

## STREET & SEWER COMMITTEE

June 26, 2014

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alderman Walters  
Alderman Dorchinecz  
Alderman Heberling  
Alderman Koonce

### ALSO PRESENT:

Superintendent Wiseman  
Alderman Budd  
Patty Hornbuckle  
Gene/Sue Babbs  
Steve Calvert  
Dwanna Kelmel  
George/Janis Ortman  
Kyle/Elizabeth Mense  
Bo/Sarah Anderson  
Bill/Patty Beck  
Greg Hager

Alderman Burtle  
Elizabeth Hohenstein  
Greg Hornbuckle  
Jeff/Laura Quimby  
Derek Lahey  
Beverly Donner  
Melissa McMillan  
Laurie/Brett Mense  
James/Norma Anderson  
Ken Root  
Bev Morrison

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

### **TAYLORVILLE MAIN STREET “MEET THE MACHINES”**

Elizabeth Hohenstein, Executive Director with Taylorville Main Street, informed the Committee that the “Meet the Machines” event has been rescheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Alderman Koonce and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to approve the request of Taylorville Main Street to close off the inside parking spaces around the Square on September 13, 2014 from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. for a “Meet the Machines” event. Motion carried 4-0.

### **CHRISTIAN COUNTY FARM BUREAU 5K AND 1 MILE FAMILY FUN RUN**

The Christian County Farm Bureau Young Ag Leaders is hosting a Plowing the Streets 5K and 1 Mile Family Fun Run on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> with proceeds to continue a scholarship fund giving back to Christian County college students majoring in agriculture. This event is held in conjunction with the Christian County Fair. The races will begin at 8:00 A.M. and should be over at 9:30 A.M.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to approve the Christian County Farm Bureau Young Ag Leaders Plowing the Streets 5K Run from 8:00 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. on Saturday July 26<sup>th</sup> with the route starting at 1510 W. Main Cross, going east, turning right on Madison, right on Franklin, left on Powers, right on England, right on Houston, right on West Adams, left on Cheney, left on Main Cross, left on Houston, right on Franklin, right on Othelle and left on Main Cross, upon approval of the Special Events Permit

AND

to recommend to the City Council to approve the Christian County Farm Bureau Young Ag Leaders Plowing the Streets 1 Mile Family Fun Run from 8:00 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> with the route starting at the southeast gate of the Fairgrounds, turning right on Othelle, left on Franklin, right on Henrietta, left on Vandever, left on Houston, left on Main Cross finishing at the southeast gate of the Fairgrounds, upon approval of the Special Events Permit. Motion carried 4-0.

### **HOMECOMING PARADE**

High School Student Derek Lahey was present to request permission for the Taylorville High School Homecoming Parade.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Koonce to recommend to the City Council to approve the Homecoming Parade on September 17, 2014 beginning at 5:30 PM beginning at the Christian County Fairgrounds going east on Main Cross to the Square, south on North Washington, east on West Market, North on Main Street ending at the corner of North Main and West Vine, contingent upon approval of the Special Events Permit. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**

The Chamber of Commerce is requesting the use of approximately eight (8) parking spaces on the northeast side of West Market Street, beginning after the handicap space for a Blood Drive on August 4<sup>th</sup>, from 9:15 A.M. to 3:45 P.M.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Koonce to recommend to the City Council to approve the request of the Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce to block off eight (8) parking spaces on the Northeast side of West Market Street beginning after the handicap space for a Blood Drive on August 4<sup>th</sup> contingent upon approval of the Special Events Permit. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **CHILIFEST AND 175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF TAYLORVILLE & CHRISTIAN COUNTY**

The celebration for the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Taylorville and Christian County is being held in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Taylorville Chillifest on the weekend of October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. There will also be events at the Historical Society. Chamber of Commerce President Patty Hornbuckle stated they would like to set up Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon and continue until cleanup Sunday evening October 5<sup>th</sup>.

She is also requesting permission for parade access for the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Taylorville & Christian County beginning at the Fairgrounds at 11:00 A.M. and ending after passing through the North Side of the Square.

Motion by Alderman Koonce and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to approve the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Chillifest to be held October 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> with set up, street closings and barricades as presented and permission for a parade for the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Taylorville & Christian County beginning at 11:00 A.M. at the Fairgrounds and ending at the corner of W. Main Cross and Main Street contingent upon approval of the Special Events Permit. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **DITCH AT 120 S. SPRESSER-GLASS CUTTERS**

As requested at last month's meeting, Superintendent Wiseman looked into the cost of installing plastic pipe in the ditch at 120 S. Spresser. He quoted a price of \$2,109.68 for materials only. Mrs. Kelmel feels she should not be responsible for the cost as the ditch was not there and she had no problem until the City dug the ditch in 1993. She noted there is always water in the ditch, there was 11 inches of water in the ditch today. Superintendent Wiseman stated there is either a leak or a natural seep and the ditch is needed and should not be filled in. It was noted that if we fix this ditch we may have to fix others. Superintendent Wiseman stated that the others in that area do not mow their ditches so they do not have this safety issue.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Koonce to recommend to the City Council that the City fill in the ditch at 120 S. Spresser (Glass Cutters) with the City providing the labor and the owner paying for one-half of the material cost and with the bills being paid from the General Fund. Motion carried 3-1.

