

At the regular meeting held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, December 6, 2021, 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 meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

The Invocation was given by Alderman Driskell. Mayor Barry led the Council and the assembled group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Brown to utilize the Omnibus Vote Designation for various meetings. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve the Regular City Council Meeting held November 15, 2021; the Cemetery Board of Managers Meeting held November 16, 2021; the Finance Committee Meeting held November 17, 2021; the Ordinance Committee Meeting held November 17, 2021; the Emergency Services Committee Meeting held December 2, 2021; and the Personnel Committee Meeting held December 2, 2021. OMNIBUS VOTE

ORDINANCE NO. 4080 – APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO.1 REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CITY OF TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS AND MATTHEW H. ROGERS AND COZY GRIND, LLC

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve Ordinance No. 4080 – An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement by and between City of Taylorville, Illinois and Matthew H. Rogers and Cozy Grind, LLC (310 N Webster St). Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, Wilson, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 4081 – ANNUAL ABATEMENT ORDINANCE

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Skultety to approve Ordinance No. 4081 – Annual Abatement Ordinance. This Ordinance allows for funds to be set aside for payment of bonds. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, Wilson, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 4082 – AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF TAYLORVILLE TO ENTER INTO CERTAIN ANNEXATION AGREEMENTS PURSUANT TO 65 ILCS 5/11-15.1-1 ET SEQ.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Skultety to approve Ordinance No. 4082 – An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Taylorville to Enter into Certain Annexation Agreements Pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11 – 15.1-1 et. seq. (State Bar Edition). These properties are not contiguous. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Olive, Skultety, Wilson, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. Alderman Driskell voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

FRANKLIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT CHANGE ORDER NO. 1

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve Change Order No. 1 from P.H. Broughton & Sons, Inc. for Franklin Street Improvements Project in the amount of \$12,077.75 net decrease. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

FRANKLIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT PAY ESTIMATE NO. 1

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Budd to approve and direct the Mayor to sign Pay Estimate No. 1 from P.H. Broughton & Sons, Inc. for Franklin Street Improvements Project and approve payment in the amount of \$77,497.85; engineer approval, contractor's certified payroll and lien waiver have been received. Alderman Budd noted that this should be paid from the Sewer Maintenance – Special Projects line. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT – SIMEC, LLC

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Wilson to authorize and direct the Mayor to sign Amendment to Consulting Services Agreement by and between the City of Taylorville and SIMEC, LLC. This allows SIMEC to enter into electric aggregation agreement for the City of Taylorville residents. City Attorney Romano noted that this contract extends exclusively to SIMEC and requires a

ninety day notice to terminate. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinez, Driskell, Olive, Skultety and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

EAST MAIN CROSS IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT – TRUMAN L. FLATT & SONS, INC.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Olive to authorize and direct the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Contract Proposal for Rebuild Illinois Grant Funds for East Main Cross Roadway Improvements between the City of Taylorville and Truman L. Flatt & Sons Co., Inc. pending approval from the City Attorney. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinez, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING ROOF MIDDLE AND EAST AREAS – HENSON ROBINSON CO.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Budd to approve the low bid from Henson Robinson Co. for the Municipal Building Roof Middle and East Areas in the amount of \$166,147.00 for the Alternate Bid No. 1 to include 30-year membrane, and to authorize and direct the Mayor and/or City Clerk to sign any related contract documents as prepared by Graham and Hyde Architects, Inc. and/or the City of Taylorville. Alderman Budd stated that this should be financed as a three year loan. The project will be placed in the FY 2022/2023 Budget and will begin at that time, with rates locked in per this contract pricing. There will be a Notice of Award and Contract issued to the contractor. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinez, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT PARKING LOT – PHIL TULLIS EXCAVATING

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve removal of a portion of the retaining wall in the Police Department Parking Lot at a cost not to exceed \$2,750.00, to be completed by Phil Tullis Excavating, along with the remainder of the project. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinez, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF MIKE SPECHA – BDD COMMITTEE

Motion by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve the Mayor's Appointment of Mike Specha to the BDD Committee. The motion carried (8-0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CEMETERY BOARD OF MANAGERS

PURCHASE OF 2022 JOHN DEERE X750 DIESEL LAWN TRACTOR/DECK – SLOAN IMPLEMENT

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve the purchase of the 2022 John Deere X750 Diesel Lawn Tractor and 2022 John Deere X750 auto connect deck from Sloan Implement in the amount of \$9,000.00, with the money coming from the Perpetual Care Fund Interest in the FY 2021/2022 budget. City Attorney Romano stated that all property to be traded in towards a purchase requires an Ordinance to complete transaction. Motion was amended to approve Ordinance pertaining to this purchase.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve Ordinance No. 4083 – An Ordinance to Authorize Purchase of Personal Property (re: 2022 JD X750 Garden Tractor and 2022 JD 54 HC Auto Connect Deck). Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinez, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, Wilson, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

FINANCE

2022 WORKERS COMPENSATION POLICY RENEWAL – ILLINOIS PUBLIC RISK FUND

Motion by Alderman Dorchinez and seconded by Alderman Driskell to approve the January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 Workers Compensation Policy Renewal Premium of \$207,763.00 from Illinois Public Risk Fund. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinez, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

CONTRIBUTION TO CHRISTIAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Motion by Alderman Dorchinez and seconded by Alderman Budd to contribute \$5,000.00 to the Christian County Economic Development Corporation, utilizing the Contingency fund, and to re-evaluate the performance and results in 2022. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinez, Driskell, Skultety and Wilson voted YEA. Alderman Olive voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

