At the regular meeting held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, July 20, 2026, the following proceedings were held and entered in this record in the following words and figures to wit:

Adrienne Richardson   Bruce J Barry
City Clerk   Mayor

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

The Invocation was given by the Mayor. Mayor Barry led the Council and assembled the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Hagen were present. Alderman Bryant was absent. Attorney Romano was present via zoom.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Brown to utilize the Omnibus Vote Designation for Various Meetings as listed below. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Hagen voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Hagen to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held July 6, 2026, the Regular City Council Meeting held July 6, 2026, the Water Committee Meeting held July 6, 2026, the Ordinance Committee Meeting held July 16, 2026. Roll Call – Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Hagen voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE – BESS SPECIAL USE PERMIT RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Brown to table the Bess Special Use Permit Rules and Regulations. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Hagen voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE #4374 – ADDING CERTAIN BATTERY STORAGE SYSTEMS (BESS) AS A SPECIAL USE IN AN I-1, I-2, AND I-3 ZONING DISTRICT.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Hagen to approve adding certain Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) as a Special Use in an I-1, I-2 and I-3 Zoning Districts. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Hagen and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

ORDINANCE #4375 – APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF TAYLORVILLE FROM FIRE, POLICE, CEMETERY, WATER AND STREET & SEWER DEPARTMENTS.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Olive Approving and Authorizing the Sale of Personal Property owned by the City of Taylorville (i.e. personal property from Fire, Police, Cemetery, Water, Street & Sewer departments). Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Hagen and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE #4376 AS PREPARED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY AND RECOMMENDED BY THE PLAN COMMISSION AND ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE REGARDING SPECIAL USE FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY OF THE JOHN PRUITT PROPERTY, 1325 E. PARK STREET.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Brown to adopt the Ordinance #4376 as prepared by the City Attorney and recommended by the Plan Commission and entitled, an Ordinance regarding Special Use for certain property of the John Pruitt property located at 1325 E. Park Street. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Hagen and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE REIMBURSEMENT OF OPERATING EXPENDITURES INCURRED BY FUNDS EXPERIENCING OPERATING DEFICITS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE SEWER FUND, AIRPORT FUND, LAKE FUND, AND CEMETERY FUND, THROUGH THE USE OF AVAILABLE GENERAL FUND RESOURCES WITHIN THE CITY'S POOLED CASH, IN AMOUNTS DETERMINED BY THE CITY TREASURER TO BE NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN OPERATIONS. THE CITY TREASURER IS AUTHORIZED TO RECORD TRANSACTIONS AS PERMANENT OPERATING TRANSFERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADOPTED BUDGET AND APPLICABLE ACCOUNTING STANDARDS.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Dennis to authorize the reimbursement of operating expenditures incurred by funds experiencing operating deficits, including but not limited to the Sewer Fund, Airport Fund, Lake Fund, and Cemetery Fund, through the use of available General Fund resources within the City's pooled cash, in amounts determined by the City Treasurer to be necessary to maintain operations. The City Treasurer is authorized to record the transactions as permanent operating transfers in accordance with the adopted budget and applicable accounting standards. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Hagen voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 26/27 BUDGET FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT AND WATER DEPARTMENT TO RECOGNIZE GRANT REVENUES AND CORRESPONDING EXPENDITURES FOR THE PROJECTS LISTED BELOW.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Dennis to approve amendments to the Fiscal Year 26/27 Budget for the Street Department and Water Department to recognize grant revenues and corresponding expenditures for the following projects:

Street Department

- DCEO Downtown Phase 1 Grant in the amount of $2,500,000.00
- DCEO Downtown Phase 2 Grant in the amount of $525,000.00

Water Department

- DCEO Route 48 Water Main Improvement Project in the amount of $1,500,000.00

These budget amendments are necessary to accurately reflect the receipt of grant funds and the expenditure of those funds for their intended purposes in accordance with the respective grant agreements. The City Treasurer is authorized to make all necessary budgetary and accounting adjustments to implement these amendments. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Hagen voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE RE-INSTATEMENT OF THE CONTRACT WITH AZAVAR – UTILITY TAX AUDITS.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Dennis to approve the re-instatement of the contract with Azavar - Utility Tax Audits. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Hagen voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT FOR THE ANNUAL TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE AT HARRISON'S CORNER (MAIN CROSS & WEBSTER STREET) ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2026 FROM 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 6:00 P.M. AND SEPTEMBER 12, 2026 FROM 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 12:00 P.M.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve the Special Events Permit for the Annual Tootsie Roll Drive at Harrisons Corner (Main Cross and Webster St.) on September 11, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and on September 12, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE WITH AMERICAN TOWER AS DISCUSSED AT THE SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.
Motion by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Budd to direct the City Attorney to negotiate with American Tower as discussed at the Special Finance Committee Meeting. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Hagen voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A FAIRBANKS PUMP FOR THE LAKE FROM HYDRO-KINETICS AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED $26,538.00 AND TO WAIVE ALL STATUTORY BIDDING REQUIREMENTS.
Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Driskell to approve the purchase of a Fairbanks Pump for the Lake from Hydro-Kinetics at a cost not to exceed $26,538.00 and to waive all statutory bidding requirements. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Hagen voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE INVOICE FROM BROTCKE WELL PUMP COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF $14,345.00 FOR REPAIRS ON WELL #2.
Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Hagen to approve the invoice from Brotcke Well Pump Company in the amount of $14,345.00 for repairs to Well #2. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Hagen voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

Attorney Romano gave updates.

Mayor Barry announced that the Christian County Fair will begin tomorrow.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED.
Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Olive to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Hagen voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

PAYMENT OF BILLS
Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Hagen to authorize the payment of bills in the amount of ($535,054.35). Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Hagen voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC
Evan Mahan addressed the council in reference to City spending. He requested the City Council advise Department Heads to only purchase what is necessary.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Brown to adjourn. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.