#### **SEWER TAP REPAIRS**

At the request of Mayor Brotherton, Joe Greene reviewed the video of the 10 inch sanitary sewer in the alley between Oak & Ash Street and Cherokee & Shawnee Streets. He concluded in a letter dated June 25, 2014 that if there was mine subsidence, the service would have shifted vertically and some of these sewers have shifted

horizontally, not vertically. He states that the sanitary trunk sewer is in fair to good condition and has no signs of mine subsidence.

Alderman Koonce then presented a document about mine subsidence and stated he contacted Jim Hafliger, who works for Illinois Department of Natural Resources, who said he would look into the matter. Alderman Dorchinecz then reported his research on the history of who should be responsible for the cost of repairing sewer taps noting intent and City responsibility. Members of the audience again spoke that all of their sewer lines could not have gone bad at the same time. They feel that since receiving the original letter they are being told to wait while the City figures who is responsible for what, all the while holding this big money problem over their heads.

The audience was told that this matter is being addressed by the Ordinance Committee and now we will have to wait for a statement from IDNR.

### **CONTRACTORS USING YARD WASTE FACILITY**

The Committee again discussed the request of Ken Root, 1<sup>st</sup> Class Mowing, to dump grass clippings at the Street Department bin. At last month's meeting a fee of \$200-\$300 per year was discussed for contractors, at which time Mr. Root pressed for a fee for all City residents for dumping. Alderman Heberling stated we are doing this as a convenience for you, but you want us to charge citizens so you can dump. Alderman Dorchinecz feels it is still City grass-why charge him to dump it.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz to recommend to the City Council that there be no charge for contractors to dump grass clippings at the Street Department bin. Motion died for lack of second.

### **TREE BOARD MINUTES**

Rhonda Kraft resigned as Chairman of the Tree Board. The position has not yet been filled. Alderman Larry Budd is now the City's liaison to the Tree Board.

#### **1021 W. Poplar Street-Tree Removal Request**

At the May 28, 2014 Tree Board Meeting the Committee discussed the request of Dan Ream to remove two trees at 1021 W. Poplar due to a buckling sidewalk. A motion was made at the Tree Board Meeting to recommend that the trees be removed as long as they would be replaced with trees more suitable for the location.

Motion by Alderman Koonce and seconded by Alderman Heberling to table the issue of cutting down trees at 1021 W. Poplar so Superintendent Wiseman can see if his department can take the tree down, or if he can get a reasonable price for cutting the tree down. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **304 & 310 Richmond Avenue-Tree Removal Request**

At the May 28, 2014 Tree Board Committee Meeting, the Committee discussed the request of Virgil & Sue Babbs to remove a tree located in the boulevard between 304 & 310 Richmond Avenue. The trees roots are growing underneath the sidewalk and could cause damage in the near future. They stated gumballs are also a nuisance. A motion was made at the Tree Board Meeting to recommend that the tree be removed upon verification of the necessary removal cost and the planting of a suitable replacement.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Koonce to recommend to table the issue of cutting down the trees at 304 & 310 Richmond so Superintendent Wiseman can see if his department can take the tree down, or if he can get a reasonable price for cutting the tree down. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Alderman Koonce and seconded by Alderman Heberling to recommend to the City Council to approve the Tree Board Minutes of May 29, 2014. Motion carried 4-0.

## **HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT WITH TAYLORVILLE & MAY TOWNSHIPS AND CHRISTIAN COUNTY HIGHWAY**

City Attorney Rocci Romano prepared an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement (Hold Harmless) to be used with Christian County Highway, May Township and Taylorville Township when equipment is borrowed from each other. This came at the request of our insurance carrier.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to recommend to the City Council to approve the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement format as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Wiseman reported his department has been oil & chipping, patching and doing overlay.

### Ward II City Park Addition-Phase 4 Park Avenue

McIntire & Company Contractor is owed \$17,537.30 in retainage on Ward II City Park Addition-Phase 4 Park Avenue. Rex McIntire offered \$3,000.00 to the City if City crews would finish the cleanup on this project. A final offer of \$5,000.00 was accepted by the City. Joe Green is recommending that the City accept Mr. McIntire's offer and pay the retainage of \$12,537.30. Once the City pays the retainage, Mr. McIntire will have completed all work on the project. The two year warranty starts the day the City makes the final payment. Work the City will be responsible for is cleaning and reshaping the north ditch on Park Street, cleaning all inlets, catch basins, manholes and seeding the north ditch.

## **ANY OTHER MATTERS**

### Enbridge Pipe Line

Trucks hauling pipe from the Enbridge Pipe Yard will begin hauling at the end of July. The only City streets they will be on are McAdam Drive and an area by ADM. Special permits have been issued for over regular length size load.

### Sewer issue-605 W. First Street

Bo Anderson, who lives at 605 West First Street had sewer back up and called the Sewer Department. Employees responded and after checking everything out told him it was not a City problem. They told him to call a plumber and the line runs to the alley. He hired two plumbers and an excavator looking for the problem in the area the City employees directed him to. When it was mentioned that there was a manhole in the front yard, it was discovered that there was a 6 inch sewer line in the manhole that the City did not know about. He feels he was given misinformation by City employees and would like to be reimbursed for \$325.00 for digging and \$350.00 to level the rock on his driveway that was destroyed. He is not asking for reimbursement of plumber expenses.

Street & Sewer Superintendent Wiseman feels that now that the 6 inch line has been discovered, that this is a "private sewer" and the City is not responsible. Chairman Walters agreed. Mr. Anderson feels he should be reimbursed for some of his expenses. Aldermen present agreed. Chairman Walters changed his mind. The Mayor will be asked to put this on the City Council Agenda.

Motion by Alderman Heberling and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 P.M.