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70 YEARS AGO – 1955  
NEW ELEVATOR IS GAINING HEIGHT

Construction work on the new Farmers Co-op elevator is progressing well at this point. It is expected that all of the bins will be completed early Saturday morning. The bin will be 106 feet high when completed and the “Head House” will be 38 feet higher. The total height will be 144 feet. There are 17 bins, 10 large ones and seven smaller ones with a total capacity of 200,000 bushels.

In the head house there will be a 45-horsepower motor to operate the elevator, a five-horsepower motor to operate the main lift and a smaller motor to handle the distribution spout.

Pouring began last Wednesday, August 17 at 7 a.m. and they expect to finish at 6:00 a.m. Saturday. This is a continuous pour; the two shifts work day and night. About 12 carloads of cement will be used. It is expected the building will be ready for use sometime in October.

SIX FFA MEMBERS TO TAKE PART IN THE IOWA STATE FAIR

The Earlham FFA Chapter will have six of its members taking part in the festivities of the 1955 Iowa State Fair. Three of the six will be showing livestock in the FFA Livestock Department and the other three will be working as FFA ushers in the grandstand.

Livestock exhibitors are: Dale Lineweaver, in the Purebred Heifer classes; Bill Benson, in the Purebred Shropshire and Market Lamb classes. Good Luck Boys.

Bill Bond, John Frederick, and Dean Nelson will be FFA ushers in the grandstand. This FFA Chapter can be proud to have three of this fine group from its own chapter.

EXTENSIVE REPAIRS ARE BEING MADE ON CHURCH

The membership of the Church of Christ are making extensive repairs upon the church building. Both men and women of the Loyal Builders Bible Class have been working nearly every evening. Last Thursday evening the shrubbery surrounding the church was trimmed preparatory to the applying of exterior paint. Mrs. McCurdy served refreshments to the group at the completion of the evening’s work. This week the workers began the application of the first coat of paint when they had finished carpentry repairs upon the belfry. Anyone who would like to participate in the project would be welcome any evening.

90 YEARS AGO – 1935  
AID MOTORISTS

R. J. Lewis and Willard Payton played the part of good Samaritans Sunday night when, at about 11:00 o’clock, a car containing a young man and three girls left the highway at the corner a mile and a half east of the Hawkeye quarry. One of the girls had an arm pinned under the car but the united efforts of Lewis and Payton, who happened along at the time, resulted in putting the car back on its wheels and freeing the girl without much damage being done. The car, with its occupants, was towed into Earlham where gas, oil, and water were supplied, after which the party continued on its way.

BARTELT OF REDFIELD TAKES OVER MEAT MARKET

Possession of the meat market, which has been operated since last December by Roy Price and son, was taken over Mondy by the Bartelt Market of Redfield.

Mr. Ralph Erb of Springfield, Missouri is manager of the Earlham store. Mr. Erb has been operating a market for the Kroger grocery chain in Springfield for the past few years. Before this, he managed a Piggly Wiggly store in Des Moines.

Mr. and Mrs. Erb and daughter Margaret will live in the house owned by Dr. N. E. Gubser on east Main Street. Margaret is seven years old and will be in the second grade this fall.

Unapproved Minutes  
Earlham City Council  
August 11, 2025

The Earlham City Council met in regular session on August 11, 2025, 7:00 p.m. at Earlham City Hall. Mayor Jeff Lillie called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. and the following answered roll: Frederickksen, Miller, Mudge, Nelson, Visser. Also present: Chief Stringham, Supervisor Coffman, and Clerk Visser

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

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS- none

3. PUBLIC FORUM – none

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Council meeting minutes for 7-14-25

b. Treasurer’s Report for 8-11-25

c. Claims and Receipts Report for 8-11-25

d. Consider approval of Application Number 226197 for renewal Class B Retail Alcohol License (LG) for Hometown Market

Motion by: Frederickksen, second by Miller to approve agenda.  
Roll: Ayes-Unanimous- Motion passes.

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. Public Works - Supervisor Gary Coffman  
Mowing, trimming, spraying and pool are going good. Got the new trailer Friday that we budgeted for out of the Gendler account. The lagoon is doing its job, when we started running the water throw it the right way the ammonia levels are down to where they should be. Next month we will be back in compliance.

b. Police Department – Chief Matt Stringham  
Touch a Truck with Bricker price and the fire department 30 plus kids.

FreedomFest went good

Gary and Matt have been taking Snap Chat classes to investigate crimes was just basically continue education. We have 4 of the 5 flock cameras up and working well and giving me what I need. The speed limit signs going south of town and west of town are going to be changed. 45-25 federal law and needs changed. Madison County secondary roads with be paying and taking care of this for us. The speed should drop 10 increments at a time.

6. BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE REPORTS- none

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS- none

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Cannon Dobbins- Scout Troop 115, Eagle Scout Project to painting the US Map on the concrete in front of the tennis courts.  
Motion by: Visser, second by Mudge to approve Eagle Scout Project of the US Map on the concrete.  
Roll: Ayes-Unanimous- Motion passes

b. Colleen Petersen- National Historical Registry Update  
Funding is back, but the short period of time that we didn’t the funding it bumped out time line back a little bit. The new time line will be December 8st for the first draft the middle of March final draft and the state will look over the first draft during that time and the final mid-march state review is first of June once approved and they send out email to opt out the have 30 days to respond and then to national parks and then they will respond within 45 days. I am anticipating fall of 2026 for it to registered. The letter will come from national parks to the mayor so it will come here and let me know and at that point I will be in the for 5 years.

c. AutumnFest- Jackie Hansen  
Couple changes that Nina is letting us use her building to keep us closer to Chestnut. We are revamping the race route to where we don’t have go out into the country. The change of the venue can we block off in front to community building per the event at the community building. Will be at the next meeting with more information of what sheets need blocked off and race map.

Motion by Mudge, second by Visser, to approve the revised route and blocking off streets for AutumnFest October 4th pending more information.  
Roll: Ayes- Unanimous- Motion Passes

d. RVTV  
September 1st they will be rolling into town. I goal is to block off down chestnut from city hall to 2nd and 1st from sycamore to locust. The RV will be set up between beans and beignets and the book store. The power is on the north side of the road. We will need barricades for block them off. There will be food trucks and they will be needing the to get their permits through city hall. Axe throwing, inflatable, there are 2 bands one starts at 6pm and the next one at 8 pm with it ending around 10:30 pm or 11 pm. We are getting a dumpster but should we need more room can we use the city dumpsters or over flow of trash? There is no problem using the city dumpsters for the event if needed. Port-a-pots will be around and Chief is working on extra patrol in case the crowd gets out of hand later in the evening. Barricades on Sunday when we set and we will get big ones from the county.

e. Consider approval of motion to allow variance to Noise Ordinance on September 1st for RVTV until 11pm.  
Motion by Mudge, second by Nelson, to approve motion to allow variance to noise ordinance on September 1st for RVTV until 11pm

Vendor	Amount
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	\$6,106.42
IPERS	\$3,358.36
TREASURER OF STATE	\$572.50
TRIONFO SOLUTIONS LLC	\$343.89
EBANK	\$121.75
IPERS	\$0.02
PSN	\$235.15
TREASURER OF STATE	\$2,585.39
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	\$6,126.41
IPERS	\$3,231.30
TREASURER OF STATE	\$574.58
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	\$27.34
IPERS	\$11.24
WILLIAMSON, JOHN	\$500.00
ADEL TREE COMPANY	-\$2,398.62
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER	\$231.69
ADEL TREE COMPANY	\$1,199.31
SICOG	\$2,432.25
US POSTAL SERVICE	\$370.88
AJDT PROPERTIES LLC	\$95.62
AUDRA GOURLEY	\$93.83
DANIELLE POLLOCK	\$96.04
ZACHARY DYCK	\$80.93
CITY OF EARLHAM	\$2,497.02
DELTA DENTAL, INC	\$752.09
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	\$707.52
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	\$1,023.77
UNITED HEALTHCARE -2019	\$11,521.89
US CELLULAR	\$119.46
WARREN WATER DISTRICT	\$12,710.25
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER	\$231.69
GLOBE LIFE	\$55.60
ACCESS SYSTEMS	\$240.32
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	\$0.00
	\$163,430.21

Roll: Ayes- Unanimous- Motion passes.

f. Consider approval of the Second Reading of Ordinance No 475 Amending Ordinance No 455, Approving the water rate effective July 1,2025

Motion by Frederickksen, second by Miller, to approve the Second reading of Ordinance No 475 Amending Ordinance No 455, Approving the water rate effective July 1, 2025.

