

Mitch McVicker
GMA Dove-Award Winning Artist



In Concert in Earlham
Tuesday, May 28 - 7 p.m.
Earlham Friends Church
115 NE 2nd Street (Uptown)
Tickets – Free Will Offering for Mitch’s Ministry

Mitch McVicker is taking the road less traveled and joining us in Earlham, Iowa! We are excited to share his music, his faith, and his journey with our community!

McVicker’s concert is a little bit Mark Twain meets MacGyver. His quirky and inventive approach includes insightful song lyrics, unconventional instruments, and profound storytelling. His concert connects the everyday with the otherworldly. Kids love him. Adults relate to him. And his concert is like none other as he tells stories while simultaneously laying down rhythm tracks for the next song.

McVicker’s theology is daringly simple – God’s love washes over and through us regardless of us and our circumstances. “Instead of mindlessly thinking we have some control over God’s involvement in us and with us, let’s accept the truth that God IS,” McVicker says. “God is everywhere...in our light and dark. God is in our ugly and beautiful. In our simple and complex. In our hairy and shorn.”

McVicker will be featuring songs from his newest album, *Where the Earth Makes No Sound*. The songs resonate with his belief that God’s involvement in our lives surrounds us from every angle. It’s infinite and boundless. When sound is not present, some people find refuge in the silence. At the same time, others long for the silence to be broken. Where the Earth Makes No Sound deals with refuge and longing.

“I hope the concerts I do will raise spirits and direct attention toward the good,” he says. “These songs have been born out of life experience and deal with questions, wonderings, conflicts, struggles, and the love that engulfs all things. My longing and my refuge are expressed in these songs almost simultaneously.”

McVicker’s vocational musical journey began by working with the late, great Rich Mullins. They performed concerts and wrote songs together. The two were roommates. Shortly after a car wreck killed Mullins and badly injured McVicker, a song the two penned together, “My Deliverer,” was given the GMA Dove Award for song of the year...all while Mitch was going through a lengthy and difficult process of recovering from a coma-causing brain injury, collapsed lungs, broken bones, and nerve damage. After his recovery, Mitch continued his musical career, influenced by Rich Mullins in music and thought yet with his own distinct voice and style.

McVicker’s solo career has spanned nearly 2500 concerts in 49 states and 13 countries. In addition to 14 full-length albums, he has made 2 EPs, released 9 official music videos and 2 live concert DVDs.

For more information call: 515-758-4411.
www.mitchmcvicker.com



We are so truly lucky to live in such a wonderful community. Our 4th of July celebration is one of the best! Shout out to the very small committee that has worked so very hard in the past and now, for us to enjoy the 4th. The planning takes all year long to plan and get things going for the next year. Once the 4th is cleaned up, they are focusing on next year’s plans.

This takes a lot of time and planning on their part taking time away from their own lives/families to make sure it is fun for all. We deeply want to thank these gals for all they do.

Rick & Nancy Parkison

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
Earlham City Council Meeting
May 13, 2024

The Earlham City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 13, 2024, 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: Police Chief Stringham, Public Works Supervisor Coffman, Fire Chief Boyle, Clerk Hibbs.

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

2. Public Hearings
a. FY24 Budget Amending #2
Mayor Lillie declared the public hearing open at 7:01 p.m. Clerk Hibbs stated no oral or written comments were received at City Hall. No one present to address the issue.
Motion by Visser, second by Nelsen, to close the public hearing.
Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes. Public hearing closed at 7:02 p.m.

3. PUBLIC FORUM – None

4. CONSENT AGENDA:
a. Council meeting minutes for 04-08-24; Municipal Enterprise Committee, City Council Special Session, and Public Safety Minutes 4-29-24
b. Treasurer’s Report for 5-13-24
c. Claims and Receipts Report for 05-13-24
d. Consider approval of amendment to West Side Bar & Grille Alcohol License LC0042163- Premises Update
e. Consider approval of Iowa Retail Permit Application for Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vaper for Hometown Market of Earlham.
f. Consider approval of Iowa Retail Permit Application for Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vaper for Casey’s General Store #2644.
g. Consider approval of for Special Class B Retail Native Wine License (WBN) for Stuart Flowers & Gifts, LLC, DBA Flourish Mercantile & Florals.
Motion by Fredericksen, second by Mudge, to approve consent agenda.
Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS
a. Public Works - Gary Coffman, Public Works Supervisor
b. Police Department – Chief Matt Stringham
c. Fire Department – Chief Shawn Boyle

6. BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE REPORTS
a. Public Safety Committee - Residential Swimming Pool Fence; Wages
b. Municipal Enterprise Committee

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
a. Residential Swimming Pool Fence Regulations
b. Consider approval of Second Reading of Ordinance No 452 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Earlham, Iowa, by Amending the Natural Gas Franchise Fee.
Motion by Fredericksen, second by Mudge, to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No 452 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Earlham, Iowa, by Amending the Natural Gas Franchise Fee.
Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

c. Consider approval of Waiving the Third Reading of Ordinance No 452.
Motion by Mudge, second by Visser, to approve Waiving the Third Reading Ordinance No 452.
Roll: Ayes - unanimous Motion passes and Ordinance No. 452 is approved.

d. Consider approval of Second Reading of Ordinance No 453 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Earlham Iowa, by Amending the Electric Franchise Fee.
Motion by Miller, second by Nelsen, to approval of Second Reading of Ordinance No 453.
Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

e. Consider approval of Waiving the Third Reading of Ordinance No 453.
Motion by Visser, second by Mudge, to approve Waiving the Third Reading Ordinance No 453.
Roll: Ayes - unanimous Motion passes an Ordinance No. 453 is approved.

8. NEW BUSINESS
a. Discussion on Freedom Fest plans - street closures, garbage, port-a-potties, wi-fi
Consensus of council approved the plans, including street closures.

b. Friends of Earlham Public Library request for street closure for Summer Reading Program kick-off.
Motion by Fredericksen, second by Mudge, to approve closure of 1st Street, Sycamore to Maple.
Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

c. Consider approval of First Reading of Ordinance No. 255 Amending Code of Ordinances of City of Earlham, Iowa, 2017, Chapter 92 Water Rates.
Motion by Fredericksen, second by Visser, to approval of the First Reading of Ordinance No 455.
Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

d. Consider approval of motion to waive Second and Third Readings of Ordinance No. 255.
Motion by Mudge, second by Nelsen, to waive the Second and Third Readings of Ordinance No 455.
Roll: Ayes - unanimous. Motion passes and Ordinance No 255 approved.

e. Consider approval of Resolution No. 24-09 Approving Budget Amendment No. 2 for FY24
Motion by Miller, second by Mudge, to approval Resolution No. 24-09 Approving Budget Amendment No. 2 for FY24.
Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

f. Consider Resolution No. 24-13 Setting Wages for Earlham Police Department.
Motion by Visser, second by Nelsen, to approve Resolution No 24-13 Setting Wages for Earlham Police Department.
Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

g. Consider Resolution No. 24-14 Setting Wages for the 2024 Seasonal Part-Time Employees of the City of Earlham, Iowa, Effective April 1, 2024.
Motion by Mudge, second by Fredericksen, to approve Resolution No 24-14 Setting Wages for the 2024 Seasonal Part-Time Employees of the City of Earlham, Iowa, Effective April 1, 2024.
Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

h. Discussion, and possible action, on updating Earlham Personnel Manual.
Clerk stated she will send rough draft she has to council for their review before sending it to attorney.

i. Set date and time for Public Hearing on FY24 Budget Amendment No. 3 for June 10, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
Motion by Mudge, second by Miller, to set June 10, 2024, 7:00 p.m. as the date and time for Public Hearing on FY24 Budget Amendment No. 3.
Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

9. MAYOR’S REPORT - none
10. CLERK’S REPORT
11. COUNCIL COMMENTS/DISCUSSION
12. ADJOURN
Motion by Fredericksen, second by Miller, to adjourn.
Roll: Ayes – unanimous. Motion passes.

