

At the regular meeting held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, December 7, 2020, 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 given by Alderman Lanzotti. Mayor Barry led the Council and the assembled group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call - Aldermen Budd, Burtle, Driskell, Lanzotti, and Olive were present in the Council Chambers. Aldermen Bryant, Dorchinecz, and Skultety (at 7:17pm) reported present via Facetime due to Covid-19 precautions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Bryant to utilize the Omnibus Vote Designation for various meetings. City Attorney Romano noted a necessary change to the City Council minutes that will be made. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Burtle to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held November 16, 2020; the Regular City Council Meeting held November 16, 2020; the Finance Committee Meeting held November 18, 2020; the Special City Council Meeting held November 24, 2020; the Public Facilities Meeting held November 24, 2020; and the Street and Sewer Committee Meeting held November 24, 2020. OMNIBUS VOTE

ORDINANCE NO. 4006 - ANNUAL ABATEMENT ORDINANCE

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve Ordinance No. 4006 - Annual Abatement Ordinance. This is an annual Ordinance to abate the tax levied for the current year to pay the principal and interest on General Obligation Bonds. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 4007 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TAYLORVILLE AND COKER FAMILY INC. (dba BATTERY SPECIALISTS + GOLF CARTS)

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to approve Ordinance No. 4007 - An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement by and between the City of Taylorville and Coker Family Inc. (dba Battery Specialists + Golf Carts). Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 4008 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TAYLORVILLE AND DOWNTOWN TAYLORVILLE.ORG

Motion by Alderman Lanzotti and seconded by Alderman Budd to approve Ordinance No. 4008 - An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement by and between the City of Taylorville and Downtown Taylorville.org. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1457 - RE: 2020 AGREEMENT WITH TAYLORVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Driskell to approve Resolution No. 1457 - re: 2020 Agreement with Taylorville Fire Protection District. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

ENTERPRISE FLEET LEASING

Mr. Christopher Lloyd with Enterprise Fleet Leasing reviewed the proposed contract agreement and information with the City Council. The terms utilize a 6,000 mile benchmark over a 48 month lease period. The cost per vehicle would be \$548.23 plus \$26.77 for maintenance per vehicle, for a total of \$575.00 per vehicle per month. The initial operating lease agreement is based upon a total of 7 trucks: 2 for Water Department, 2 for Street and Sewer Department, 1 for Cemetery, and 2 for the Lake Department. City Attorney Romano raised concerns with many terms of the agreements and recommends various changes appropriate for the City. Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Driskell to table any decision until further information and recommendations approved by the City Attorney are presented to the Council. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion to table carried.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT MORTGAGE/LEASE GRANTS

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Driskell to table any action on Mortgage/Lease Grants as the local businesses are all able to be open at this time and the shutdown was very minimal. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz,

Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion to table carried.

BURN BAN

Mayor Barry has been approached by several concerned citizens who would like to see a Burn Ban put in place. Mayor Barry asked for a motion to enact a Burn Ban. There was no motion. He asked a second time; no motion made.

DEMOLITION OF 207 WEST MAIN CROSS

Mayor Barry asked for a motion to demolish the entire building located at 207 West Main Cross at an approximate cost of \$70,000.00, to be completed by Joe Coleman. Alderman Olive made the motion and was seconded by Alderman Budd. Discussion was held regarding the details and legalities relating to this project, with many concerns raised by the Aldermen. There is a lien by the State of Illinois on the property for sales tax not paid by the owner in the amount of \$13,535.28; this lien dates back to 2010. Aldermen were concerned that the City would become responsible for the lien if the building is taken down. It was noted that the owner of the building has received a certified letter regarding the Notice to Remediate, but he has not responded nor taken any action. The same notice was sent to the State of Illinois as well. Benton & Associates performed a structural inspection; it was determined that the building is a hazard and must come down in part or in full in the immediate future. City Attorney Romano noted that there must be agreements signed with building owners on each side of the party wall to release and hold harmless the City if any damages occur to those buildings upon the demolition process. He also noted that the City could place a lien on the property and begin the foreclosure process to take over ownership of the property if the owner does not fulfill the obligation to demolish the property.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to table until further information is received. Roll Call - Aldermen Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, and Skultety voted YEA. Aldermen Bryant, Budd, and Olive voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion to table carried.

BIDDING OF TREE CUTTING SERVICES FOR CITY LOCATIONS

Mayor Barry stated that there are many trees that need to be removed throughout the City. Superintendent Mann has prepared a list for all Aldermen to review. The trees would be removed using Ward money, but as this may be a substantial project, it may be appropriate to bid the services. This will be discussed further upon review of the list by the Aldermen.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

2021 WORKERS COMPENSATION POLICY RENEWAL - ILLINOIS PUBLIC RISK FUND

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Burtle to approve the January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 Workers Compensation Policy Renewal Premium of \$231,277.00 from Illinois Public Risk Fund. This is calculated based on a 6% loss ratio and \$38,296.00 in premium savings. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Driskell to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion carried (8-0).

PUBLIC FACILITIES

MUNICIPAL BUILDING ROOF PROJECT - GRAHAM AND HYDE ARCHITECTS, INC.

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Driskell to proceed with hiring Graham and Hyde Architects, Inc. to proceed with the preparation of the specifications and to proceed with the bidding process for a new roof on two sections of the Municipal Building. Alderman Olive noted that the bidding process and agreement will be similar to the West portion of the roof replacement with a 20 and/or 30-year warranty. The motion carried (8-0).

STREET AND SEWER

#5 LAKEVIEW ROAD CULVERT REPAIRS - WARD IV

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Burtle to allow the City to start the culvert repairs at #5 Lakeview Road for a total amount of \$3,495.54, to be paid out of Ward IV. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

HIGH SCHOOL LIFT STATION PUMP - VANDEVANTER ENGINEERING

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Budd to approve Vandevanter Engineering to install a new impeller on the High School Lift Station pump at a cost not to exceed \$7,404.97. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

WEST MAIN CROSS PROJECT AGREEMENT - BENTON & ASSOCIATES

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Budd to amend the existing agreement with Benton & Associates to include engineering on West Main Cross from Webster to

Houston. This cost will be paid from MFT funds. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM AGREEMENT - AMEREN ILLINOIS

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Driskell to direct the Mayor to sign the Energy Efficiency Program Agreement with Ameren Illinois for a total cost not to exceed \$9,009.00. This program will allow for LED bulb for bulb replacement in various City buildings to reduce energy costs. Ward V funds will pay for this project. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Burtle to authorize payment of bills. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

Per the Social Distancing Guidelines, constituents were instructed to email any comments to the Mayor. None were received. Mayor Barry thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their continued efforts in the community.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Olive to adjourn. Motion carried (8-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 P.M.