

At the regular meeting held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, June 5, 2023, 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 Mayor Barry. Mayor Barry led the Council and the assembled group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

RECOGNITION – ELSIE WILLIAMSON AND JUNIOR HIGH TRACK ATHLETES

Mayor Barry recognized all Junior High athletes who qualified for the State Track Meet in a variety of events. He also recognized Elsie Williamson for her First place finish at the State Track Meet for 8th Grade and as the first back to back discus State Champion.

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, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Brown to approve the regular City Council Meeting held May 15, 2023; the Finance Committee Meeting held May 18, 2023; and the Ordinance Committee Meeting held May 18, 2023; the Finance Committee Meeting held May 25, 2023; the Street and Sewer Committee Meeting held May 25, 2023; the Personnel Committee Meeting held June 1, 2023; and the Emergency Services Committee Meeting held June 1, 2023. OMNIBUS VOTE

ORDINANCE NO. 4170 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CITY OF TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS AND H&R FAMILY INC. DBA TAYLORVILLE FOOD CENTER AND BILLY J. RHYMES AND JUDITH D. RHYMES

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Skultety to approve Ordinance No. 4170 – An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement by and between City of Taylorville, Illinois and H&R Family Inc. dba Taylorville Food Center and Billy J. Rhymes and Judith D. Rhymes. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Skultety, Wilson, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 4171 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CITY OF TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS AND LEE SKINNER AND DYANNE SKINNER

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to approve Resolution No. 4171- An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Business Development District No.1 Redevelopment Agreement by and between City of Taylorville, Illinois and Lee Skinner and Dyanne Skinner. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Skultety, Wilson, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 4172 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CITY OF TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS AND FLORINDA GUERRIERO (DBA FLORINDA’S PIZZA)

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Skultety to approve Ordinance No. 4172 – An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a First Amendment to the Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement by and between City of Taylorville, Illinois and Florinda Guerriero (dba Florinda’s Pizza). Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Skultety, Wilson, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT – TAYLORVILLE BLACK HORSE VETERAN’S POW WOW FUNDRAISER

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Brown to retroactively approve the Special Events Permit for the Taylorville Black Horse Veteran’s Pow Wow Fundraiser at the corner of West Main Cross and Webster Streets on Friday, May 26 and Saturday, May 27, 2023 from 9:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.. The motion carried (7-0).

SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT – TAYLORVILLE BLACK HORSE POW WOW

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Bryant to retroactively approve the Special Events Permit for the Taylorville Black Horse Pow Wow at the Lake Taylorville Marina on June 2-4, 2023 from 9:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M. The motion carried (7-0).

SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT – BAND TAG DAY FOR BAND BOOSTERS

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Skultety to approve the Special Events Permit for the Band Tag Day for Band Boosters at the corner of West Main Cross and Webster Streets on June 10, 2023 from 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. The motion carried (7-0).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

FINANCE

TREASURER’S REPORT

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

ORDINANCE

POULTRY WITHIN CITY LIMITS

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance to allow chickens within City limits that will follow rules and restrictions set for the by the City. Alderman Budd expressed his concerns on chickens leading to other animals. Alderman Driskell suggested that the City should pass this Ordinance and address issues if or when they arise individually. Mayor Barry stated that chickens will not help with his agenda to clean up the City and noted that he would be a no vote should there be a tie on the final Ordinance vote at the next City Council. Roll Call – Aldermen Dorchinecz, Driskell, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. Aldermen Brown, Bryant, and Budd voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

UTV USAGE ON LAKE ROADS

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Driskell to approve the amended motion to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance to amend Section 6-9-1 of the Taylorville City Code to include the use of UTVs on Lake roads identified in Section 7-7-6 with proper City permit. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. Alderman Budd voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

FINANCE

HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL - MERITAIN

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Bryant to accept the proposed three tier health insurance plan from Meritain for the 2023/2024 year at a total projected cost of \$1,740,000.00. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

STREET AND SEWER

PURCHASE OF BOOM DRUM MULCHER – WOODY’S MUNICIPAL SUPPLY CO.

Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Driskell to approve the purchase of a Diamond Products FDB050-C 50-inch Boom Drum Mulcher from Woody’s Municipal Supply Co. at a cost not to exceed \$24,000.00, with the cost being split evenly between the Street Department, Lake Department, and Water Department. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

PERSONNEL

PROMOTION OF CRYSTAL NICHOLS – OFFICE LEVEL III – CLERK’S OFFICE

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Budd to approve the promotion for Crystal Nichols in the Clerk’s Office to an Office Level III. The motion carried (7-0).

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

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Wilson to bid and/or advertise for a Heavy Equipment Operator B in the Street Department but not to fill the position until the retirement process for the previous employee is completed. The motion carried (7-0).

DRESS CODE POLICY

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Driskell to approve the presented Dress Code Policy effective July 1, 2023. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

PURCHASE OF GEAR STORAGE RACKS

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve the purchase of new gear storage racks from a vendor to be determined at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Brown to authorize payment of bills. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, 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.

Gwen Podeschi addressed the Council on the topic of trees being taken down on South Clay Street. She is concerned that this type of tree could be saved by removing sidewalk and extra compacted dirt and root pruning of the tree. These trees host 517 different species of pollinators, and could impact our community in negative ways if excess number of trees are removed. She would like to see research done prior to removal, as well as reinstatement of the Tree Board. Mayor Barry stated that he has plans to re-do all sidewalks in that area and remove trees that are problematic.

Keri Foster discussed the purchase of a home and five acres on the Southeast portion of town that she believed was zoned AG-1. She purchased goats and fenced the area in, only to learn from HBO Goodall

that she was not allowed the goats in that area and promptly removed the goats. She is advocating for chickens, and voiced her concerns on the feral cat population, as well as dogs running loose. She would like to see the Chicken Ordinance passed to allow those who do follow the rules to have the freedom to raise chickens.

Valerie Vickers spoke in support of the Council members who voted yes to move the Chicken Ordinance to the next phase. She further inquired about homeowners or the City having the authority to plant trees on the boulevard. Mayor Barry stated that trees are no longer allowed to be planted on City boulevards. She requested this to be re-addressed as trees are beneficial and planting in boulevards is much safer as there are fewer power lines through front yards.

Discussion was held on the potential homeless shelter. Mayor Barry stated that Taylorville Memorial Hospital, Springfield Clinic, Taylorville Police and Fire Chiefs, and the Mayor have been in discussion regarding opening and assisting with funding a homeless shelter in Taylorville. Mayor Barry requested that \$25,000.00 be placed in the budget for 2023/2024 to assist with this process.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 P.M.