Being there was no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Jeff Lillie, Mayor
Attest: Mary Sue Hibbs, Clerk/Treasurer

City of Earlham
Approved Bills
May 13, 2024

Vendor	Description	Amount
ACCESS SYSTEMS	copier maintenance	\$87.48
ADEL TREE COMPANY	tree removal	\$15,752.50
AGRILAND	April fuel	\$1,787.97
AGSOURCE LABORATORIES	testing	\$866.25
AHLERS & COONEY, P.C.	Amend#2 URP	\$96.00
ALLEY AUTO SALES	tire repair	\$70.00
AMSDEN, KRISTY	49.4 mi x .67 mileage	\$33.10
ANKENY SANITATION	GB RC YW	\$14,930.66
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY, LLP	acetylene	\$112.95
BAKER & TAYLOR	books	\$615.71
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	i-gel O2 resus pk, airwy strap	\$86.72
BRITTAIN & SON CONCRETE	LIB project patio concrete	\$6,380.00
CARPENTER UNIFORM	reflective, chest embroidery	\$201.00
CASH	Rec Pk start up money	\$200.00
CENTURYLINK	telephone	\$418.99
CHARLESTON ENTERPRISES, INC	shaft assmbly, bolts for blade	\$556.57
CITY OF EARLHAM	water/sewer expenses	\$465.77
COFFMAN, GARY	grass seed - Tractor Supply	\$99.99
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER	child support	\$700.60
DES MOINES PUBLIC LIBRARY	SIL0 transaction #3678429	\$15.00
EARLHAM ECHO	minutes,bills,PH notice	\$307.80
EARLHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY	July-Dec 22 expenses	\$2,124.28
EARLHAM SAVINGS BANK	direct deposit fees	\$25.00
EBC	supplies	\$637.71
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	postage, DVD cases	\$235.44
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	psgt env, CBph&wifi,zoom,training	\$1,518.60
FEIRER ENTERPRISES, INC	website maintenance	\$49.00
FELD FIRE	Hud driver module assy	\$2,500.00
GLOBE LIFE	optional insurance	\$99.12
HD SUPPLY	GB liners, paper products	\$774.34
HEARTLAND CO-OP	roundup	\$69.00
HIBBS, MARY SUE	mileage 78.5 x .67 per mi	\$58.63
HOMETOWN MARKET	Rec Park concession supplies	\$1,714.01
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FVH, FICA,MC	\$10,603.60
IOWA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	FY24Q IA System Apr23-Jun23	\$300.00
IOWA ONE CALL	locates	\$18.00
IPERS	retirement	\$6,297.64
JOE S AUTO REPAIR	2017 service	\$64.37
JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD	FY25 book contract	\$872.48
LILLIE PLUMBING, HEATING & ELE	it pole labor,install elec at RecPk	\$7,940.16
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT LLC	replcmnt kit O2 sensor	\$389.00
MARQUIS INVESTMENTS LLC	coin advance for police car wash	\$100.00
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	gas & electric	\$4,316.25
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MIDWEST BREATHING AIR LLC	air test, parts, labor, mileage	\$872.59
MODERN MARKETING	tote bags summer reading program	\$639.11
NIA LLC	24-25 EMC premium	\$108,209.95
NIA LLC	add ECSD SRO,WC & audits	\$1,772.00
ORKIN	pest control	\$9.00
PAYROLL	PP 9, 10, & 10.1	\$33,201.51
PSN	March fee	\$229.10
QUILL CORPORATION	wireless mouse, paper	\$66.48
QUILL CORPORATION	trans tape, laminating pouches	\$67.33
SAM S	initial Rec park supplies	\$1,495.13
SCHILDBERG CONSTRUCTION CO	rock for lagoon	\$691.20
SHIVE HATTERY	lagoon upgrades	\$13,426.90
SICOG	5th Qtrly invoice	\$3,250.00
STIVERS MIDWEST PRO UPFITTERS	external speaker	\$120.00
TREASURER OF STATE	SWH	\$1,410.73
TRIONFO SOLUTIONS LLC	Met Life premium	\$350.33
UNITED HEALTHCARE -2019	premium	\$10,946.09
UNPLUGGED WIRELESS	service call, labor, supplies	\$179.50
US CELLULAR	PD hot spots	\$118.56
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US POSTAL SERVICE	UB postage April	\$318.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	building permits	\$200.40
VICKI GRISWOLD	Library Janitorial April	\$250.00
WARREN WATER DISTRICT	2876000 gallons	\$15,099.00
XTREME GRINDING LLC	welded bolts down for street light	\$200.00
Total		\$281,648.88

