

At the regular meeting held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, August 2, 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 Honor Guard Chaplain Reed . 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.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Mayor Barry presented the Volunteer of the Month award to the Honor Guard, with members from the American Legion and the VFW, for their continued work in honoring veterans in our community.

OATH OF OFFICE – POLICE OFFICER JOSH NILES

City Clerk Lilly administered the Oath of Office to Police Officer Josh Niles. Officer Niles is a lateral transfer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Alderman Skultety 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 Wilson and seconded by Alderman Brown to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held July 19, 2021; the Regular City Council Meeting held July 19, 2021; the Street and Sewer Committee Meeting held July 22, 2021; and the Public Facilities Committee Meeting held July 22, 2021. OMNIBUS VOTE

SMALLTOWN TAYLORVILLE UPDATE

Steve Craggs was present to provide an update on the marketing campaign for Smalltown Taylorville, which is funded by a \$65,000.00 commitment from the City utilizing Business Development District funds. Website and media advertising including billboards, local newspaper, radio and Facebook, have been very successful in reaching consumers. The website is all inclusive, highlighting shopping, restaurants, activities and providing links to local establishments. It includes a map of the City for visitors. Local business owners have experienced increased sales and out-of-town visitors since this campaign began.

ORDINANCE NO. 4056 – AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUE OF TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2021, OF THE CITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING CERTAIN OUTSTANDING ALTERNATE BONDS OF THE CITY

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Driskell to approve Ordinance No. 4056 – An Ordinance Authorizing and Providing for the Issue of Taxable General Obligation Bonds(Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021, of the City for the Purpose of Refunding Certain Outstanding Alternate Bonds of the City, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay such principal and interest if the pledged revenues are insufficient to make such payments, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. The proposal was received from Peoples National Bank of Kewanee located in Kewanee, Illinois for the purchase of \$1,172,000.00 in general obligation bonds. This is less than the \$1,210,000.00 as stated in the original Ordinance of Intent. The proposed schedule is a payment of \$225,000.00 for the first five years, and \$180,000.00 per year for the remainder of the term. Interest rate has been set at 1.89% annually. Total savings to the City with this restructuring will be \$146,000.00. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, Wilson, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 4057 - AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF AN ESCROW AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUE OF TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS(ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2021, OF THE CITY

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Brown to approve Ordinance No. 4057 – An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Execution of an Escrow Agreement in connection with the issue of Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds(Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021, of the City. Heartland Bank and Trust Company, Normal, Illinois, will hold the escrow account once bonds are sold. The proceeds will be held in the escrow account until the call date of December 1, 2022. Any interest earned during the holding period will be returned to the City. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, Wilson, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 4058 – AMENDING SUBPARAGRAPHS A.1.iv AND B.1.iv OF SECTION 7-1-4 OF THE TAYLORVILLE CITY CODE (RE: ALLOWING ONE-TIME SUBLEASE OF EXISTING LAKE LOTS OR CAMPGROUND SITE LEASES)

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve Ordinance No. 4058 – An Ordinance Amending Subparagraphs A.1.iv and B.1.iv of Section 7-1-4 of the Taylorville City Code (re: allowing one-time sublease of existing lake lots or campground site leases). Language in the Ordinance prohibits any person who does not live with the tenant to occupy the leased lake lot or campground for more than a total of seven days in one season/year. This Ordinance will allow for a one-time transfer from tenant to a sublessee prior to the end of the 2021 season without penalty. Following this period, any tenant who is caught subleasing their lot will have lease terminated and both parties will be banned from leasing any City-owned lots. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, Wilson, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. Alderman Dorchinez voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1474 – RE: INTER-GOVERNMENTAL GRANT AGREEMENT - IEPA

Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Skultety to approve Resolution No. 1474 – re: Inter-governmental Grant Agreement – IBPA. This grant agreement involves Engineering Services for planning for the Unsewered Communities Grant Program. There is no matching fund requirement for this planning grant. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinez, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

