

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
JULY 17, 2025

MEMBERS

Chairman Skultety
Alderman Dorchinecz
Alderman Budd
Alderman Brown

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Clerk Richardson
Treasurer Nicols
Alderman Dennis
Alderman Olive

Superintendent Mann
HBO Goodall
Tim McArdle
Jim Morris

Lisa Sassatelli
Richard Noren
Cory McKinney
David Padget
Fred McKinnon
Frances McKinnon

Chairman Skultety called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

BDD APPLICATION REVIEW

A total of 3 applications were reviewed by the Finance Committee. Chairman Skultety provided information to the Committee about each application.

The first application was received from Jeffrey Peabody for the property located at 210 N. Cherokee Street. The estimated cost is \$7,894.15. This is the first application for this property. The current project would be \$7,894.15 at 50% for a total of \$3,947.08 in BDD Funds.

Motion by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to approve the Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement for the property located at 210 N. Cherokee Street in the amount of \$3,947.08. Motion carried 4-0.

The second application was received from Fred McKinnon for the property located at 319 E. Main Cross. The estimated cost is \$65,446.17. This is the first application for this property. The current project will be \$10,000.00 at 50% (\$5,000.00); \$40,000.00 at 35% (\$14,000.00) and the remaining \$15,446.17 at 25% (\$3,861.54) for a total of \$22,861.54 in BDD Funds.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to approve the Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement for the property located at 319 E. Main Cross in the amount of \$22,861.54. Motion carried 4-0.

The third application was received from David Padget for the property located at 123 E. Main Cross. The estimated cost is \$56,650.00. This is the second application for this property. The current project will be \$38,525.00 at 35% (\$13,483.75) and \$18,125.00 at 25% (\$4,531.25) for a total of \$18,015.00 in BDD funds.

Motion by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to recommend to the City Council to approve the Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement for the property located at 123 E. Main in the amount of \$18,015.00. Motion carried 4-0.

UPDATE AGREEMENT WITH CHRISTIAN COUNTY-KENNEL USAGE

Chairman Skultety noted that the previous agreement had not been updated to reflect the rental rate increase from \$300.00 to \$400.00 for the use of four kennels at Christian County Animal Control, which has been in effect since 2008.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to recommend to the City Council to direct the Mayor to sign the Agreement with Christian County for the Kennel Rental. Motion Carried 4-0.

UPDATE GOLF CART ORDINANCE-SUNDOWN

Chairman Skultety advised the removal of the Sundown clause was previously done. However, Alderman Bryant would like the City Code 6-7-4 to be changed from A. It is unlawful for any person to drive or operate a golf cart on any City roadway unless he or she is of the age of sixteen (16) or more years and has a valid driver's license issued in his or her name issued by the Illinois Secretary of State or by a foreign jurisdiction, and all passengers in the golf cart are at least eight (8) years of age. Revision would state A. It is unlawful for any person to drive or operate a golf cart on any City roadway unless he or she is of the age of sixteen (16) or more years and has a valid driver's license issued in his or her name issued by the Illinois Secretary of State or by a foreign jurisdiction, and all passengers in the golf cart are at least eight (8) years of age, or if under eight (8), are secured in accordance with applicable Illinois child passenger safety laws, including the use of appropriate child restraint systems as required by state car seat regulation. She would like to have the Section C removed as well.

Motion by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to recommend to the City Council to Revise the City Code 6-7-4, amending Golf Cart Ordinance 4003 as follows: Section A shall be amended to read: "It is unlawful for any person to drive or operate a golf cart on any City roadway unless he or she is of the age of sixteen (16) or more years and has a valid driver's license issued in his or her name issued by the Illinois Secretary of State or by a foreign jurisdiction, and all passengers in the golf cart are at least eight (8) years of age, or if under eight (8), are secured in accordance with applicable Illinois child passenger safety laws, including the use of appropriate child restraint systems as required by state car seat regulation." Section C shall be removed in its entirety. Motion Carried 4-0.

PINE TREE DRIVE STOP SIGN

Alderman Dorchinecz reported that he had spoken with concerned residents regarding traffic safety issues. Specifically, there is a request for the installation of a stop sign and a "Slow-Children at Play" sign at the intersections of Eastwood Drive and Pine Tree Drive, as well as the intersection of Pine Tree Drive and Bristle Drive.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Brown to recommend to the City Council to install a stop sign and a "Slow-Children at Play" sign at the intersections of Eastwood Drive and Pine Tree Drive, as well as the intersection of Pine Tree Drive and Bristle Drive. Motion Carried 4-0.

FUR LOVE SIDE ENTRANCE

Chairman Skultety discussed Mr. Steve Craggs proposal to develop a speakeasy-themed room in the basement of his building, along with a request to install a side entrance featuring two wrought iron posts to be placed in the sidewalk area. Mr. Craggs gave a presentation outlining his plan, noting that the space would serve as a meeting room available for rental. Jim Morris of Benton & Associates expressed several concerns and request that final design plans be submitted for formal review. Treasurer Nicols advised that the City Clerk's office will require a certificate of liability insurance with the appropriate coverage since the awning will be over a sidewalk. Superintendent Mann stated that an agreement should be established indicating that any necessary repairs or maintenance related to the project will be the responsibility of Fur Love.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Brown to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to create an Ordinance to allow Fur Love to install two wrought iron support posts that will be secured with their own footings, any repairs, replacements or maintenance will be the responsibility of Fur Love provided that the final plans are submitted to both the City Attorney and City Engineer for approval and proof of liability insurance is submitted to the City Clerk's Office prior to the work being started. Motion Carried 4-0.

HBO UPDATE

HBO Goodall gave updates on building permits, solar applications, and ordinance violations. He also gave updates on Starbucks, Taco Bell, TCCU and Dollar General. HBO Goodall discussed the demo project that are forthcoming. Chairman Skultety expressed his position that the City should not be incurring the cost of demolition for property owners who have the financial means to address such work themselves. Mayor Barry stated that he believes this is something the City should pursue in order to improve the community.

Mr. Richard Noren addressed the Committee to express his frustration with a neighboring property, citing ongoing issues related to excessive noise and accumulation of junk, which he believes constitutes ordinance violations. He also raised concerns about the alley being obstructed and requested that the Committee take action to address the matter. Mr. Noren noted that the police have been called on multiple occasions. HBO Goodall recommended that, when contacting the police after hours, Mr. Noren specifically request the responding officers use the decibel meter to document potential noise violations. Chairman Skultety advised Mr. Noren to work directly with HBO Goodall, and state that if any ordinance violations are confirmed, they will be addressed accordingly.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

No other matters were brought forth to this Committee.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to adjourn. The motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 P.M.

Chris Skultety *for*

Chris Skultety, Chairman
Ordinance Committee