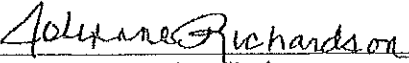
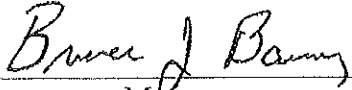


At the regular meeting held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, May 5, 2025, the following proceedings were held and entered in this record in the following words and figures to wit:

 _____ City Clerk	 _____ Mayor
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The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

The Invocation was given by the Mayor. 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. Attorney Romano was present via zoom.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Alderman Bryant 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 Dorchinecz to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held April 21, 2025, the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held April 21, 2025, the minutes of the Street & Sewer Committee meeting held April 24, 2025, the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held May 1, 2025 and the minutes of the Emergency Services Committee meeting held May 1, 2025. 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 \$653,248.58. Roll Call - Alderman Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

ABSTRACT OF VOTES – 2025

Total of 912 Voters Requested and Received Ballots

<u>CANDIDATE</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>VOTES RECEIVED</u>
*Bruce Barry	Mayor	776
*Jolynne Richardson	City Clerk	733
*Crystal Nichols	City Treasurer	723
*Larry Budd	Alderman – Ward 1	116
Lance E. Smith	Alderman – Ward 1	100
*Steven J. Dennis	Alderman – Ward II	81
Catherine Waller	Alderman – Ward II	10
*Doug Brown	Alderman – Ward III	184
*Steve Dorchinecz	Alderman – Ward IV	110
Keith Boston	Alderman – Ward IV	60
Jason Blanchetti	Alderman – Ward IV	59

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Brown to accept the Abstract of Votes as presented. Roll Call - Alderman Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

PRESENTATION OF OUTGOING ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Barry thanked Alderman Jeremy Wilson and Alderman Randy Mitchelson for their service to the City of Taylorville. He also thanked Treasurer Valerie Miles for her 29 years of service to the City and wished her well in her retirement.

The Council recessed at 7:05 P.M.

The Council reconvened at 7:08 P.M.

The Honorable Judge Brad Paisley was present to administer the Oath of Office to the following: Bruce Barry, Mayor; Jolynne Richardson, City Clerk; Crystal Nichols, City Treasurer; Larry Budd, Alderman – Ward I; Steve Dennis, Alderman – Ward II; Doug Brown, Alderman Ward III; and Steve Dorchinecz, Alderman Ward IV.

Mayor Barry asked for Roll Call. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Skultety reported present.

APPOINTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENTS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Motion by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Skultety to approve Mayor Barry's appointment of Mike Mann as Street & Sewer Superintendent, Geoffrey Ortman as Lake Superintendent, Mike Tennant as Cemetery Superintendent, Andy Goodall as Health & Building Officer and Animal Control, Marlin Brune as Water Superintendent, Dwane Wheeler as Police Chief, and Matthew Adermann as Fire Chief. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

APPOINTMENT OF CITY ATTORNEY

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to approve Mayor Barry's appointment of Rocci Romano of the law firm of Meyer, Austin & Romano as City Attorney. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

APPOINTMENT OF CITY ENGINEER

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Brown to approve Mayor Barry's appointment of Bill Sleeman, Benton & Associates as City Engineer. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

Mayor Barry presented the following list as his appointed Committee Assignments and Chairmen.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Emergency Services Committee

Kathy Driskell, Chairman
Megan Bryant
Jim Olive
Steve Dennis

Water/Environmental Committee

Steve Dorchinecz, Chairman
Doug Brown
Larry Budd
Chris Skultety

Finance Committee

Larry Budd, Chairman
Chris Skultety
Steve Dorchinecz
Doug Brown

Street & Sewer Committee

Jim Olive, Chairman
Steve Dennis
Megan Bryant
Kathy Driskell

Personnel Committee

Megan Bryant, Chairman
Kathy Driskell
Jim Olive
Steve Dennis

Lake/Airport Committee

Doug Brown, Chairman
Steve Dorchinecz
Larry Budd
Chris Skultety

Ordinance Committee

Chris Skultety, Chairman
Larry Budd
Steve Dorchinecz
Doug Brown

Public Facilities Committee

Steve Dennis, Chairman
Jim Olive
Megan Bryant
Kathy Driskell

COMMISSION AND BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Barry presented the list of Commission and Board Members and Appointments.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Brown to Approve the appointment of Todd Altman to the Plan Commission for a 6 year term. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

Motion by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Budd to Approve the Application for a Video Gaming Terminal License for Nesty's Burger Joint. Roll Call – Alderman Brown, Bryant, Budd, Olive and Dennis voted YEA. Alderman Dorchinecz, Driskell and Skultety voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried 5-3.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Driskell to Approve Amendment #2 for the West Main Cross St. Improvements in the amount of \$95,000.00 to be paid out the Street department 2024/25 budget. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Brown to Approve Benton & Associates to advertise to bid the street and sidewalk repairs at all areas around Taylorville Food Center which include Madison, Simpson, Shumway, Franklin and Market Streets. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to Table renting a handicap accessible porta potty from Whitlow Septic to be placed at the Bike Trail on Paw Paw Street and send this back to Committee for discussion. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion to Table carried 8-0.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Bryant to Table allowing a Pet Waste Station to be placed at the Bike Trail on Paw Paw Street. This will be paid for by the Lincoln Trail Conservancy Organization. This will be sent back to Committee for discussion. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion to Table carried 8-0.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Driskell to allow Benton and Associates to move forward on the engineering for road and concrete reconstruction in the 100 block of West Adams Street which will include the hiring of MB Construction Company, and to waive the statutory bidding requirements for this project which is for water repairs. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

City Attorney Romano gave updates and thanked the City Council for their approval of his re-appointment.

Mayor Barry thanked the Honorable Judge Paisley for administering the Oath of Office to the newly elected candidates. He also thanked Alderman Jeremy Wilson and Alderman Randy Mitchelson for their service to the City of Taylorville.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Brown to Bid and/or Advertise the Deputy Clerk Position that will be vacant on May 6, 2025. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Driskell to approve the Promotion of Casey Neal to Heavy Equipment Operator A. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Driskell to direct the Mayor to send a letter to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to hire a replacement Firefighter. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Driskell to Approve Officer Ryan Tapp to attend the School for Cellebrite at a cost not to exceed \$4,500.00. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to address the Council and Alderman Skultety thanked Alderman Wilson and Mitchelson for their dedication to the City of Taylorville. He advised it had been a pleasure working with them both.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 P.M.