

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

June 21, 2012

MEMBERS

Chairman Jones
Alderman Lawrence
Alderman Burtle
Mayor Brotherton

ABSENT

Alderman Vota

ALSO PRESENT

George Calvert
Alderman Walters
Alderman Koonce
Numerous Liquor License Holders
Leonard Rakers
Derek Parris
Cindy Dey

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M.

Video Gaming Terminals

Chairman Jones stated that he had received several phone calls regarding Video Gaming Terminals being allowed in the City of Taylorville. He opened the floor to local bar owners that were in attendance with questions. Mr. Chris Biondolino of Bailey's Pub introduced Mr. Leonard Rakers with Grand River Jackpot, LLC who is a Licensed Terminal Operator by the State of Illinois and informed the Committee that Bailey's Pub was approved as of June 21, 2012 for a video gaming license and the bar was one of 18 establishments in Illinois to receive their license. Mr. Biondolino will be allowed to purchase the machines for testing on July 16, 2012 and will go live on August 1, 2012.

Mr. Rakers addressed the Committee about the specifics of the Video Gaming Act and how the state will regulate the machines. Each establishment may have a maximum of five (5) machines and will be programmed to turn on during the City's legal liquor serving hours. The State will have a central computer that will control and monitor every single machine and regulate all the income and the hours of operation. A tax of 30% is imposed on the net income from each video gaming terminal. The State collects the tax. Of the tax collected, one-sixth goes to the unit of local government where the machine is located. Per Mr. Rakers, using Bailey's Pub as an example, approximately \$25.00 per day or \$9,000.00 annually will go to the City of Taylorville for the gaming allowance.

Mayor Brotherton asked the Committee what kind of avenues for local control the City wants to have. Chairman Jones noted that the state regulations seem to be very strict and if Mr. Biondolino was able to get through the rigorous application process then he believes the City should not over-regulate what the State imposes.

The Committee will continue discussions pertaining to Video Gaming Terminals at the next regular Ordinance Committee Meeting.

Demo Car Permit & Parameters

Health and Building Officer, George Calvert presented an ordinance from another municipality pertaining to demolition derby cars. At the previous Ordinance Committee Meeting the Committee discussed developing an ordinance requiring a permit and setting specific parameters pertaining to demolition cars. Mr. Calvert informed the Committee that the current Section 6 of the Taylorville City Code would already satisfy the issues involved with demo cars by including demolition derby cars and racing cars in the definition Section of the City Code.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Lawrence to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to amend the Taylorville City Code Section 6-5-1 “Definitions: Damaged Vehicle” to include...“ junked, *that is prepared for Demolition Derby, Racing* or disabled....”
Motion carried 3-0.

HBO Updates

Health and Building Officer, George Calvert commended, the City Clerk’s Office for the time spent on tracking the foreclosures, collecting the money for mowing liens and attending the Sheriffs Sales to inform the banks and/or property owners that the City has liens placed on the properties being sold. A total of \$12,900.00 has been collected since March.

Mr. Calvert updated the Committee on various property cleanups and violations.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Lawrence to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 P.M.

Bruce Jones, Chairman
Ordinance Committee