

At the Public Hearing held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, October 3, 2022, the following proceedings were held and entered in this record in the following words and figures to wit:

City Clerk

Mayor

The Mayor called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 P.M.

Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson were present.

Also present were Mayor Barry, City Clerk Lilly, City Attorney Romano, HBO Goodall, City Treasurer, Ken Hart, Joe Malek, Lisa Sassatelli, and Bill Sleeman. Also present were Plan Commission Members were Chairman Pat Kretzer, Jim Altman, Dyanne Skinner, Tony Verardi, and Matt Yard.

Mayor Barry announced that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss An Ordinance Amending Section 10-6-2 of the Taylorville City Code (re: outdoor billboards or signs limited to the I-1 Zoning District where the Taylorville Industrial Park is located) and An Ordinance Adding Chapter 15A to Title 10 of the Taylorville City Code (re: solar energy systems).

Joe Malek with WC Media was present, stating that his company will be purchasing lot 1, closest to Route 29. They have already received approval and an Advertising Permit from IDOT for the digital LED sign. They will offer free advertising for the Industrial Park and other local businesses. He stated there will be no animation or strobe; each ad will hold for ten seconds per IDOT regulations.

The Plan Commission made a unanimous motion to recommend to the City Council to approve an Ordinance Amending Section 10-6-2A. of the Taylorville City Code (re: outdoor billboards or signs limited to the I-1 Zoning District where the Taylorville Industrial Park is located).

Discussion was held regarding the proposed Solar Energy Systems Ordinance, which was developed to set guidelines for the ever-increasing requests for residential solar systems. The Ordinance would become effective ten days from passage, and all existing solar systems would be grandfathered in. Vacant lots, adjacent or across from a residential property, will be excluded from this use per the Ordinance. The fee will be increased from the proposed amount of \$100.00 to \$250.00, inclusive of permit and inspection process by the Fire Chief. Wording will also be changed to remove Illinois licensed electrician to Illinois Certified (ICC) electrician, specifically for solar, and State licensed engineer. R-1 and R-2 zoning districts will be included in this Ordinance.

The Plan Commission made a unanimous motion to recommend to the City Council to approve and Ordinance Adding Title 15A to Title 10 of the Taylorville City Code (re: solar energy systems) with changes as discussed during the Public Hearing.

Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried (8-0).

The Public Hearing adjourned at 7:00 P.M.