

At the regular meeting held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, May 2, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Driskell 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 Bryant and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve the Public Hearing held April 18, 2022; the regular City Council Meeting held April 18, 2022; the Finance Committee Meeting held April 21, 2022; the Ordinance Committee Meeting held April 21, 2022; the Public Facilities Committee Meeting held April 28, 2022; and the Street and Sewer Committee Meeting held April 28, 2022. OMNIBUS VOTE

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 Dorchinecz to approve Ordinance No. 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 noted that requested revisions were received from the Counsel for SolAmerica, to include removing the work “Community” throughout the Ordinance, as well as “or hereafter amended” on page 6 in relation to future changes to the City Code. He raised a concern regarding the change to say “Operator” or “affiliate”, stating that the original application approved by the Plan Commission and full Council listed only SolAmerica and GSI. Should the Council accept an unknown affiliate, the Payment and Performance Bonds should be high enough to cover the risk. With the many unknowns in the requested changes, SolAmerica will be contacted to clarify the requested revisions. **Motion to table** was made by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Driskell. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the **motion to table** carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 4101 – AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2022 KOMATSU WA320-8 FRONT END LOADER WITH EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES

Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman to Bryant approve Ordinance No. 4101 – An Ordinance to Provide for the Purchase of a 2022 Komatsu WA320-8 Front End Loader with Equipment and Accessories. This Ordinance will take the place of Ordinance No. 4098 approving the purchase of the loader for the Street Department utilizing ARPA funds. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, Wilson, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 4102 – AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2021 KOMATSU WA320-8 FRONT END LOADER WITH EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Budd to approve Ordinance No. 4102 – An Ordinance to Provide for the Purchase of a 2021 Komatsu WA320-8 Front End Loader with Equipment and Accessories. This is the loader for the Lake Department. Exhibits/sales orders will be added to the Ordinance.

Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, Wilson and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 4103 – APPROVING AND ADOPTING TAYLORVILLE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 FY 2023 ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Driskell to approve Ordinance No. 4103 – An Ordinance Approving and Adopting Taylorville Business Development District No. 1 FY 2023 Allocation of Funds for Downtown Redevelopment Projects. Alderman Budd stated that the BDD Committee had requested \$600,000.00 for reimbursement funds for the entire City; this Ordinance is for \$500,000.00. There are several projects carried over from FY 2021/2022 which will add to that amount for the Fiscal Year based on previous approval. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, Wilson, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

BID AND/OR ADVERTISE OFFICE LEVEL 3 POSITION – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Brown to bid and/or advertise Office Level 3 position in the Police Department. The motion carried (8-0).

BID AND/OR ADVERTISE TWO FULL TIME DISPATCHERS – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Driskell to bid and or advertise two (2) full-time Dispatchers in the Police Department. The motion carried (8-0).

LIFT STATION MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS – VANDEVANTER ENGINEERING

Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve the Lift Station Maintenance Contracts from Vandevanter Engineering for the Lift Stations in various locations with the City of Taylorville, and to waive any statutory bidding requirements. Alderman Dorchinecz questioned the placement of this item on Council, as it was tabled at the Street and Sewer Committee. All four contracts together total more than \$60,000.00 and he believed this should follow the bid process. Mayor Barry stated that he has the authority to place items on Council per City Code 1-6-6b.12. He placed this on Council due to the emergent need to have maintenance contracts in place; the current contracts are expired. City Attorney Romano stated that State Statute allows for statutory bidding to be waived with a 2/3 vote. He further explained that if the City has a satisfactory relationship with a provider, such as an engineer, bidding could be waived. The City has been working with Vandevanter Engineering to service lift stations for over twenty years. Roll Call – Alderman Brown, Bryant, Budd, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. Alderman Dorchinecz voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

YOUTH OF THE MONTH

Mayor Barry recognized the 7th Grade TJHS Girls Basketball Team. This team had an impressive season, culminating in the State Championship for Class 4A Girls. Their record was 26-3 and they are the first 7th Grade team from TJHS to win the State tournament.

SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT – QUARTERBACK CLUB, INC.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Driskell to approve the Special Events Permit for the Quarterback Club, Inc. on May 13-14, 2022 at the corner of Main Cross and Webster Streets. This is a fundraising event for the Skate Park. The motion carried (8-0).

SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT – TAYLORVILLE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION PARADE

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Budd to approve the Special Events Permit for the Taylorville High School Graduation Parade to be held on Friday, May 20, 2022 beginning at 7:45 P.M. The motion carried (8-0).

SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT – POWWOW

Motion by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve the Special Events Permit for the PowWow to be held at the Lake Taylorville Marina on June 30, 2022. The motion carried (8-0).

SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT – TAYLORVILLE DOG DAYS

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Budd to approve the Special Events Permit for Taylorville Dog Days on Saturday, September 10, 2022 from 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. on the Square. The motion carried (8-0).

SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT – KIWANIS KIDS DAY

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Brown to approve the Special Events Permit for Kiwanis Kids Day on September 23-24, 2022 at the intersection of Main Cross and Webster Streets. The motion carried (8-0).

DRAFT CANNABIS ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve the “draft” of the Cannabis Ordinance and confirm the May 16, 2022 Public Hearing date to consider said Ordinance. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Olive, and Wilson voted YEA. Aldermen Dorchinecz, Driskell, and Skultety voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FINANCE

GREATER TAYLORVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHILLIFEST CONTRIBUTION

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Bryant to contribute \$8,000.00 to the Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce Chillifest to be paid out of the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

CHAPMAN AND CUTLER LLP ENGAGEMENT LETTER

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Bryant to authorize and direct the City Treasurer to sign the Engagement Letter from Chapman and Cutler LLP. The motion carried (8-0).

BUDGETS – CEMETERY, ESDA, FIRE, WATER, LAKE

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Bryant to forward to the Cemetery, ESDA, Fire, Water, and Lake Department Budgets to the Treasurer for further refinement. The motion carried (8-0).

TREASURER’S REPORT

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Bryant to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. The motion carried (8-0).

ORDINANCE

FY 2022/2023 HBO BUDGET

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Skultety to forward the FY 2022/2023 HBO Budget to the Treasurer for further refinement. The motion carried (8-0).

PUBLIC FACILITIES

FY2022/2023 MUNICIPAL BUILDING BUDGET

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Budd to forward the FY 2022/2023 Municipal Building Budget to the Finance Committee. The motion carried (8-0).

FY 2022/2023 GAGNE/1617 WEST SPRESSER BUILDING BUDGET

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman to forward the FY 2022/2023 Gagne/1617 West Spresser Building Budget to the Finance Committee. This will be a new line item. The motion carried (8-0).

STREET AND SEWER

ROAD CLOSURE – MEMORIAL DAY CEMETERY SERVICES

Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Brown to approve the closure of Gandy Street going South to Second Street and the closure of First Street to Cherokee Street from 8:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. on Monday, May 30, 2022 for Memorial Day Services. The motion carried (8-0).

FY 2022/2023 STREET AND SEWER BUDGET

Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Olive to forward the FY 2022/2023 Street and Sewer Budget to the Finance Committee, along with the MFT and Garbage Budgets. The motion carried (8-0).

PAY REQUEST 1 – TRUMANN L. FLATT AND SONS CO., INC – EAST MAIN CROSS STREET

Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Olive to authorize and direct the Mayor to sign Pay Request Number One from Truman L. Flatt and Sons Co., Inc. in the amount of \$171,577.84 for work on East Main Cross Street Improvements, this conditioned upon receipt of signed mechanics lien waivers in the amount and recommendation by the Project Engineer that the work has been satisfactorily performed. 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 Driskell to authorize 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

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to address the Council. Mr. Pat Kretzer, owner of Urban Rental, addressed the Council in regards to his BDD Application for reimbursement for his new building on East Main Cross. He stated he had been out of town for the last Finance Meeting when this was discussed and tabled, and read a text he had received from an audience member. He questioned why his application was denied, and provided references to other applications for similar projects that had been approved. He felt that the recommendations of the BDD Committee, comprised of local business owners with over 20 years of experience, should be listened to and followed by the City Council. He reiterated the inconsistencies in the practice of approving applications. Mayor Barry stated that the BDD Administrator will be attending the May 19, 2022 Finance Committee Meeting to provide further guidance on the use of BDD Funds for reimbursable projects. Mr. Kretzer's application will be reviewed at that time, and Mayor Barry invited him to attend.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 P.M.