
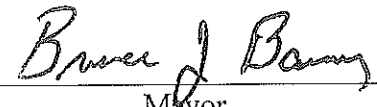


At the regular meeting held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, March 2, 2026, the following proceedings were held and entered in this record in the following words and figures to wit:


City Clerk


Mayor

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

The Invocation was given by the Mayor. Mayor Barry led the Council and assembled the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Hagen were present. Attorney Romano was also 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, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held February 17, 2026, the Ordinance Committee meeting held February 19, 2026, the Finance Committee Meeting held February 19, 2026, the Public Facilities Committee meeting held February 26, 2026 and the Street & Sewer Committee meeting held February 26, 2026. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

ORDINANCE #4353 - AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE BUSINESS DISTRICT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TAYLORVILLE AND DUSTIN CLARK (100-102 N MAIN STREET).

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Olive to Approve and Authorize the Execution of the First Amendment to the Business District Agreement by and between the City of Taylorville and Dustin Clark (100-102 N. Main Street). Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen, Olive and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 9-0.

ORDINANCE #4354 - AMENDING SECTION 6-4-1 OF THE TAYLORVILLE CITY CODE (I.E. REDESIGNATING STOP SIGNS AT INTERSECTION OF CHENEY STREET AND ADAMS STREET AND AT INTERSECTION OF CHENEY STREET AND VANDEVEER).

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Dennis to Amend Section 6-4-1 of Taylorville City Code (i.e. redesignating stop signs at intersection of Cheney Street and Adams Street and at intersection of Cheney Street and Vandever Street). Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Driskell, Olive and Hagen voted YEA. Alderman Dorchinecz and Mayor Barry voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-2.

RESOLUTION #1519 - IN SUPPORT OF PARTICIPATING IN THE COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING PROGRAM WITHIN THE CITY OF TAYLORVILLE – SOUTH CHEROKEE STREET.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Brown - In support of participating in the community project funding program within the City of Taylorville – South Cherokee Street. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

RESOLUTION #1520 - IN SUPPORT OF PARTICIPATING IN THE COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING PROGRAM WITHIN THE CITY OF TAYLORVILLE – NORTHERN AVENUE STORM SEWER.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Budd - In support of participating in the community project funding program within the City of Taylorville –Northern Avenue Storm Sewer. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

RESOLUTION #1521 - IN SUPPORT OF PARTICIPATING IN THE COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING PROGRAM WITHIN THE CITY OF TAYLORVILLE - WEST SPRESSER STREET.

Motion by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Bryant - In support of participating in the community project funding program within the City of Taylorville –West Spresser Street. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF JOSH NICOL AS WATER SUPERINTENDENT.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Driskell to Approve the appointment of Josh Nicol as Water Superintendent. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED BUDGET

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Bryant to Approve the Amended Budget. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SUBMITTAL OF THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR BARKER IMPLEMENT, INC AND JOSHUA D. WEAKLY; AND A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR GALAXY TRUCKING LOGISTICS, INC FOR THEIR APPROVAL.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Brown to Approve the submittal of the Purchase Agreement for Barker Implement, Inc. and Joshua D Weakly; and a Purchase Agreement for Galaxy Trucking Logistics, Inc. for their approval. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE REVISED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING PERTAINING TO THE TAKE HOME SQUAD VEHICLES.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to Approve the revised Memorandum of Understanding pertaining to the Take Home Squad Vehicles. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO DIRECT THE CITY CLERK TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF TAYLORVILLE (I.E. PROPERTY FROM THE LAKE, CEMETERY, WATER, STREET AND SEWER DEPARTMENTS).

Motion by Alderman Hagen and seconded by Alderman Bryant to Direct the City Clerk to prepare an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Personal Property Owned by the City of Taylorville (i.e. property from Lake, Cemetery, Water, Street and Sewer Departments). Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO AMEND CITY CODE 8-4 TO REFLECT THE SUGGESTED CHANGES BY SUPERINTENDENT BRUNE.

Motion by Alderman Hagen and seconded by Alderman Bryant to Direct the City Attorney to Amend City Code 8-4 to reflect the suggested changes by Superintendent Brune. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO AMEND CITY CODE 1-9-14 TO REFLECT THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: THE MAYOR, HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER, AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE CHAIR SHALL MEET ANNUALLY TO REVIEW AND EVALUATE THE CURRENT SALARIES OF NON-BARGAINING EMPLOYEES. FOLLOWING SUCH ANNUAL REVIEW, THE MAYOR, HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER, AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE CHAIR MAY RECOMMEND AN INCREASE, IF ANY, TO THE ANNUAL SALARIES OF THE AFORESAID OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES. ANY APPROVED INCREASE SHALL BE APPLIED AS DETERMINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND SHALL NOT REDUCE OR OTHERWISE ALTER THE MINIMUM SALARY BASE AMOUNTS ESTABLISHED IN CITY ORDINANCE NO. 4117, WHICH SHALL RETAIN FINAL AUTHORITY TO APPROVE OR DENY ANY RECOMMENDED SALARY INCREASE.