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

Motion by Alderman and Budd seconded by Alderman Olive to tentatively approve the bid from Truman L. Flatt & Sons Co., Inc for the East Main Cross (FAU 7878) Roadway Improvements in the amount of \$1,567,646.00, pending review by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO – the Funding Agency). This is over the total amount of the proposed \$1,551,000.00 grant money to be received and does not include Engineering, and will leave the City with a possible responsibility for \$250,000.00 - \$300,000.00 additional payment. Currently as written, the Bid does not meet DCEO Guidelines for Minority Owned or Women Owned Businesses per the City Engineer, and it will require DCEO approval and authorization to proceed. Should DCEO reject the bid, the project will be re-bid in the Winter. This delay could provide for a decrease in cost due to timing of project in the Spring. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinez, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

ILLINI DRIVE & FRANKLIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS – BENTON & ASSOCIATES, INC. ENGINEERING PROPOSAL

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve the Engineering Proposal for preparation of Contractor Bid Packet for Street Repairs to Illini Drive and Franklin Street and direct Mayor Barry to sign such proposal. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinez, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREET & SEWER

PURCHASE OF GENERATOR – EASTWOOD LIFT STATION

Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Dorchinez to approve the purchase of a generator for the Eastwood Lift Station to be paid out of Ward 4 funds, at a cost not to exceed \$24,999.99. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinez, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

PAWNEE STREET TREE REMOVAL – WARD 5 FUNDS

Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Budd to accept written quotes for the removal of 11 trees on Pawnee Street at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00 to be paid out of Ward 5 funds. It was noted that this work has been completed by Larry Langen per direction of the Mayor, prior to the Council being presented with quotes and authorizing work to be completed. This included stump grinding by Vince Reid. The Mayor stated that he felt it was for the safety of the school children to act quickly and moved forward with the project following the Street and Sewer Committee Meeting. Several Aldermen expressed concern that the correct processes and procedures for quotes and contracts were not followed, and ultimately noted that it is the Council's decision whether projects are authorized to move forward and payment approved. All monies expended from Ward 5 funds must have Council approval. Several Alderman stated they had not seen any written quotes prior to the project being discussed at Committee or City Council. The Mayor responded that he was in possession of the quotes. Per the City Spending Limit Resolution, any expense over \$2,000.00 must have full Council approval unless deemed an emergency, at which point verbal approval must be given by all Aldermen. The Mayor stated that Ward 1 had already approved this project to be completed and therefore could have used their funds to pay for the project, and the use of Ward 5 funds for payment of the contractors was the only issue in question. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Budd, Olive, and Wilson voted YEA. Aldermen Bryant, Dorchinez, Driskell, and Skultety voted NAY. The Mayor voted YEA to break the tie and announced the motion carried.

PLEASANT TO ESTHER STREET SIDEWALK REPAIRS – R&B PETERS CONSTRUCTION

Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Budd to allow R&B Peters Construction to repair the sidewalk from Pleasant Street to Esther Street with payment to be made using Ward 5 funds. No dollar amount for this portion of the repair work was presented, nor quotes received. The Mayor stated that R&B Peters Construction was awarded the bid for City sidewalks early in the Spring, and this project falls under the scope of work for that bid. The only issue to be voted on was the use of Ward 5 funds. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Budd, Olive, and Wilson voted YEA. Alderman Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, and Skultety voted NAY. The Mayor voted YEA to break the tie and announced the motion carried.

PUBLIC FACILITIES

REBID OF REAR PARKING LOT PROJECT

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Wilson to rebid the Rear Parking Lot Project using the bid documents previously provided by Benton & Associates. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to authorize payment of bills. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, 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. City Attorney Romano noted that at the Street and Sewer Committee Meeting discussion was held regarding Taylorville Development Association and the release of the \$94,000.00 being held by the City pending completion of the project. TDA representative Ken Hart and Engineer Phil Martin requested partial release of funds; City Engineer representative Bill Sleeman had stated that issues are being addressed but he would recommend all but \$10,000.00 be released pending final walk through upon completion. City Attorney Romano stated that this should be put on the August 16, 2021 City Council Agenda for approval by the City Council.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.