TRUTH-IN-TAXATION/TAX LEVY ORDINANCE

Motion by Alderman Dorchinez and seconded by Alderman Bryant to direct the City Clerk's Office to prepare an Ordinance that, pursuant to the Truth-in-Taxation Act, the sum of \$3,281,271.23 for the City's current Fiscal Year 5/1/2021 to 4/30/2022 upon the taxable property in the City, with amount is less than 105% of the amount extended, or estimated to be extended, upon the final aggregate levy of the preceding fiscal year; and a Truth-in-Taxation Public Hearing is not required. This includes a total maximum levy of \$298,261.23 for the Taylorville Public Library. City Attorney Romano noted that there is a 20 day

period between the time the motion to prepare Ordinance is passed and when the Ordinance is approved, so a Special Meeting will be held on December 27, 2021 to pass the Ordinance, prior to the deadline for filing with the County Clerk on the last Tuesday of December. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Wilson to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

ORDINANCE

SEWER TAP FEE/EXCAVATION FEE INCREASE

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Skultety to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance to amend the City Code to increase the Sewer Tap fee to \$300.00 and the Excavation Fee to \$500.00. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

PURCHASE OF TWO SETS OF TURN OUT GEAR – MAC'S FIRE & SAFETY

Motion by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Driskell to allow Chief Adermann to purchase two sets of Turn Out Gear from Mac's Fire & Safety at a cost not to exceed \$2,409.00. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

PURCHASE OF THREE PORTABLE RADIOS – KENWOOD

Motion by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Wilson to allow Police Chief Wheeler to purchase 3 Portable Radios from Kenwood at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

PURCHASE/TRAINING OF SECOND K9

Motion by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Wilson to allow Police Chief Wheeler to move forward with the purchasing and training involved in the department obtaining a second K-9 at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00. Alderman Budd stated this item is not in the FY 2021/2022 Budget and there is no line item for this in the budget or appropriations; City Attorney Romano stated that it could be covered in the Appropriations Ordinance, so long as the Revenues to be used for the funding have been appropriated as well. City Attorney Romano further suggested that the City Treasurer confirm all appropriated amounts prior to any decision.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Driskell to table the motion to allow Police Chief Wheeler to move forward with purchasing and training involved in the department obtaining a second K-9 at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion to table carried.

PERSONNEL

NON-BARGAINING PERSONNEL EVALUATIONS/SALARY INCREASES

Motion by Alderman Driskell to approve the results of the Non-Bargaining Personnel Evaluations and approve recommended salary increases. It was noted that these Personnel Evaluations are for merit increases only; they are independent of any and all increases based on Union increases due on January 1, 2022. These merit increases will also begin on January 1, 2022. A recommendation was made to include a motion on the December 20, 2021 Council Agenda for an additional increase for all non-bargaining personnel, based upon each respective Union increase, to be effective on January 1, 2022. Following further discussion and questions regarding the evaluation process, outcome, lack of transparency and adherence to the procedure, it was determined that the Council should recess into Closed Session to discuss further.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Brown to go into closed session, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) and (c)(2) to discuss the performance evaluations and any recommended salary increases for the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Deputy Police Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, Superintendent of Streets and Sewers, Water Superintendent, Cemetery Superintendent, Airport Manager, Health and Building Officer, Lake Superintendent, Mayor's Administrative Assistant, and Human Resource Manager, and any and all subject matters relating to such subject matter, and to include, if present, the following persons to be present during all or part of such closed session, namely: the Mayor Aldermen, City Attorney (via Zoom), City Clerk, City Treasurer, and such other person or persons as the Mayor may decide and announce during this City Council meeting and/or during such closed session.

The City Council recessed at 7:50 P.M. and went into Closed Session at 7:53 P.M. The City Council returned to Open Session at 8:28 P.M.

Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinez, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson reported present.

The Mayor addressed the suggested merit increases for all Non-Bargaining Personnel, stating that these increases will take effect on January 1, 2022, and asked for increases as discussed as follows:

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve a 2% increase for Cemetery Superintendent Mike Tennant. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinez, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, Wilson, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Budd to approve a 2% increase for Lake Superintendent Geoffrey Ortman. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinez, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, Wilson and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Dorchinez to approve a 6% increase for Police Chief Dwayne Wheeler. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinez, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, Wilson, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Skultety to approve the increase to an Office Level 2 base salary and an additional 2% increase for the Mayor's Administrative Assistant Lisa Sassatelli. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinez, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, Wilson, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinez and seconded by Alderman Budd to approve a 2% increase for Human Resource Manager Andrea Conrath. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Dorchinez, Olive, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Driskell, Skultety, and Wilson voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion failed.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Aldermen Dorchinez to approve a 4% increase for Assistant Police Chief Vince Childers. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinez, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, Wilson, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve a 2% increase for HBO/Airport Superintendent Andy Goodall. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Olive, Skultety, Wilson, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. Aldermen Dorchinez and Driskell voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve a 2% increase for Street and Sewer Superintendent Mike Mann. Roll Call – Alderman Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinez, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, Wilson, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Dorchinez to approve a 6% increase for Fire Chief Matthew Adermann. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinez, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, Wilson, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinez and seconded by Alderman Brown to approve a 1% increase for Human Resource Manager Andrea Conrath. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dorchinez, Driskell, Olive, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. Aldermen Bryant, Skultety, and Wilson voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

Mayor Barry stated that Water Superintendent Speagle did not elect to take a raise this year; Assistant Fire Chief Hackney is not yet eligible due to recent hire date. These increases are separate from any increase associated with the Union Contract increases. The Union increases will be addressed at the December 20, 2021 City Council Meeting.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Dorchinez to authorize payment of bills. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinez, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to address the Council. No one present addressed the Council.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.