

At the regular meeting held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, January 16, 2024, 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 Mayor Barry. Mayor Barry led the Council and the assembled group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Bryant, and Wilson were present. Alderman Mitchelson and Skultety were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Olive to utilize the Omnibus Vote Designation for the Personnel, Lake/Airport, Water/Environmental meetings. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Bryant, Olive, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Brown to approve the regular City Council Meeting held January 2, 2024. OMNIBUS VOTE

RESOLUTION NO. 1500 - GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN IL DCEO AND THE CITY OF TAYLORVILLE FOR THE REBUILD DOWNTOWN PROJECT

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve Resolution No. 1500 – Grant Agreement between IL DCEO and the City of Taylorville for the Rebuild Downtown Project. Roll Call- Aldermen Brown, Dorchinecz, Olive, Driskell, Bryant, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1501 – SALE OF CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY (IN RE: 803 EAST FRANKLIN STREET REAL PROPERTY)

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Brown to approve Resolution No. 1501 – Sale of Certain City Property (In Re: 803 East Franklin Street Real Property). Roll Call- Aldermen Brown, Dorchinecz, Olive, Driskell, Bryant, Wilson and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

BID AND/OR ADVERTISE DEPUTY TREASURER POSITION

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to approve to Bid and/or Advertise the Deputy Treasurer Position. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Bryant, Olive, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

City Attorney Romano gave updates on legal matters concerning the City.

Mayor Barry gave updates on various projects throughout the City.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL-

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve to Bid and/or Advertise the Heavy Equipment Operator A or B Position. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Bryant, Olive, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to approve to retroactively increase the base pay by \$10,000.00 for Mike Tennant, Mike Mann, Marlin Brune, Andy Goodall, Geoffrey Ortman, Kellie Hamell, Lisa Sassatelli, and Traci Bentley. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Bryant, Olive, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Driskell to approve to retroactively increase the base pay by \$12,000.00 for Matt Adermann and Cody Rogers. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Bryant, Olive, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

LAKE/AIRPORT-

Motion by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve to purchase a new sign for Kiwanis Park from Lilly Signs at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Bryant, Olive, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve to Adopt an Ordinance to purchase 2 Z950MZ Track Mowers from John Deere in Taylorville at a cost not to exceed \$16,761.91 and to waive the statutory bidding process with a trade-in of a 2017 Exmark LZS to be paid out of the FY 2023/2024 Budget Equipment Line Item. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Driskell, Bryant, Olive, Wilson, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. Alderman Dorchinecz voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

WATER/ENVIRONMENTAL-

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Brown to accept and award the low bid for Aluminum Sulfate for the Water Treatment Plant to Chem Trade in the amount of \$530.00 per dry ton. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Bryant, Olive, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve the Engineering Agreement between Benton & Associates and the City of Taylorville for the West Market Street Water Main Replacement at a cost not to exceed \$18,000.00. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Bryant, Olive, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Brown to authorize payment of bills. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Bryant, Olive, 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 Olive noted the heating unit for the Clerk's Office is not working, and will need to be replaced.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Brown to go into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5) to discuss the purchase of real property (*i.e.* public utility and/or drainage easements) for the use of the City and to discuss whether particular easements should be acquired concerning the City's Springfield Road water main extension project and/or the City's White Oaks Drive drainage project; and to include the following persons to be present during all or part of such closed session, namely: the Mayor, Aldermen, City Attorney (via Zoom), Deputy City Clerk, City Treasurer, Water Superintendent, Street and Sewer Superintendent, Health and Building Officer, James Morris (via Zoom or in person), and such other person or persons as the Mayor may decide during this City Council meeting and/or during such closed session.

The City Council recessed at 7:19 P.M. and went into Closed Session at 7:22 P.M.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Brown to return to Open Session. Roll Call –

Aldermen Brown, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Bryant, Olive, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried. The City Council returned to Open Session at 7:44 P.M.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to direct the City Attorney to prepare the appropriate Easement Agreements concerning the properties discussed during the closed session, and that includes a response to the consideration requested by the owners of such properties for said easements as discussed and recommended during the closed session. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Bryant, Olive, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Brown to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried (6-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.