

City of Earlham  
Approved Claims - June 9, 2025

Vendor	Comments	Amount
ACCO	batteries/pt	\$2,168.83
ADEL TREE COMPANY	tree removal	\$6,297.50
AGSOURCE LABORATORIES	testing	\$479.00
AHLERS & COONEY, P.C.	Personnel updates	\$1,980.00
AMSDEN, KRISTY	Sams club mileage	\$66.24
ANKENY SANITATION	GB RC YW	\$15,164.18
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY, LLP	Supplies	\$84.99
BAKER & TAYLOR	Library Materials	\$252.02
BIBLIONIX, LLC	annual subscription	\$1,760.00
BOOK LOOK	Library Materials	\$687.52
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	Rescue	\$27.69
CASH	pool start up concessions	\$100.00
CENTURYLINK	telephone	\$539.78
CHRISTINE BURKETT	backyard trellis	\$34.99
CITY OF EARLHAM	wa/sw expense fire dumpter	\$726.02
COAST TO COAST SOLUTIONS	stickers	\$295.00
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER	Premiums	\$463.38
DELTA DENTAL, INC	Premiums	\$489.94
EARLHAM ECHO	Minutes, Claims, Hearings, Job Posting	\$676.14
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	Supplies	\$4,578.22
FILTER CARE OF NEBRASKA	sewer cleaned	\$505.25
GLOBE LIFE	Premiums	\$157.20
HD SUPPLY	TP & PT park and rec	\$347.96
HEARTLAND CO-OP	chemicals	\$142.40
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	distribution/lagoon certs	\$300.00
IOWA ONE CALL	sewer	\$31.60
LILLIE PLUMBING, HEATING & ELE	Photoeye replace bus district	\$142.59
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT LLC	turnout gear	\$18,331.15
MAINSTAY SYSTEMS INC	PD computers	\$4,518.00
MARQUIS INVESTMENTS LLC	Mar & April 2025 PD car washes	\$304.00
QMI Security Innovations	kitchen window cb	\$3,087.28
SHIVE HATTERY	Lagoon project #1	\$1,332.20
THE SHOPPER	clerk ad	\$14.80
UNITED HEALTHCARE -2019	Rasmussen	\$9,060.18
US CELLULAR	Hotspots, Phones	\$310.95
US POSTAL SERVICE	Postage	\$653.11
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	trade permit fees - April	\$140.00
WARREN WATER DISTRICT		\$14,700.00
WILLIAMSON, JOHN	Rent	\$500.00
TOTAL		\$91,460.11

Receipts - May 31, 2025		
Fund	Revenue	Expense
GENERAL FUND	\$227,412.18	\$72,823.16
INSURANCE LEVY	\$22,751.46	\$0.00
ROAD USE TAX	\$16,497.85	\$11,445.17
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	\$63,680.06	\$12,649.70
TIF	\$20,433.65	\$0.00
GENDLER PARK	\$0.00	\$196.82
DEBT SERVICE	\$49,483.13	\$0.00
SEWER LAGOON PROJECT	\$0.00	\$95,537.70
PERPETUAL CARE FUND	\$547.95	\$0.00
WATER FUND	\$33,401.77	\$41,967.92
WATER TOWER SINKING	\$7,716.67	\$0.00
WATER RESERVE	\$4,200.28	\$0.00
SEWER FUND	\$21,790.40	\$26,775.41
SEWER SINKING	\$11,250.00	\$0.00
WATER DEPOSIT	\$180.00	\$181.85
SEWER DEPOSIT	\$140.00	\$141.46
STORM WATER FUND	\$1,466.25	\$0.00
COMMUNITY BUILDING	\$4,400.00	\$1,651.42
Total	\$485,351.63	\$263,370.61

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Nice rip



Austen Rodgers takes a healthy cut in a game in Earlham last week. (Photo by Todd Weber.)

