely. This typically would be left pointed to the SouthWest, as that is typically where we get our storms from. Since we do see storms from the south and SouthEast from time to time, we would plan to install the camera in a way that it can be moved to view mostly to the south – with obstruction to the north (the mounting pipe/tower). BTWI employees would be the only ones that can control the movement of the camera.

I can bring one of these cameras with me to show – they are smaller than every radio we have on the tower currently. No one would be able to see it from the ground, unless they were taking pictures zoomed in enough specifically to try to see our equipment.

I have this date on my calendars Monday 10/12 at 7pm.

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From: Earlham City Clerk <earlhamcityhall@earlhamiowa.org>
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Morning Jared, thank you for the information, but you are correct this will need to go to council to get approved. Our next council meeting is October 12th at 7pm. If you are able to attend that would be wonderful so they can ask the

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City of Earlham,

We have been looking at adding some weather cameras across our service area to help benefit the communities we serve and were wanting to touch base with you to get permission to add a camera to the Earlham Water Tower facility that we rent space on currently for our wireless gear.

This would have a live feed to a website for public access in the future. BTWI staff would be the sole controller of the camera movement – and we can put a “blackout cover” over the immediate area of the tower to cover any clearly viewable houses/yards for privacy.

Attached image example of our Minburn camera we have – with the cover over the homes/yards in immediate view.

I understand that this may need to be put in front of council for approval. Please let me know if you have any questions, or if I need to attend a meeting to answer questions.



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