

At the regular meeting held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, August 1, 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, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson were present.

PRESENTATION TO LYND SAY FOX

Fire Chief Adermann presented a Community Hero Award, along with a Taylorville Fire Department Challenge Coin, to Lyndsay Fox. Lyndsay is a Registered Nurse and she was recognized for performing life-saving CPR on her neighbor until the paramedics could arrive on scene.

OATH OF OFFICE – POLICE OFFICER COREY REYNOLDS

City Clerk Lilly presented the Oath of Office to Police Officer Corey Reynolds.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz 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 Driskell and seconded by Alderman Brown to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held July 18, 2022; the Regular City Council Meeting held July 18, 2022; the Ordinance Committee Meeting held July 21, 2022; and the Finance Committee Meeting held July 21, 2022; the Public Facilities Committee Meeting held July 28, 2022; and the Street and Sewer Committee Meeting held July 28, 2022.
OMNIBUS VOTE

ORDINANCE NO. 4119 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CITY OF TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS AND TAYLOR MAY AND LACY MAY AND STAR ELECTRIC SERVICE, INC.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve Ordinance No. 4119 – An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement by and between the City of Taylorville, Illinois and Taylor May and Lacy May and Star Electric Service, Inc. (233 N. Houston St.). Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, Wilson, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 4120 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CITY OF TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS AND JOHN I. MCDOWELL AND RID ENTERPRISES, INC., dba ANGELO’S EXPRESS, INC.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Driskell to approve Ordinance No. 4120 – An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement by and between the City of Taylorville, Illinois and John I. McDowell and RID Enterprises, Inc., dba Angelo’s Express, Inc. (110 W. Park St.). Roll Call – Aldermen Brown,

Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, Wilson, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 4121 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CITY OF TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS AND RLK, LLC dba PUB 1116

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve Ordinance No. 4121 – An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement by and between the City of Taylorville, Illinois and RLK, LLC, dba Pub 116 (116 E. Main Cross St.). Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, Wilson, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1485 – APPROVING FIRST AMENDMENT TO SOLAR POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH RENEWABLE ENERGY EVOLUTION, LLC

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to approve Resolution No. 1485 – re: Approving First Amendment to Solar Power Purchase Agreement with Renewable Energy Evolution, LLC. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 10-6-2 A.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Olive to direct the City Attorney to prepare, for consideration by the Ordinance Committee, an Ordinance amending City Code Section 10-6-2 A. to allow outdoor digital lighted two-sided advertising billboards or signs pertaining to business on and off the property as an added permitted use in an I-1 Zoning District. City Attorney Romano explained that WC Media has a six-month agreement with TDA, but this sign would require a permit from both the City and Illinois Department of Transportation. The goal is to increase marketing for both TDA for the Industrial Park and the City by utilizing the digital electronic billboard sign. As this specific use is currently not permitted in an I-1 zoning district, the Ordinance would also need approval from the Plan Commission, if and when the Ordinance Committee approves the content. The sign would be placed on the lot closest to Trinity Dodge and would be 12' x 24' x 30' high as allowed by the current sign requirements. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

ITEP GRANT APPLICATION – BENTON & ASSOCIATES

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Brown to approve ITEP Grant Application by Benton & Associates in an amount not to exceed \$3,500.00. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT – TAYLORVILLE HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING PARADE

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Budd to approve the Special Events Permit for the 2022 Taylorville High School Homecoming Parade to be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 5:30 P.M. The motion carried (8-0).

WEST SCHOOL INVESTMENTS UPDATE

City Attorney Romano presented three conditions that were required to be fulfilled per the Ordinance passed by the City Council that must be satisfied for the re-zone of 8.75 acres belonging to West School Investments to C-1. The Plan Commission and Benton and Associates had written conditions as well. Sidewalks, curbs and gutters were required to be present on the final plat; this has not been completed. A fence was to be installed along the Fred Beyers property; this has not been completed. A recorded warranty deed for the area of Poplar Street that will be given to the City, as well as a \$10,000.00 title

insurance policy, must be delivered to the City Clerk. At present, a signed deed was presented, but not recorded, as well as a title commitment, but not a title insurance policy. Mr. Curvey was present and stated that they will NOT do the curbs, gutters, and sidewalks, but would require any developers to complete those items. Mr. Beyers stated that he would like the fence to be a solid fence or wall to enhance the property, not a chain link fence. Mr. Curvey stated that he would put up a fence at some point. City Attorney Romano suggested that a new Plan Commission meeting be held to address this issue and determine how to move forward.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ORDINANCE

PAVEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Bryant to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance to prepare an Ordinance to amend the City Code regarding pavement requirements as recommended by the City Engineer. The motion carried (8-0).

FINANCE

CONTRIBUTION TO VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to approve the contribution of \$10,000.00 out of the Administration Budget for the Veteran's Memorial Park. This was originally in the FY 2021/2022 budget but project was not completed in that time frame. Funds will come from Administration due to other commitments for the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund, including fireworks, playground equipment payment, and Chillifest. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MOU – TAYLORVILLE PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 3114

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to approve an MOU written by Taylorville Professional Firefighters Local 3144 setting the wage progression for new hire Firefighters as follows: 92% of their full rate of pay from the date of hire to the first anniversary of employment; 96% of their full rate of pay for the second year of employment; and 100% rate of pay upon completion of the second year of employment. Alderman Budd stated that a cost analysis had been prepared by the Deputy Treasurer regarding the three firemen who would be impacted by this change. The total salary increase for the current year would be a total of \$19,382.92. The Mayor stated the increase would become effective with the pay period beginning August 8, 2022. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

PUBLIC FACILITIES

PARKING LOT – 114 EAST MAIN CROSS

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve the appraisal, to be completed by an MAI or Illinois licensed appraiser, and survey of the parking lot located at 114 East Main Cross. Mayor Barry noted that he had been approached by a business owner adjacent to the parking lot regarding purchasing just 25' of the parking lot for their business. City Attorney Romano stated that the City-owned property must sell for a minimum of 80% of appraised value per State Statute. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. Alderman Dorchinecz voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

STREET AND SEWER

PAY REQUEST 4 – TRUMAN L. FLATT AND SONS CO., INC. – EAST MAIN CROSS STREET

Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Driskell to authorize and direct the Mayor to sign Pay Request Number Four from Truman L. Flatt and Sons Co., Inc. in the amount of \$356,703.80 for work on the East Main Cross Street Improvements, this conditioned upon receipt of signed mechanics lien waivers in this amount, certified payroll records, and recommendations by the Project Engineer that the

work has been satisfactorily performed. 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 Bryant to approve payment of the 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. Alderman Budd stated that the two Street Department tandem trucks will be delivered this week. Alderman Driskell reminded the Council that the National Night Out is Tuesday, August 2, 2022 and encouraged all to attend to support Law Enforcement in the community.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) to discuss the claims, demands, and settlement proposal of Andrea Conrath, former City Human Resource Manager, and her probable or imminent litigation against the City that her attorney indicates in her July 20, 2022 email sent to Attorney Jamie Westbrook; and to include any and all subject matters relating to said claims, demands, settlement proposal or probable or imminent litigation including, but not limited to, subject matters relating to investigation, attorney-client reports and communications, consultant reports, discovery, settlement negotiations, settlement offers, Illinois Freedom of Information Act requests, status of case, offers, issues, attorney opinions and recommendations, pre-trial and trial strategies, 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(via Zoom), Fire Chief, Attorney Jamie Westbrook(via Zoom), 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 7:43 P.M. and went into Closed Session at 7:48 P.M. The City Council returned to Open Session at 8:57 P.M.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 P.M.