Unapproved Minutes  
Earlham City Council  
June 9, 2025

The Earlham City Council met in regular session on June 9th, 2025, 7:00 p.m. at Earlham City Hall. Mayor Lillie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the following answered roll: Fredericksen, Miller, Mudge, Nelsen, Visser. Also present: Chief Stringham, Public Works Supervisor Coffman, Clerk Visser, former Clerk Kaster.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
Motion by Mudge, second by Miller, to approve agenda.  
Roll: Ayes – Unanimous - Motion passes.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS – none

3. PUBLIC FORUM – none

4. CONSENT AGENDA:  
a. Council meeting minutes for 5-12-25  
b. Treasurer’s Report for 6-9-25  
c. Claims and Receipts Report for 6-9-25  
d. Consider approval of re-appointment of Chad Hayes to Planning & Zoning Committee, term ending 6-30-30  
e. Consider approval of re-appointment of Heather McLaughlin to Community Building Board, term ending 6-30-30  
f. Consider approval of re-appointment of Paulette Horner to Community Building Board, term ending 6-30-30  
g. Consider approval of re-appointment of Nicole Renfrow to Community Building Board, term ending 6-30-30  
h. Consider approval of amendment to West Side Bar & Grille Alcohol License LC0042163- Premises Update  
Motion by Nelsen, second by Mudge, to approve consent agenda.  
Roll: Ayes – Unanimous - Motion passes.

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS  
Public Works – Gary Coffman, Public Works Supervisor  
Coffman stated they have been doing normal spring mowing, trimming, and spraying as needed. The pool is up and running and opened. Some potholes have been filled, and will be doing alleys. Got Streetwork bids for south of tracks around Chestnut and also 4th and Maple where water backs up. Two different bids. Doing extra Lagoon testing, ammonia levels have risen with warm weather, going to try and run water through pond to try and take care of issue. Adel Tree has removed more dead trees, been watering the newly planted trees.  
Police Department – Chief Matt Stringham  
Chief Stringham stated graduation went well, no problems with last day of school. Drill went well at school. Music in the park going well, with no issues or complaints. Grants for cameras will be ready to order on July 1st.

6. BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE REPORTS-none

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

8. NEW BUSINESS  
a. Consider approval of Resolution No. 25-26 Approving a 28E Agreement Between the City of Earlham and the Earlham Community School District for a Shared School Resource Officer for the 2025-2026 School Year  
Motion by Visser, second by Fredericksen, to approve a Resolution No. 25-26, a 28 E Agreement between the City of Earlham and the Earlham Community School District for a Shared School Resource Officer for the 2025-2026 school year.  
Roll: Ayes – Unanimous - Motion passes.  
b. Consider approval of Resolution No. 25-27 Approving a 28E Agreement Between the City of Earlham and the Earlham Community School District for a Shared Librarian for the 2025-2026 School Year  
Motion by Mudge, second by Visser, amending the title of Resolution No. 25-27, to Shared Librarian, and to approve Resolution No. 25-27, a 28 E Agreement between the City of Earlham and the Earlham Community School District for a Shared School Librarian for the 2025-2026 school year.  
Roll: Ayes – Unanimous - Motion passes.  
c. Consider approval of motion to allow variance to Noise Ordinance on July 4th and 5th for Freedom Fest  
Motion by Miller, second by Mudge, to approve motion to allow variance to Noise ordinance on July 4th and July 5th for Freedom Fest.  
Roll: Ayes – Unanimous - Motion passes.  
d. Consider approval of motion to increase Employee Life and AD&D coverage to \$50,000  
Motion by Mudge, second by Miller, to approve motion to increase Employee Life and AD&D coverage to \$50,000.  
Roll: Ayes – Unanimous - Motion passes.  
e. Consider approval of Resolution No 25-28, Updating Signatories for all City of Earlham Accounts at Earlham Savings Bank.  
Motion by Fredericksen, second by Mudge, approving Resolution No. 25-28, updating signatories for all City of Earlham accounts at Earlham Savings Bank.  
f. Consider approval of Resolution No 25-29 Approving Setting Wages for the 2025 Seasonal Part-Time Employees of the City of Earlham effective June 9, 2025  
Motion by Mudge, second by Nelsen, approving Resolution No. 25-29, approving setting wages for the 2025 seasonal part time employees of the City of Earlham effective June 9th, 2025.  
g. Consider approval of Resolution No 25-30 Authorizing the City of Earlham to Accept Grant Proceeds from the Project Safe Neighborhood Iowa Grant in the Amount of \$25,800.00 for the Purpose of funding security street cameras linked to flock system for Police Department  
Motion by Miller, second by Visser, approving Resolution No. 25-30, approving accepting Grant award proceeds for \$25,800.00 from the PSN Iowa Grant for the purpose of street cameras.  
h. Discussion on vehicle repair business – John Merical  
Discussion was had about John Merical running an auto repair business out of his home. Merical explained his business is small auto repair, tire, oil, etc. No major repairs. He has a commercial vehicle and insurance. Stringham stated there have been noise complaints after normal business hours, and that was the reasoning for serving the cease letter. Merical requested council to discuss. Council asked how he disposes of oil, how and where he conducts his business, where he does oil changes, and conclusion was made that a business cannot be run out of a home and in his driveway, that is not considered a “mobile” business. If he is allowed, anyone could start up any sort of business in their residentially zoned home and not follow zoning regulations. He is allowed to be mobile and go to someone’s home and do work, but not at his home. Stop and cease letter is still served.  
i. Consider approval of Resolution No 25-31, a Resolution Amending Resolution No 24-18, Setting Wages for Full-Time and Permanent Part-Time Employees, of The City of Earlham, Iowa, Effective July 1, 2025  
Motion by Mudge, second by Visser, approving Resolution No. 25-31, setting wages for FT and permanent PT employees of the City of Earlham, IA effective July 1st, 2025. Fire Chief and Rescue captain will be added to July agenda for approval.  
j. Introduction of new City Clerk Jessica Visser  
Jessica is attending classes June 9-12 and her first day in office is July 13th, 2025.

9. MAYOR’S REPORT

10. CLERK’S REPORT  
Final Lagoon paperwork is in and will be on July agenda  
Bank reconciliation is pending for May

11. COUNCIL COMMENTS/DISCUSSION – none

12. ADJOURN  
Motion by Mudge, second by Visser, to adjourn.  
Roll: Ayes – Unanimous - Motion passes.  
Being there was no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

ECSD Awarded STEM Grant

The Iowa Governor’s STEM Advisory Council at the Iowa Department of Education today announced 12 STEM BEST Program model partner schools have been awarded over \$200,000 in competitive grants as part of a pilot program this summer. STEM BEST Explore will allow existing STEM BEST Program model partner schools to extend work-based and career-connected learning opportunities for students throughout this summer.

Earlham Community School District was one of the schools awarded. Earlham High School students will be placed in structured internships with community partners where they will gain hands-on experience while contributing meaningfully to community initiatives.

“Learning doesn’t end when summer starts. Through this unique pilot program, students across Iowa can participate in work-based learning and real-world STEM experiences where they apply their knowledge, build networks and gain clarity on their future goals,” said Iowa Department of Education Director McKenzie Snow. “The opportunities supported by the STEM BEST Explore pilot will help students see the connection between the classroom and the workplace, supporting Iowa’s strong talent pipeline for in-demand STEM jobs.”

The STEM BEST® (Businesses Engaging Students and Teachers) Program provides students with career-connected learning experiences. Students and teachers work closely with local workplaces and professionals to introduce and prepare learners for future success in their communities. By helping schools identify and anticipate local workforce needs in collaboration with business professionals, the STEM BEST® Program is able to strengthen Iowa’s future workforce through the development and expansion of work-

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