

FINANCE COMMITTEE  
February 20, 2025

MEMBERS

Chairman Mitchelson (via Phone)  
Alderman Dorchinecz  
Alderman Skultety  
Alderman Bryant

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry  
Alderman Olive  
Alderman Wilson  
Superintendent Mann  
Alderman Brown  
Alderman Driskell  
Superintendent Tennant

Tammy Nicol  
Clerk Richardson  
Michelle Skelenka  
Lucas Rexroad  
Treasurer Miles  
Marilyn Spillman

Adam Vocks  
Linda Allen  
J.I. McDowell  
Keith Boston

Chairman Mitchelson called the meeting to order at 6:53 P.M.

CEO DONATION

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Skultety to recommend to the City Council to approve the CEO High School Program donation of \$1,000.00. Motion carried 4-0

GREATER TAYLORVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2025 EVENTS

Ms. Linda Allen with the Chamber of Commerce presented the quotes for the July 4, 2025 fireworks. She advised the cost this year will be \$22,000.00. Mr. J.I. McDowell and Mrs. April Wolfe gave a presentation on this year's Chillifest. They gave updates on media, increases in sales tax revenue, and the plan to promote Taylorville vendors first. The Chamber is requesting \$15,000.00 for Chillifest this year. Alderman Driskell voiced concerns about spending, she would like to see the BDD money used for infrastructure. Alderman Skultety spoke favorably of the Chillifest and Fireworks.

Motion by Alderman Mitchelson and seconded by Alderman Skultety to recommend to the City Council to approve the \$22,000.00 requested by the Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce for the July 4, 2025 fireworks, and to approve the \$15,000.00 requested for the 2025 Chillifest. The total of \$37,000.00 will be taken out of BDD Funds. Motion carried 4-0

DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE BUILDING OF THE COLUMBARIUM

Alderman Bryant presented information a Columbarium for the Cemetery. There has been interest from Taylorville residents to place one at Oak Hill Cemetery. Alderman Wilson stated he would be in favor of purchasing a Columbarium, while Alderman Mitchelson raised concerns about the return on the investment, cost to maintain, and uniformity of engraving. Superintendent Tennant will be requesting perpetual care funds to assist with the purchase.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Skultety to recommend to the City Council to approve the purchase of a Columbarium to be placed at Oak Hill Cemetery at a cost not to exceed \$70,000.00. Motion carried 4-0

**DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE COST PER NICHE**

The cost to purchase a niche in the Columbarium was discussed. Mayor Barry raised concerns about there being enough of a market for it, and suggested pre-selling to see if there will be enough of a return on the investment.

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to recommend to the City Council to approve the cost of a niche at \$1,300.00 each. Motion carried 4-0

**WEBSITE UPDATE-SERPENTINE**

No action was taken on this item. It will be brought back to the March 20, 2025 Finance meeting.

**APPROVE INTERNET RATES**

Alderman Bryant advised she spoke with CTI about our internet speed. Chief Wheeler stated there is a lag in dispatch. The cost to upgrade our internet speed will be an additional \$300.00 per month. Alderman Bryant would like to upgrade with CTI for now. The City will look into additional service providers, and may bid the contract out in the near future to a company that may better meet the needs of the City.

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to recommend to the City Council to approve the upgrade in internet speed for the City from CTI at a cost not to exceed \$300.00 per month. Motion carried 4-0

**ANNUAL AUDIT REVIEW**

There was no action taken on this item, The auditors will be at the Municipal Building Friday, February 21, 2025 to discuss the review with the Mayor, Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, and City Clerk.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Miles presented the current Treasurer's report.

**ANY OTHER MATTERS**

No other matters were brought forth to this Committee.

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Bryant to adjourn. The motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

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Randy Mitchelson, Chairman Finance Committee