

At the regular meeting held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, December 2, 2024, the following proceedings were held and entered in this record in the following words and figures to wit:

Johnnie Richardson
City Clerk

Bruce J. Barry
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 assembled the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Brown to utilize the Omnibus Vote Designation for Various Meetings as listed below. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve the Regular Meeting held November 18, 2024, the Ordinance Committee Meeting held November 21, 2024, the Finance Committee Meeting held November 21, 2024 and the Simultaneous Filing Lottery held November 25, 2024. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve the agreement with Simec-Reg Ankrn. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

ORDINANCE #4280- AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF TAYLORVILLE TO ENTER INTO A CERTAIN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO 65 ILCS 5/11.15.1ET SEQ. (RE: JERRY E. WASSON AND SHIRLEY WASSON PROPERTY).

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to Authorize the City of Taylorville to enter into a certain Annexation Agreement (Jerry E. Wasson and Shirley Wasson) pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11.15.1ET SEQ. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety, Wilson and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 9-0.

ORDINANCE #4281- AUTHORIZING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE BUSINESS DISTRICT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TAYLORVILLE AND DAVID BRUMMER (137 E. MAIN CROSS).

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Bryant to Approve and Authorize the Execution of the First Amendment to the Business District Agreement by and between the City of Taylorville and David Brummer (137 E. Main Cross. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety, Wilson and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 9-0.

ORDINANCE #4282- AUTHORIZING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE BUSINESS DISTRICT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TAYLORVILLE AND MARILYN SPILLMAN (104 S. MAIN ST).

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Bryant to Approve and Authorize the Execution of the First Amendment to the Business District Agreement by and between the City of Taylorville and Marilyn Spillman (104 S. Main Street). Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety, Wilson and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 9-0.

ORDINANCE #4279- AMENDING SECTION 9-2-1 OF CHAPTER 2 OF TITLE 9 OF THE TAYLORVILLE CITY CODE (RE: CODES ADOPTED).

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Brown to Approve and Amend Section 9-2-1 of Chapter 2 of Title 9 of the Taylorville City Code (re: Codes Adopted). Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety, Wilson and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 9-0.

ORDINANCE #4283 - APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ANNUAL ABATEMENT ORDINANCE.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Skultety to Approve and Authorize the Annual Abatement Ordinance. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety, Wilson and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 9-0.

RESOLUTION #1509 - APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF EASEMENT AGREEMENTS, ETC. (RE: SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PUBLIC SIDEWALK PROJECT).

Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Brown to Approve and Authorize the Execution of Easement Agreements, ETC. (re: Safe Routes to School public sidewalk project). Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety, Wilson and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 9-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF SOPHIE ROBINSON TO THE LIBRARY BOARD

Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Brown to Approve the Appointment of Sophie Robinson to the Library Board. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE REVISED STANDARD AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES AT ILLINOIS AIRPORTS FOR ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING.

Motion by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Skultety to Authorize and Direct the Mayor to sign the revised Standard Agreement for Consultant Services at Illinois Airports for Architectural/Engineering (A/E), Planning and Special Services with an amount not to exceed \$97,700.00 plus a Special Services Fee not to exceed \$6,200.00. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE A CIGARETTE/TOBACCO LICENSE FOR VAPE CLUB, INC. (119 W. PARK ST)

Motion to Approve a Cigarette/Tobacco License for Vape Club, Inc. did not receive a motion from the City Council. The Mayor announced the Motion is Void.

City Attorney Romano gave updates.

Mayor Barry gave updates and commended the Street Department for salting the roads and the Police Department for the recent drug bust. He announced the Christmas Parade will begin at 5 p.m. on Saturday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ORDINANCE

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Bryant to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance for North School stating no left turn into the Circle Drive from the hours of 7:00 to 9:00 am and 2:00 to 4:00 pm while school is in session. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Bryant to accept the Sewer Rate Proposal from Benton & Associates as presented and to direct the City Clerk to amend the current Ordinance to reflect the changes of \$0.004 Sewer Rate increase per gallon to begin January 2025 with a .00025 per gallon increase per year for the next four years. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. Alderman Driskell voted NAY. Alderman Mitchelson voted to ABSTAIN. The Mayor announced the motion carried 6-1.

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve the Water Rate Increase Proposal as presented by Superintendent Brune, and for all revenue generated from the increase to be earmarked for the Lake Restoration Fund, and to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance mirroring the Sewer Rate Increase Ordinance of \$0.0005 per gallon with a rate cap of \$200.00 per month for high users beginning January 2025. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. Alderman Driskell voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-1.

FINANCE

Motion by Alderman Mitchelson and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve the Insurance Proposal for the City of Taylorville from Dimond Brothers Insurance. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

Motion by Alderman Mitchelson and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve the repair of the Market Street Lift Station Pump from Vandevanter Engineering at a cost not to exceed \$5,500.00. This will be used as a backup pump. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

Motion by Alderman Mitchelson and seconded by Alderman Wilson to purchase a new pump for the Market Street Lift Station from Vandevanter Engineering at a cost not to exceed \$12,000.00. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Alderman Mitchelson and seconded by Alderman Bryant to authorize the payment of bills in the amount of \$604,469.86. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to address the Council. Marwan Abdu Mohamed (119 W. Park St Ste A) addressed the Council questioning as to why the Tobacco/Vape License for 119 W. Park Street was voted as Void. He advised he has obtained a State of Illinois License and has been the Manager of the Crown Vape N Tobacco, Inc. for two years and has employees that did not follow the rules. He also stated he will be buying the business from his father and would like to move his family here. Alderman Mitchelson advised that until the current court case is settled against Crown Vape Inc. he did not feel a license should be issued.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Brown to adjourn. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 P.M.