

At the regular meeting held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, March 21, 2022, 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 Alderman Driskell. Mayor Barry led the Council and the assembled group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve the regular City Council Meeting held March 7, 2022; the Cemetery Board of Managers Meeting held March 8, 2022; the Finance Committee Meeting held March 17, 2022; and the Ordinance Committee Meeting held March 17, 2022. OMNIBUS VOTE

ORDINANCE NO. 4097 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CITY OF TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS AND FLORINDA GUERRIERO

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Budd to approve Ordinance No. 4097 – An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement by and between City of Taylorville and Florinda Guerriero (dba Florinda's Pizza, 114 S. Main St.). Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Wilson, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

2022 ESTIMATE OF MAINTENANCE COST

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Wilson to authorize and direct the Mayor to sign the 2022 Estimate of Maintenance Cost in the amount of \$356,370.00. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Wilson, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

2022 MAINTENANCE ENGINEERING

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Brown to authorize and direct the Mayor to sign the 2022 Maintenance Engineering in the amount of >\$20,000.00 with Base Fee = \$1,250.00. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Wilson, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1480 – 2022 MAINTENANCE UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE

Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Budd to approve Resolution No. 1480 – 2022 Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code. The motion carried (7-0).

NON-BINDING LETTER OF INTENT WITH RENEWABLE ENERGY EVOLUTION (REE)

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to approve non-binding Letter of Intent with Renewable Energy Evolution (REE) concerning the proposed development of an approximate 625 kwdc Solar Array Project for the City at the City's Water Treatment Site. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

ILLINI DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS – DUNN COMPANY

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Brown to approve the low bid from Dunn Company in the amount of \$67,046.90 for Illini Drive Improvements to be paid from Ward 3 Funds. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

BID AND/OR ADVERTISE HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR B – SEWER DEPARTMENT

Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Bryant to bid and/or advertise Heavy Equipment Operator B in the Sewer Department. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Mayor Barry distributed the updated Committee Assignments for the Aldermen. There were several changes in Committee Chairs. These changes will take effect April 1, 2022.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CEMETERY

REPLACE SIGN – WALNUT STREET WOODWORKS

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Budd to amend the minutes and motion as follows: to approve the replacement of the sign at the entrance of Oak Hill Cemetery by Walnut Street Woodworks at a cost not to exceed \$5,500.00, including installation, to be paid from Perpetual Care Fund Interest. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

FY 2022/2023 OAK HILL CEMETERY BUDGET

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Driskell to accept and refer the proposed FY 2022/2023 Oak Hill Cemetery budget to the Finance Committee. The motion carried (7-0).

FINANCE

DOWNTOWN TAYLORVILLE BUDGET

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Driskell to amend the original Finance motion due to a change in amount requested as follows: to approve the budget of \$76,120.00 for Downtown Taylorville to be paid out of the Business Development District Tax Fund. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

AZAVAR LOCAL GOVERNMENT INSIGHTS AND ANALYTICS

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Budd to authorize and direct the City Clerk to sign the three-year agreement with Azavar Local Government Insights and Analytics at a cost of \$3,000.00 per year, along with a one-time onboarding fee of \$500.00. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

PURCHASE OF 2022 KOMATSU FRONT-END LOADER – ROLAND MACHINERY – STREET DEPARTMENT

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve the bid and authorize the purchase of a new 2022 Komatsu WA320-8 Front End Loader for the Street Department from Roland Machinery in the amount of \$247,447.00, less trade-in of \$38,000.00, for a final cost of \$209,445.00 for a five-year loan with an interest rate of 4.444%. City Attorney Romano stated that there must be an Ordinance to sell or trade in any City owned property, as well as to enter into a lease or loan agreement. Superintendent Mann stated that he had spoken with the sales representative and the bid price will be honored whether paid with cash or financed. There would be no penalty to pay in full. ARPA Funds may be used to pay for this loader. An amended motion was made by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Wilson to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance to allow for the trade-in/sale of CAT IT38G and the purchase of a new 2022 Komatsu WA320-8 Front End Loader from Roland Machinery in the amount of \$247,447.00, less trade-in of \$38,000.00, for a final cost of \$209,445.00 for a five-year loan with an interest rate of 4.444%. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

DESIGNATION OF COVID-RELATED ARPA FUNDS

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Bryant to obligate ARPA Funds up to \$995,000.00 for equipment purchases and to provide a \$3,000.00 bonus to each employee who was employed during the COVID crisis from March-December 2020 and is also presently employed at the time of distribution of bonuses. City Attorney Romano noted that the COVID policy discussed and approved at the March 3, 2022 Personnel Committee Meeting was omitted from previous City Council Agenda. Per the recommendation of the Labor Attorney, this policy should be implemented in a timely manner. Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Bryant to amend the previous motion to include: and to approve the new COVID-19 Policy as follows: if you are sick with COVID-19 refer to the current Sick Leave Policy in the Employee Handbook and follow any current guidelines as updated by the CDC. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Driskell to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion carried (7-0).

ORDINANCE

RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Olive to direct the City Attorney to prepare the appropriate Ordinances to allow for a Recreational Marijuana Dispensary in the City of Taylorville. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Olive, and Wilson voted YEA. Aldermen Dorchinecz and Driskell voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

STOP SIGN – PAULINE AND POWERS STREETS

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Wilson to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance to amend the City Code to allow for a stop sign to be placed on the Southeast corner of Pauline and Powers Streets. The motion carried (7-0).

NO PARKING SIGNS – PLEASANT STREET

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Budd to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance to place No Parking signs on the South side of Pleasant Street between Cherokee Street and Cottage Street. The motion carried (7-0).

SALE OF FIRE DEPARTMENTS EQUIPMENT

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Wilson to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance to allow the Fire Department to sell thirty (30) SCBAs at a per unit cost of no less than \$200.00. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to authorize payment of bills. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, 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. Mayor Barry mentioned a letter from Ameren that local Ameren customers have received. This letter stated that due to recent negotiations, Ameren will be replacing Homefield as the energy supplier due to their lower per unit cost. Customers will not need to do anything as this will be an automatic switch.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Brown to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried (7-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 P.M.