

At the regular meeting held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, May 17, 2021, 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 reported present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Olive to utilize the Omnibus Vote Designation to approve the minutes of 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 Driskell and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 3, 2021; the Band Committee Meeting held May 4, 2021; the Emergency Services Committee Meeting held May 6, 2021; the Personnel Committee Meeting held May 6, 2021; the Special City Council Meeting held May 10, 2021; the Water/Environmental Committee Meeting held May 13, 2021; and the Lake/Airport Committee Meeting held May 13, 2021. OMNIBUS VOTE.

OATH OF OFFICE - KELLIE HAMELL, CITY TREASURER

The Honorable Judge Brad Paisley was present to administer the Oath of Office to Kellie Hamell - City Treasurer.

RESOLUTION NO. 1467 - RELATING TO PARTICIPATION BY ELECTED OFFICIALS IN THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Brown to approve Resolution No. 1467 - Relating to Participation by Elected Officials in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. This Resolution allows for newly elected Aldermen to participate in IMRF should their yearly hours of service be 1,000 or greater. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

EAST MAIN CROSS STREET IMPROVEMENTS - BENTON & ASSOCIATES PROPOSAL

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve the Professional Engineering, Surveying and Technical Services Proposal from Benton & Associates, Inc. for East Main Cross Street Improvements. City Attorney Romano stated that this agreement rescinds the agreement passed in December and is in the amount \$15,000.00 for bid documents only. Benton & Associates will make the same changes to page four of the agreement per previous agreement. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

ADVERTISE FOR BIDS - EAST MAIN CROSS STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to approve to advertise for bids for East Main Cross Street Improvements project. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

RP LUMBER SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT - EXCAVATING PARTNERS

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve Pay Estimate No. 2 from Excavating Partners, Inc. for the RP Lumber Sanitary Sewer Extension project in the amount of \$6,469.50. This is the close out of the project. Certified prevailing wage payrolls must be presented to the City Clerk's office prior to payment. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

FRANKLIN STREET STORM SEWER PROJECT - PHIL TULLIS EXCAVATING, INC.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Brown to approve Pay Estimate No. 2 from Phil Tullis Excavating, Inc. for the Franklin Street Storm Sewer project in the amount of \$146,090.05, subject to letter from Greene and Bradford stating that the work has been satisfactorily completed, certified prevailing wage payrolls and mechanics lien waiver. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

PURCHASE ASCO SERIES 300 AUTOMATIC TRANSFER SWITCH - ALTORFER POWER SYSTEMS

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Olive to purchase an ASCO Series 30 automatic transfer switch from Altorfer Power Systems for a cost of \$3,266.00 plus installation. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

2021 EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK UPDATES

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Budd to approve the 2021 Employee Handbook updates. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

HIRING OF TERRI FRANCE, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Driskell to approve the letter to hire Terri France as an Independent Contractor at a rate of \$35.00 per hour for training of City Treasurer Kellie Hamell. Discussion was held regarding the parameters of this agreement to include a maximum of 600 hours per year; Ms. France can be utilized until no longer needed or until either she or the Mayor decide to terminate this agreement. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

MAYOR PRO TEM

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Wilson to name Alderman Larry Budd as Mayor Pro Tem in the absence of Mayor Barry. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. Alderman Bryant abstained. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

RESIGNATION OF WATER OFFICE MANAGER HAMELL/RESCIND SALARY MOTION

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Skultety, per advice of the City Attorney, to accept the resignation of Kellie Hamell as the Water Office Manager and to rescind the Motion adopted at the May 10, 2021 Special City Council Meeting that approved her remaining in the office of Water Office Manager at a reduced salary of \$6,000.00. A City Treasurer cannot be paid another salary, or hold another position/office per State Statute under the Appropriations system of operations. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 4038 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO ADD TERRITORY TO THE TAYORVILLE-CHRISTIAN COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE AND TO AMEND THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION RELATING TO SAID ENTERPRISE ZONE

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Bryant to adopt Ordinance No. 4038 - An Ordinance Approving an Amendment to Add Territory to the Taylorville-Christian County Enterprise Zone and to Amend the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Relating to said Enterprise Zone. This Ordinance and Intergovernmental Agreement must also be passed for the City of Pana, City of Assumption and Christian County. Roll Call - Alderman Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EMERGENCY SERVICES

PURCHASE OF BODY-WORN AND IN-CAR CAMERAS

Motion by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Bryant to allow Police Chief Wheeler to purchase 6 Body-worn Cameras and 2 In-car Cameras at a total cost of \$17,170.00 with the Taylorville School District paying \$1,790.00 for 2 Body-Worn cameras to be worn by the School Resource Officers, and an awarded grant covering \$14,960.00 for a total cost to the City of \$420.00. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

PERSONNEL

HIRE ONE POLICE OFFICER - LATERAL HIRING

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman to hire one(1) Police Officer through the lateral hiring list in the Police Department. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

WATER/ENVIRONMENTAL

PURCHASE OF TWO COMPUTERS - WATER COLLECTION OFFICE - CTI

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve the purchase of two(2) computers and monitors for the Water Collection Office from CTI at a cost not to exceed \$2,881.52. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

PURCHASE OF ANIONIC PUMP - HYDRO-KNETICS

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Brown to approve the purchase of an Anionic Pump from Hydro-Knetics at a cost not to exceed \$5,840.00 plus freight. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

LAKE/AIRPORT

PURCHASE OF EXMARK LAZER Z DIESEL MOWER - AIRPORT FUEL ACCOUNT

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve the purchase of a new Exmark Lazer Z Diesel, 25 HP Yanamar, with a five-year warranty at a cost not to exceed \$17,359.00, with the money coming from the Airport Fuel account. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown,

Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

10% PAY INCREASE - HBO GOODALL

Motion by Alderman Budd to approve an increase in pay of 10% of HBO Goodall's current salary as compensation for the extra duties he is performing at the Airport. Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Brown to table. The City Code lists a specific procedure to be followed for Superintendent increase to include an evaluation performed by the Mayor and Personnel Committee to include a rating scale from 0-6%. Personnel Committee Chairman Driskell would like to see this taken to the Personnel Committee for further review and discussion, to include Superintendent Job Descriptions, Evaluation Forms and Salary Increases. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion to table carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to approve payment of bills. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mayor Barry asked if any member of the public desired to speak to the Council. Terri France addressed the Council to congratulate Kellie Hamell on her appointment to the position of City Treasurer. She also stated that she wished to show her appreciation on behalf of the City to Former Treasurer Jacque Nation for continuing to assist the City in finishing out the month end, Fiscal year-end, and preparation of documents for the Fiscal year-end Audit. She has accepted a full-time position with the State of Illinois so she is completing this work on her own time, after hours, with no pay from the City. Ms. France went on to say she is happy to assist in the training of Treasurer Hamell until her services are no longer needed.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Brown to go into closed session, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) to discuss the pending litigation, i.e. "Jamal Shehadeh v. City of Taylorville, Cause No. 2021-MR-21, Circuit Court 4th Judicial Circuit, Taylorville, Illinois; and the two Interlocutory Appeals filed by Jamal Shehadeh with the 5th District Appellate Court in General Nos. 5-21-0105 and 5-21-0128" and any and all subject matters relating thereto including, but not limited to, subject matters relating to investigation, attorney-client reports, consultant reports, discovery, settlement negotiation, offers, issues and strategy, 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, 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 7:29 P.M. and went into Closed Session at 7:35 P.M. The City Council returned to Open Session at 8:06 P.M.

Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson reported present.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.