Roll: Ayes- Unanimous- Motion passes.

g. Consider approval to waive the Third Reading of Ordinance No 475 Amending Ordinance No 455, Approving the water rate effective July 1,2025

Motion by Frederickksen, second by Mudge, to approve to waive the Third reading of Ordinance No 475 Amending Ordinance No 455, Approving the water rate effective July 1, 2025

Roll: Ayes- Unanimous- Motion passes.

h. Consider approval of the Second Reading of Ordinance No 476 Amending Ordinance No 439, Approving the sewer rate effective July 1,2025

Motion by Visser, second by Frederickksen, to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No 476 Amending Ordinance No 439, Approving the sewer rate effective July 1, 2025

Roll: Ayes- Unanimous- Motion passes.

i. Consider approval to waive the Third Reading of Ordinance No 476 Amending Ordinance No 439, Approving the sewer rate effective July 1,2025

Motion by Mudge, second by Miller, to approve to waive the Third Reading of Ordinance No 476 Amending Ordinance No 439, Approving the sewer rate effective July 1, 2025

Roll: Ayes- Unanimous- Motion passes.

j. Consider approval of first reading of Ordinance No 477 Amending the Code of Ordinance of the City of Earlham, IA 2017, Chapter 41.14 Fireworks

Motion by Frederickksen, second by Mudge, to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No 477 Amending the Code of Ordinance of the City of Earlham, IA 2017, Chapter 41.14 Fireworks

Roll: Ayes- Unanimous- Motion passes.

k. Consider approval of waiving the Second and Third reading of Ordinance No 477 Amending the Code of Ordinance of the City of Earlham, IA 2017, Chapter 41.14 Fireworks

Motion by Miller, second by Visser, to approve to waive the Second and Third Reading of Ordinance No 477 Amending the Code of Ordinance of the City of Earlham, IA 2017, Chapter 41.14 Fireworks

Roll: Ayes- Unanimous- Motion passes

l. Consider approval Resolution 25-36 to participate in the Madison County Development Group in the amount of \$2900.00

Motion by Frederickksen, second by Mudge, to approve Resolution 25-36 to participate in the Madison County Development Group in the amount of \$2900.00

Roll: Ayes- Unanimous- Motion passes

m. Consider approval Resolution 25-37 Resolution Replacing Resolution 24-24 Cell phone Stipend

Motion by Visser, second by Frederickksen, to approve Resolution 25-37 Resolution Replacing Resolution 24-24 Cell phone Stipend

Roll: Ayes- Unanimous- Motion passes

n. Consider approval of Resolution 25-38 accepting the 2022 Earlham Lagoon Upgrade Project final payment in the amount of \$198,037.59

Motion by Frederickksen, second by Mudge, to approve Resolution 25-38 accepting the 2022 Earlham Lagoon Upgrade Project final payment in the amount of \$198,037.59

Roll: Ayes- Unanimous- Motion passes

o. Consider approval of Resolution No. 25-39 a Resolution Amending Resolution No 24-18 & 25.31, Setting Wages for Permanent Part-Time Employees, of The City of Earlham, Iowa Effective August 26, 2025

Motion by Mudge, second by Nelson, to approve Resolution 25-39 Resolution Amending Resolution No 24-18 & 25.31, Setting Wages for Permanent Part-Time Employees, of The City of Earlham, Iowa Effective August 26, 2025

Roll: Ayes- Unanimous- Motion passes

9. MAYOR’S REPORT- none

10. CLERK’S REPORT

a. CD’s

Two cd’s that are about to expire and we need to decide if we want to roll them over or cash them out but we have some time for that. At the next meet we will need to decide what we would like to do.

b. Election Paper work

If you are running for council again in the years past you could turn them in here and now, they want you yourself to take them down to the elections deputy and turn them in.

11. COUNCIL COMMENTS/DISCUSSION- none

12. ADJOURN

Motion by Frederickksen, second by Mudge, to adjourn.  
Roll: Ayes- Unanimous- Motion passes

Being there was no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm

Receipts July 31, 2025		
Fund	Revenue	Expense
General Fund	\$57,971.79	\$144,408.07
Insurance Levy	\$143.70	
Road Use Tax	\$15,403.46	\$7,983.52
Employee Benefit	\$408.23	\$17,479.38
TIF		
Gendler Park		\$290.77
Debt Service	\$307.91	
Library Renovation Project	\$200.88	
Sewer Lagoon Project	\$7,940.00	
Perpetual Care Fund	\$280.00	
Water Fund	\$52,618.19	\$613.83
Water Tower Sinking	\$7,737.50	
Water Reserve	\$3,628.48	
Sewer Fund	\$29,743.59	\$31,749.99
Sewer Sinking	\$11,688.33	
Water Deposit	\$580.00	\$219.83
Sewer Deposit		\$146.59
Storm Water Fund	\$2,362.79	
Community Building	\$3,500.00	\$2,694.53
Total	\$194,514.85	\$205,586.51

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