

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

March 17, 2022

MEMBERS

Chairman Skultety  
Alderman Dorchinecz  
Alderman Budd  
Alderman Bryant

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry  
Alderman Wilson  
Alderman Brown  
Alderman Olive  
Alderman Driskell

Clerk Lilly  
Treasurer Miles  
Chief Adermann  
HBO Goodall  
Bill Sleeman

Superintendent Mann  
Vanessa Wiseman  
Brett Wiseman  
Don Wells

Chairman Skultety called the meeting to order at 7:38 P.M.

LIQUOR/GAMING LICENSE/TERMINAL FEES

Liquor licenses are set to renew in May, 2022. Due to a bill passed by the State Legislature, non-home rule municipalities can now increase the fees for gaming terminals from a maximum amount of \$25.00 per terminal up to a new maximum amount of \$250.00. Other communities have increased their terminal fees, but their liquor license fees are lower than those in Taylorville. Chairman Skultety expressed support of an increase; Alderman Bryant stated she would like to see a \$25.00 incremental increase over several years up to the \$250.00 maximum amount. Alderman Budd was supportive of \$150.00 per machine fee. Vanessa and Brett Wiseman, owners of Y'Zoe's, stated that initially gaming was to be approved for bars only, but has been allowed for everyone. They are local residents and property owners and feel as if by allowing parlors, they have hurt the locals who support the community. They have seen a 40% reduction in sales since pre-Covid and are still attempting to recoup the pandemic losses. By continuing to increase fees, the local small bars and businesses are at risk of closing. Don Wells, owner of the Olde Bowl, informed the Committee that previously the City Council had determined that there would be one license allowed per 400 people. With close to 50 licenses now in existence, it is clear this formula is not in use. He agreed that there are too many licenses and this hurts the local owners. The Committee discussed the need to re-evaluate the fee increase at a later date, and to explore the possibility of varying rates based on liquor license classification.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to table the increase of Gaming Terminal Fees at this time. The motion carried (4-0).

DISCUSSION OF CANNABIS DISPENSARY

Chairman Skultety informed the Committee that a developer, who has a recreational marijuana dispensary license for this region, has contacted the City Clerk and is potentially interested in opening a dispensary in Taylorville. He is recommending that the City Council move forward with the process of allowing a dispensary to operate within the City.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to prepare the appropriate Ordinances to allow for a Recreational Marijuana Dispensary in the City of Taylorville. The motion carried (4-0).

STOP SIGN - PAULINE AND POWERS INTERSECTION

Alderman Wilson has received numerous calls regarding the dangerous intersection located at Pauline and Powers Streets in Kenton Addition. He would like to have a stop sign placed on the Southeast corner of this intersection.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance to amend the City Code to allow for a stop sign to be placed on the Southeast corner of Pauline and Powers Streets. The motion carried (4-0).

### **PARKING ON CHEROKEE AND PLEASANT STREETS**

Alderman Budd is concerned with parking on Cherokee and Pleasant Streets near North School. There is not room for cars to turn off of Cherokee onto Pleasant Street when cars are parked on the South side of Pleasant. There is presently no parking allowed on the North side of Pleasant Street.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Budd to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance to place No Parking signs on the South Side of Pleasant Street between Cherokee Street and Cottage Street. The motion carried (4-0).

### **LEAF BURNING**

Chairman Skultety stated that he had received a call from a concerned citizen regarding leaf/brush burning at the park. She was concerned for those with asthma or breathing issues, specifically related to Covid. There was no action taken on this item.

### **SALE OF SCBAs**

The Fire Department would like to sell thirty (30) used SCBAs; Chief Adermann believes the minimum price per unit should be \$200.00. He is uncertain if they will see in whole or if they will be purchased by multiple departments.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance to allow the Fire Department to sell thirty(30) SCBAs at a per unit cost of no less than \$200.00. The motion carried (4-0).

### **HBO UPDATES**

HBO Goodall provided an update on animal control issues, as well as building permits. Hathaway Homes construction has begun; Shopko Optical has been issued a Certificate of Occupancy. GSI will be returning to the Plan Commission regarding the proposed Solar Facility once new parcel number is assigned and paperwork is complete.

### **ANY OTHER MATTERS**

Don Wells addressed the Committee regarding the Warranty Deed for West School Investments from June 3, 2020. He stated that the deed had not yet been recorded and requested that this be completed. Clerk Lilly will research and resolve the situation.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to adjourn. The motion carried (4-0).

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

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Chris Skultety, Chairman  
Ordinance Committee