

At the regular meeting held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, May 16, 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, Skultety, and Wilson were present.

YOUTH OF THE MONTH

Mayor Barry presented the Youth of the Month Award to Gage Rusher. Gage is a Senior at Taylorville High School with an outstanding career in wrestling, including 102 career wins, Regional and Sectional Champion, and State Wrestling Meet competitor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve the regular City Council Meeting held May 2, 2022; the Personnel Committee Meeting held May 5, 2022; the Emergency Services Committee Meeting held May 5, 2022; the Lake/Airport Committee Meeting held May 12, 2022; and the Water/Environmental Committee Meeting held May 12, 2022. OMNIBUS VOTE

ORDINANCE - AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF A 1.125 MEGAWATT (MW-AC) COMMUNITY SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY OF GSI GROUP, LLC PROPERTY

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve An Ordinance Granting a Special Use for the Development and Operation of a 1.125 Megawatt (MW-ac) Community Solar Energy Facility of GSI Group, LLC Property. City Attorney Romano stated that the language in the Ordinance is in process by the Attorney for the Solar Facility, as well as City Attorney and should be finalized prior to the June 6, 2022 Council Meeting. The Mayor announced the motion was withdrawn.

ORDINANCE NO. 4104 – AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING DEDICATION OF WILMAC DRIVE

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve Ordinance No. 4104 – An Ordinance Accepting Dedication of Wilmac Drive. All documents are in order and the plat and dedication will be filed with the County Clerk. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, Wilson, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1481 – APPROVING SOLAR POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH RENEWABLE ENERGY EVOLUTION

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to approve Resolution No. 1481-Resolution Approving Solar Power Purchase Agreement with Renewable Energy Evolution. City Attorney Romano advised the Council that this has not yet been approved by the IEPA regarding bond financing, and the Resolution and Agreement are subject to IEPA approval. Alderman Budd expressed concern regarding disposal of panels at the end of their useful life and the future expense to the City. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

ENGINEERING PROPOSAL – EAST BIDWELL STREET/NORTH CHENEY STREET – BENTON AND ASSOCIATES

Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Budd to approve the Engineering Proposal from Benton & Associates for East Bidwell Street and North Cheney Street Improvements, with \$11,800.00 to be paid from the BDD Fund and \$3,200.00 to be paid from applicable Ward Funds. Alderman Bryant expressed concern that not all Wards are able to use BDD Funds for projects and she felt this was unfair to the constituents in those Wards, specifically areas in her Ward that are in need of sewer repair. Mayor Barry stated that the Council does have the authority to use BDD Funds in any area of the District, for any type of infrastructure project. Roll Call – Aldermen Budd, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. Aldermen Brown, Bryant, and Dorchinecz voted NAY. Alderman Driskell voted Present. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

PURCHASE OF 2019 DODGE CHARGER V8 HEMI ENGINE POLICE VEHICLE

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Skultety to approve the purchase of a 2019 Dodge Charger V8 Hemi Engine Police Vehicle from Missouri Highway Patrol at a cost of \$21,000.00, with addition vehicle equipment to be added, for a total cost not to exceed \$33,500.00 Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT – TAYLORVILLE BLACKHORSE VETERANS POW WOW

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve the Special Events Permit for the Taylorville Blackhorse Veterans PowWow at the intersection of West Main Cross and Webster Streets on May 27, 28, and 29, 2022. The motion was amended to exclude Sunday, May 29, and to approve May 27 and 28, 2022. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown,, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT – JOURNEY IN JULY

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve the Special Events Permit for Journey in July to be held on the West, South, and East sides of the Square on July 15-17, 2022. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

ARPA FUNDS FOR PAYMENT OF EMPLOYEE RETENTION BONUS

Discussion was held to clarify the stipulations for employees to receive the \$3,000.00 Employee Retention Bonus to be paid from ARPA Funds as follows: full-time employees must have been employed during the COVID crisis time of March – December 2020, and be employed through the date the motion was approved in Council. New employees hired anytime during that period of March - December 2020 are eligible. Part time employees are ineligible. It was also noted that IMRF Union employee bonuses would be pensionable, but Fire and Police would not be.

PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Chairman Pat Kretzer presented the recommendations of the Plan Commission regarding the Ordinances regarding Special Use for Adult-Use Cannabis Dispensing Organization. The vote was unanimous, with all five members voting NAY. Their recommendation is to NOT approve the Ordinances regarding Cannabis. City Attorney Romano stated that the Council could choose to accept the recommendations, or move forward with a 2/3 vote of the Council to approve the Ordinances, with the vote to include the Mayor. Mayor Barry stated that this Ordinance will set the parameters for the future, but the Plan Commission and/or Council could vote at a later date to not approve Special Use permit application. Aldermen Skultety and Driskell expressed concerns regarding the decision to pass this Ordinance, stating gaming and liquor license numbers as an example of extreme fluctuations in Council decisions and the potential negative impact on the community. Alderman Olive stated he had received only positive comments from clergy and educators he had spoken with, and the dispensary would provide better regulation for the community. Mayor Barry noted

that Chief Wheeler is in favor of the dispensary.

ORDINANCE NO. 4105 – AN ORDINANCE ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 6 TO TITLE 10 OF THE TAYLORVILLE CITY CODE (RE: SPECIAL USE FOR ADULT-USE CANNABIS DISPENSING ORGANIZATION)

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Budd to approve Ordinance No. 4105 – An Ordinance Adding a New Chapter 16 to Title 10 of the Taylorville City Code (re: Special Use for Adult Use Cannabis Dispensing Organization). Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Olive, Wilson, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. Aldermen Dorchinecz, Driskell, and Skultety voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 4106 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARAGRAPH A OF SECTION 5-4-7 OF THE TAYLORVILLE CITY CODE (RE: CANNABIS)

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve Ordinance No. 4106 – An Ordinance Amending Paragraph A of Section 5-4-7 of the Taylorville City Code (re: Cannabis). Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Olive, Wilson, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. Aldermen Dorchinecz, Driskell, and Skultety voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

PERSONNEL

BID AND/OR ADVERTISE HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR B – WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Bryant to bid and/or advertise a Heavy Equipment Operator B at the Water Treatment Plant. The motion carried (8-0).

EMERGENCY SERVICES

PURCHASE OF 19 NEW COMPUTERS FOR SQUAD CARS

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Driskell to allow Police Chief Wheeler to purchase 19 new computers for squad cars at a cost not to exceed \$72,901.00. Roll Call – Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

FY 2022/2023 POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to forward the FY2022/2023 Police Department Budget to the Finance Committee. The motion carried (8-0).

LAKE/AIRPORT

STANDARD AGREEMENT – CRAWFORD, MURPHY & TILLY, INC.

Motion by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Skultety to authorize and direct the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Standard Agreement for Consultant Services at Illinois Airports for Architectural/Engineering(A/E), Planning, and Special Services by and between the City of Taylorville and Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. The motion carried (8-0).

HANDICAP PORTABLE TOILET – VETERAN’S MEMORIAL PARK – NOLEN PLUMBING

Motion by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Driskell to approve the addition of the handicap portable toilet to be placed at the Veteran’s Memorial Park at a cost of \$40.00 per week to be added to the current contract with Nolen Plumbing. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

LAKE LOT/CAMPGROUND HOLDING TANKS – NOLEN PLUMBING

Motion by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve the placement of holding tanks at individual Lake Lots and/or Campgrounds by Nolen Plumbing at a cost to be paid by individual lease holders at Lake Taylorville. The motion carried (8-0).

WATER/ENVIRONMENTAL

PURCHASE OF TRAILER ATTENUATOR – WARNING SIGNS

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Skultety to approve the amended motion as follows: to approve to BID for the purchase of the Trailer Attenuator. It was noted that the Safety Committee has committed to funding one half of the cost, with the remainder to be split at one fourth each to Street and Sewer and Water Departments. Superintendent Brune explained that he had contacted Jon Rosenthal, who runs IDOT locally, and he believed the price quoted by Warning Signs is per the State bid price. Alderman Dorchinecz made a motion to table pending confirmation of State bid price, with a second by Alderman Skultety. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. Aldermen Bryant and Budd voted NAY. The motion to **table** carried.

PURCHASE OF DIAMOND WIRE HYDRAULIC SAW – E.H. WACHS

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve the purchase of a Diamond Wire Hydraulic Saw from E.H. Wachs at a cost not to exceed \$9,135.00. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

TYLER TECHNOLOGIES WATER BILLING SOFTWARE

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve the upgrade of the billing software in the Water Collection Office by Tyler Technologies at a cost not to exceed \$7,134.00 for the set-up and a yearly cost for maintenance and updating of \$1,169.00. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Bryant to authorize payment of bills. Alderman Budd requested to pull the Animal Kingdom bill pending further investigation, reducing the total by \$79.10. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, 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.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Olive to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried (8-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 P.M.