Receipt Summary April 30, 2024

Fund	Revenue	Expenses
GENERAL FUND	\$202,788.85	\$58,005.91
MUSEUM LEVY	\$5,232.77	\$0.00
INSURANCE LEVY	\$32,025.91	\$86,214.95
ROAD USE TAX	\$16,129.75	\$6,573.11
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$37,666.50	\$14,225.29
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$15,842.29	\$0.00
GENDLER PARK	\$0.00	\$186.40
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$50,452.91	\$0.00
WATER TOWER FUND	\$2,150.00	\$0.00
SEWER LAGOON PROJECT	\$19,785.50	\$19,784.50
PERPETUAL CARE	\$280.00	\$0.00
WATER FUND	\$38,521.55	\$47,391.49
WATER TOWER SINKING FUND	\$7,777.00	\$0.00
WATER RESERVE FUND	\$4,114.00	\$0.00
SEWER FUND	\$22,387.45	\$27,660.79
SEWER SINKING FUND	\$6,250.00	\$0.00
WATER DEPOSITS	\$90.00	\$0.00
SEWER DEPOSITS	\$70.00	\$0.00
STORM WATER	\$1,886.61	\$0.00
COMMUNITY BUILDING	\$1,300.00	\$14,696.68
Total	\$464,761.09	\$274,739.12

Auditor Primary on June 4

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“I am very good at budgeting, and I know when we can spend money, when we have to cut somewhere, when we can add a location to our fireworks business, or when it’s just not financially responsible to do so,” she said. “I do have some experience with tightening the belt.”

While she admits that there will be a learning curve for her if elected—like with any new job—she does have

some ideas on what her first steps would be.

“I would evaluate the current budgets and future budgets based on looking at what’s needed versus what we just want,” she said. “Just because we want it doesn’t mean we need it. Every elected office needs to be proactive in saving the taxpayer’s money out of each of their budgets. It has to start somewhere. You need to get in there and really sharpen the pencil.”

Madison County Rotary Evening Club

The Madison County Rotary Evening Club has been busy supporting communities surrounding Winterset. Since the evening club started in September 2022, they have volunteered at Meals From the Heartland, supported local food pantries, the Crisis Intervention and Advocacy Center, as well as Earlham’s Christmas Share by running a holiday drive the past two years. They have raised funds for Ferst Readers, a Madison County based literacy program started by the Winterset Rotary Club by hosting a bocce ball tournament at the Winterset City Park. Kids up to 5-years-old in Madison County can receive free books from the funds that the Ferst Readers committee continues to raise. You can visit their Facebook page: Ferst Readers – Madison County, IA. To sign up online, go to <https://ferstreaders.org/resources/register-a-child-sub/register-a-child>

In February, the club did a staff appreciation project for Earlham School. Most recently the club partnered with the Talk Shop Lounge in St. Charles to support our Cans For Kids outreach for future projects in the Madison County area.

The Madison County Rotary Evening Club is fully connected to the Winterset Rotary and follows the same bylaws and operates under the same board. The evening club meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month at the Cobblestone Inn & Suites in Winterset. Right now, members are all Winterset residents, but they would be happy to move the meetings around to support members in other communities that have an interest in being part of Rotary. They encourage those interested to come to a meeting to see if the club is a good fit for them before joining.

Contact: Sarah Simon (simnweld@qwestoffice.net).

2ND ANNUAL KICKOFF PARTY
By the Friends of Earlham Public Library

Thursday, May 30th
6:00-8:00PM

Bring a lawn chair and prepare to be amazed!

GET READY FOR:

- ★ Summer Reading Sign Up
- ★ Adam White Magic Show
- ★ Pie Contest & Silent Auction
- ★ Free Books For Kids & a Food Truck!
- ★ Madison County Conservation & others will be there!

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