Motion by Alderman Hagen and seconded by Alderman Bryant to direct the City Attorney to Amend City Code 1-9-14 to reflect the following changes: The Mayor, Human Resources Manager, and Personnel Committee Chair shall meet annually to review and evaluate the current salaries of Non-Bargaining Employees. Following such annual review, the Mayor, Human Resources Manager, and Personnel Committee Chair may recommend an increase, if any, to the annual salaries of the aforesaid officers and employees. Any approved increase shall be applied as determined by the City Council and shall not reduce or otherwise alter the minimum salary base amounts established in City Ordinance No. 4117, which shall remain in full force and effect. The City Council shall retain final authority to approve or deny any recommended salary increase. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO AMEND THE CITY CODE 1-6-5 TO REMOVE SECTION C “EVALUATE ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS IN RELATION TO JOB PERFORMANCE AND PAY RAISES”.

Motion by Alderman Hagen and seconded by Alderman Bryant to direct the City Attorney to Amend the City Code 1-6-5 to remove Section C “Evaluate all department heads in relation to job performance and pay raises”. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Driskell, Olive, and Hagen voted YEA. Alderman Dorchinecz voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-1.

MOTION TO DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO AMEND THE CITY CODE 10-6-2A TO ALLOW BILLBOARDS IN THE INDUSTRIAL ZONE.

Motion by Alderman Hagen and seconded by Alderman Brown to direct the City Attorney to Amend the City Code 10-6-2a to allow billboards in the Industrial Zone. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE \$10,000.00 REQUESTED BY THE GREATER TAYLORVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE CHILLIFEST 2026 EVENT TO BE TAKEN FROM THE HOTEL/MOTEL LINE ITEM (010-5-270-915)

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve the \$10,000.00 requested by the Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce for the Chillifest 2026 Event to be taken from the Hotel/Motel line item (010-5-270-915). Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Olive and Hagen voted YEA. Alderman Driskell voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-1.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF AN OFFICE DESK FOR HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE AT A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500.00.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve the Purchase of an Office Desk for Human Resources Office at a price not to exceed \$2,500.00. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE \$800,000.00 OF THE FUNDS FROM THE SALE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE INDUSTRIAL PARK BE RETURNED TO THE BDD FUND, WITH THE REMAINING FUNDS TO BE RETURNED TO THE GENERAL FUND.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve \$800,000.00 of the funds from the Sale of City owned Property located in the Industrial Park be Returned to the BDD Fund, with the remaining funds to be returned to the General Fund. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE QUOTE AND PURCHASE OF AN EZ-H2O DRINKING FOUNTAIN FOR CITY HALL FROM RICCI PLUMBING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,480.00, SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH THE ILLINOIS PREVAILING WAGE ACT.

Motion by Alderman Dennis and seconded by Alderman Hagen to approve the quote and purchase of an EZ-H2O Drinking Fountain for City Hall from Ricci Plumbing in the amount of \$2,480.00, subject to compliance with the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act. Roll Call – Aldermen, Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. Alderman Dorchinecz voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-1.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A KOMATSU 238 EXCAVATOR FROM ROLAND MACHINERY, WAIVING THE STATUTORY BIDDING PROCESS, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$270,000.00. FUNDS TO COME FROM WARD 5 RESERVE (010-5-410-518).

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Dennis to approve the purchase of a Komatsu 238 Excavator from Roland Machinery, waiving the statutory bidding process, a cost not to exceed \$270,000.00. Funds to come from Ward 5 Reserve 010-5-410-518. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE MOVING FORWARD WITH PREPARING SPECIFICATIONS FOR TWO (2) SINGLE-AXLE DUMP TRUCKS AND ONE (1) PICKUP TRUCK.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Dennis to approve moving forward with preparing specifications for two (2) single-axle dump trucks and one (1) pickup truck. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ENGINEERING AGREEMENT BETWEEN BENTON & ASSOCIATES AND THE CITY OF TAYLORVILLE FOR THE RESURFACING PROJECT FROM SILVER STREET TO HOUSTON STREET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,000.00.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Dennis to approve the Engineering Agreement between Benton & Associates and the City of Taylorville for the resurfacing project from Silver Street to Houston Street in the amount of \$6,000.00. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE BIDDING PROCESS FOR CONCRETE, SIDEWALKS, CURB AND GUTTERING AND FUEL.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Dennis to approve the bidding process for Concrete, Sidewalks, Curb and Guttering and Fuel. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE ENGINEERING AGREEMENT FOR THE DOWNTOWN PROJECT PHASE #2 WITH BENTON ENGINEERING FOR A TOTAL OF \$525,000.00; PER THE JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT IN WHICH PASSED ON 2-12-26, THE CITY'S PORTION WILL BE \$65,000.00

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Budd to authorize and direct the Mayor to sign the Engineering Agreement for the Downtown project Phase #2 with Benton Engineering for a total of \$525,000.00; Per the Joint Funding Agreement in which passed on 2-12-26 the City's portion will be \$65,000.00. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

Attorney Romano gave updates.

Mayor Barry congratulated to our new Firefighter Chance Dickey, and Josh Nicol as the Water Superintendent.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Dennis to Accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Brown to authorize the payment of bills in the amount of (\$299,802.95). Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive 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 no one present addressed the Council.

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

The Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.