

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

July 18, 2013

MEMBERS

Chairman Jones
Alderman Burtle
Alderman Budd
Alderman Vota
Mayor Brotherton

ALSO PRESENT

George Calvert	Alan Jackson
Treasurer Nation	Bernie Curvey
Alderman Walters	Joe Curvey
Alderman Dorchinecz	Joe Hauser
Alderman Koonce	Alan Collebrusco
Andy Lasswell	Tom Bellegante
Pat Kretzer	Michael Welge
Residents of West School Area	Cindy Dey

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Chairman Jones explained to the people in attendance that the Ordinance Committee Meeting is meeting in conjunction with the Plan Commission to discussed Special Uses in a Residential-1 (R-1) Zone.

Special Use in a Residential-1 (R-1)

Chairman Jones read a letter from Mr. Bill Harryman, a member of the Plan Commission relaying his thoughts pertaining to the proposed zoning change and Special Uses.

Mr. Bernie Curvey and Mr. Joe Curvey purchased property located at 300 North Elevator Street (formerly known as West School Property). The West School Building is currently zoned R-1 and Mr. Curvey stated that he has had numerous inquiries in renting portions of the building to various businesses which would create a mini mall effect. The Taylorville City Code only allows for specific special uses and does not refer to multi uses in R-1.

The Ordinance Committee, the Plan Commission and residents of this area had many comments and questions pertaining to the proper use of the West School Property such as R-1 Multi Special Use vs. C-1, traffic flow, value of West School Building, and a buffer zone between R-1 and C-1.

The Committee will pursue more information pertaining to Multi Special Uses by researching with other communities and will review this information at the next Ordinance Committee Meeting.

Sewer Tapping Fees under City Streets

Alderman Dorchinecz requested the Committee review the current ordinance pertaining to sewer tapping fees. He voiced his concerns that all costs and expense of installation and connection of the sewer shall be paid by the property owners. He is suggesting that the property owner only be responsible for the expenses, maintenance and repair of the sewer line up to the City right-of-way, or possibly setting a fixed dollar amount.

The Committee will review this item at the next Ordinance Committee Meeting.

Vacant House Ordinance

The Committee briefly glimpsed at the Springfield Vacant House Ordinance and suggested that the City Attorney attend the next Ordinance Committee Meeting to discuss and review this Ordinance. It was noted that Springfield is a Home Rule Community and Taylorville is a Non-Home Rule Community.

Amend Section 7-1-4K of the Taylorville City Code-Regarding Storage Sheds on Lake Lots & Campgrounds

The Committee discussed amending the Taylorville City Code to allow Lake Lots and Campgrounds to construct one, “no larger than” an eight by ten (8x10) vinyl storage shed on their lake lot and/or campground lot with the approval of the Lake Superintendent and applying for a shed permit.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to amend the Taylorville City Code Section 7-1-4K and amend the Lake Lot and Campground Leases beginning with the 2014 camping season; to construct one, “no larger than” an eight by ten (8x10) vinyl storage shed on the lake lot and/or campground lot with the approval of the Lake Superintendent and applying for a shed permit. Motion carried 4-0.

HBO Updates

Mr. George Calvert, Health and Building Officer, updated the Committee and presented pictures of violations and cleanups.

The Committee granted permission for Mr. Calvert to bid the starting bid of \$660.00 at the County Tax Auction to be held in August for property located at 231 East Park Street. It would be cheaper for the City to acquire this property and tear it down, than going through the court system.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Jones to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Bruce Jones, Chairman
Ordinance Committee