

At the regular meeting held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, February 20, 2024, the following proceedings were held and entered in this record in the following words and figures to wit:

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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 Bryant, Brown, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Skultety, Olive and Wilson were present. Alderman Mitchelson was present by Zoom.

RECOGNITION – THS Girls Bowling Team

Mayor Barry recognized the THS Girls Bowling Team.

RECOGNITION – Officers injured in the line of duty.

Police Chief Wheeler recognized Sergeant Mills, Sergeant Nelson, Detectives Wood and Adams, Officers Ponzel and Just and Dispatcher Green for an outstanding job regarding an incident occurring on January 4, 2024.

RECOGNITION –Promotion of two Sergeants

Police Chief Wheeler recognized the promotion to Detective of two Sergeants. He congratulated Sergeants Adams and Woods for their achievement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Olive 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 Skultety to approve the regular City Council Meeting held February 5, 2024, the Water Committee Meeting held February 8, 2024, the Lake Committee Meeting held February 8, 2024, the Ordinance Committee Meeting held February 15, 2024 and the Finance Committee Meeting held February 15, 2024. OMNIBUS VOTE. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 4228 - AMENDING SECTION 3-6-3A TO CHAPTER 6 OF TITLE 3 OF THE TAYLORVILLE CITY CODE (re: revising paragraph B)

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve Ordinance 4228 - An Ordinance Amending Section 3-6-A to Chapter 6 of Title 3 of the City of Taylorville City Code. 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 AND ACCEPT THE EASEMENT FOR WHITE OAKS DR. DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Driskell to Approve and Accept the Easement for White Oaks Dr. Drainage Improvements. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BID, WHITE OAKS DRIVE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Brown to Advertise for Bid the Easement for the White Oaks Drive Drainage Improvements. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE PHIL TULLIS EXCAVATING, INC., CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE CITY HALL PARKING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND REVISE THE PROJECT COMPLETION DATE TO MAY 3, 2024.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Wilson to Authorize and Direct the Mayor to sign the Phil Tullis Excavating, inc., Change Order #1 for the City Hall Parking Improvements Project and revise the project completion date to May 3, 2024. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

City Attorney Romano gave updates and advised the Council that a new Liquor License Class will be needed for Heartland Development Partners, Inc., and requested this be added to the next Ordinance Committee Meeting.

Mayor and gave updates on various projects throughout the City.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**FINANCE-**

Motion by Alderman Mitchelson and seconded by Alderman Skultety to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

Motion to by Alderman Mitchelson and seconded by Alderman Skultety to approve an additional \$10,700.00 for the fireworks fund, and \$10,000.00 for the Chilifest, to be paid out of the Business Development District Funds, to the Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

## **ORDINANCE-**

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Brown to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance to amend the City Code to place a 4-Way Stop Sign at the corner of West Vine Street and North Powers Street. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, and Wilson voted YEA. Alderman Bryant voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-1.

## **WATER/ENVIRONMENTAL-**

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Olive to accept the low bid for 8" C9000 PVC pipe from Schulte Supply at a cost not to exceed \$29,824.00. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve the purchase of a remote-control mower from Brown Equipment Company at a cost not to exceed \$63,947.00 to be split evenly between the Water Department, the Lake, and the Street Department. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

## PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Alderman Mitchelson and seconded by Alderman Wilson to authorize the payment of bills as presented. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, 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 and no one present addressed the Council.

## CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to go into closed session, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) to discuss the numerous pending litigation actions involving Jamal Shehadeh against the City, City officials, officers, attorneys *et al.*, and all subject matters relating thereto including, but not limited to, the investigation, attorney-client reports and communications, consultant reports, discovery, settlement negotiations, settlement offers, Illinois Freedom of Information Act requests, status of cases, offers, issues, City's defense counsel 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), Police Chief, 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 7:30 P.M. and went into Closed Session at 7:35 P. M.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Brown to return to Open Session. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried. The City Council returned to Open Session at 7:57 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.