

At the regular meeting held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, March 7, 2022, 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, Dorchinez, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Driskell to approve the regular City Council Meeting held February 22, 2022; the Street and Sewer Committee Meeting held February 24, 2022; the Personnel Committee Meeting held March 3, 2022; and the Emergency Services Committee Meeting held March 3, 2022. OMNIBUS VOTE

RESIGNATION OF DAVE SPEAGLE AND APPOINTMENT OF MARLIN BRUNE – WATER SUPERINTENDENT

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Dorchinez to approve the resignation of Dave Speagle, Water Superintendent, and to approve the appointment of Marlin Brune to the Office of Water Superintendent at an annual salary of \$75,000.00. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dorchinez, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. Alderman Bryant abstained. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

OATH OF OFFICE – WATER SUPERINTENDENT MARLIN BRUNE

City Clerk Lilly administered the Oath of Office to Water Superintendent Marlin Brune.

TURN OUR TOWN TEAL – SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Dorchinez to approve the request and grant the Special Events Permit for Turn Our Town Teal on the Square for Sexual Assault Awareness Month April 1-30, 2022. The motion carried (8-0).

WORK ORDER #2201-1 REVIEW STRUCTURAL LOAD CAPACITY OF CITY CLERK VAULT – BENTON & ASSOCIATES

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Bryant to authorize and direct the Mayor to sign Work Order #2022-1 Review Structural Load Capacity of City Clerk Vault from Benton and Associates at a cost not to exceed \$4,800.00. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinez, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

WAIVER OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND INFORMED CONSENT BETWEEN CITY OF TAYLORVILLE, ATTORNEY ROCCI ROMANO, AND COMPUTER TECHNIQUES, INC. REGARDING JAMAL SHEHADEH

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Budd to confirm the waiver of any and all conflicts of interest and further confirm an informed consent to Attorney Rocci L. Romano representing the City of Taylorville and Computer Techniques, Inc. (CTI) concerning any and all past, present or future legal matters and/or Freedom of Information (FOIA) requests and/or responses and/or litigation of any kind, nature or extent whatsoever concerning Jamal Shehadeh that was or is now pending or that may be hereafter filed in the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in Christian County, Illinois and/or Montgomery County, Illinois and/or in the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit in Sangamon County, Illinois and/or in any other Circuit Courts in Illinois. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinez, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, Wilson, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

STREET AND SEWER

PICKERS MARKET

Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Brown to approve the request to allow the Pickers Market to hold their event on the Taylorville Square on June 4, 2022 and September 3, 2022 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. The motion carried (8-0).

CAR CRUISE

Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve the request from Downtown Taylorville to have a Car Cruise on the Taylorville Square on the first Friday of each month from April through September of 2022, beginning at 4:30 P.M. with car cruise to follow at 8:00 P.M. The motion carried (8-0).

BID CURB AND GUTTER REPLACEMENTS, SIDEWALK REPLACEMENTS, CONCRETE, GASOLINE/DIESEL FUEL, AND MOWING

Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Budd to approve the bid process for curb and gutter replacements, sidewalk replacements, concrete, gasoline/diesel fuel, and mowing. The motion carried (8-0).

PERSONNEL

PROMOTION OF CRYSTAL NICHOLS TO OFFICE LEVEL II

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Bryant to promote Crystal Nichols in the City Clerk's Office to an Office Level II. The motion carried (8-0).

BID AND/OR ADVERTISE OFFICE LEVEL I – CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve to bid and/or advertise an Office Level I position in the City Clerk's Office. The motion carried (8-0).

BID AND/OR ADVERTISE LABORER POSITION – STREET DEPARTMENT

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve to bid and/or advertise a Laborer position in the Street Department. The motion carried (8-0).

BID AND/OR ADVERTISE WORKING FOREMAN – WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve to bid and/or advertise the Working Foreman position at the Water Treatment Plant. The motion carried (8-0).

BID AND/OR ADVERTISE DEPUTY TREASURER

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Budd to approve to bid and/or advertise the Deputy Treasurer position, with the intent of the Deputy Treasurer's office to be attached to the Treasurer's Office. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. Alderman Bryant voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

2022 SUMMER SEASONAL HELP

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve to hire 23 summer/seasonal help employees with a breakdown as follows: Street Department (6) Summer/Seasonal; HBO (1) Summer/Seasonal; Lake Department (5) Summer/Seasonal plus (1) Staff Quick; Water Department (4) Summer/Seasonal; and Cemetery (4) Summer/Seasonal plus (2) Staff Quick. 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 Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Budd 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.

NICHOLS, ROGERS, AND THOMAS PENDING GRIEVANCES

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Driskell to go into Closed Session, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) to discuss employment compensation matters concerning City employees Crystal Nichols and Tammy Rogers, including, but not limited to, their respective pending grievances; and to include the following persons to be present during all or part of such closed session, namely: the Mayor, Aldermen, City Clerk, City Treasurer, City Attorney, and Attorney Jamie Westbrook (via Zoom), Human Resource Manager, and such other person or persons as the Mayor may decide during this City Council regular meeting and/or during such Closed Session.

The City Council recessed at 7:17 P.M. and went into Closed Session at 7:20 P.M. The City Council returned to Open Session at 7:22 P.M.

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

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Driskell to authorize Attorney Jamie Westbrook with Ford Harrison to submit the settlement proposal as discussed in Closed Session to Crystal Nichols and Tammy Rogers subject to a fully executed Release Agreement. 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 adjourn the meeting. Motion carried (8-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 P.M.