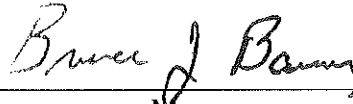


At the regular meeting held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, July 6, 2026, the following proceedings were held and entered in this record in the following words and figures to wit:



City Clerk



Mayor

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held June 15, 2026, the Finance Committee Meeting held June 18, 2026, the Ordinance Committee Meeting held June 18, 2026 and the Street & Sewer Committee Meeting held June 25, 2026. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Olive and Hagen voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE #4368 – MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO DEFRAY EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF TAYLORVILLE, CHRISTIAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING MAY 1, 2026 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2027.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Hagen to approve Making Appropriations to Defray Expenditures, The City of Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Commencing May 1, 2026 and Ending April 30, 2027, with the suggested changes made by the City Attorney. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Olive, Hagen and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

ORDINANCE #4369 –AMENDING SECTION 9-2-1 OF CHAPTER 2 OF TITLE 9 OF THE TAYLORVILLE CITY CODE (RE: ADDING NFPA 855 CODE – 2026 EDITION).

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Hagen to Amend Section 9-2-1 of Chapter 2 of Title 9 of the Taylorville City Code (re: adding NFPA 855 Code – 2026 Edition). Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Olive, Hagen and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

ORDINANCE #4370 – APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TAYLORVILLE AND DAVID BRUMMER (137 E. MAIN CROSS STREET).

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Hagen Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement by and between the City of Taylorville and David Brummer (137 E. Main Cross Street). Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Olive, Hagen and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

ORDINANCE #4371 – APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TAYLORVILLE AND WILL BLAND AND COURTNEY BLAND/LOV PROPERTIES (107 & 109 WEST MAIN CROSS STREET).

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Hagen Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement by and between the City of Taylorville and Will Bland and Courtney Bland/LOV Properties (107 & 109 West Main Cross Street). Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Olive, Hagen and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

ORDINANCE #4372 – APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TAYLORVILLE AND ROBERT GOECKNER & GOECKNER, INC. (1188 E 1500 NORTH ROAD).

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Brown Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement by and between the City of Taylorville and Robert Goeckner & Goeckner, Inc. (1188 E. 1500 North Road). Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Olive, Hagen and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

ORDINANCE #4373 – APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TAYLORVILLE AND BEKIM LETNIKU (1025 W. SPRESSER STREET).

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Hagen Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement by and between the City of Taylorville and Bekim Letniku (1025 W. Spresser Street). Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Olive, Hagen and Mayor Barry voted YEA. Alderman Bryant voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-1.

BAILEY ENERGY GROUP

Ted Bailey with Bailey Energy Group advised the City Council of the upcoming pricing renewal. He will present the renewal to the Finance and Ordinance in the future.

MOTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING SYNTHETIC KRATOM WITHIN THE CITY AND TO DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE THE SAID ORDINANCE.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Hagen to approve an Ordinance prohibiting Synthetic Kratom within the City and to Direct the City Attorney to prepare the said Ordinance. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Olive and Hagen voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE TO BID AND/OR ADVERTISE A FULL-TIME DISPATCHER POSITION IN THE TAYLORVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to approve to bid and/or advertise a full-time dispatcher position in the Taylorville Police Department. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Olive and Hagen voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT FOR THE ANNUAL OLD TIMERS BOOGIE TO BE HELD ON THE PROPERTY OWNED BY MID-AMERICA SPORT PARACHUTE CLUB ON AUGUST 14, 15, & 16, 2026 FROM 11:00 A.M. UNTIL 8:00 P.M.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to approve the Special Events Permit for the Annual Old Timers Boogie to be held on the property owned by Mid-America Sport Parachute Club on August 14, 15 & 16, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT FOR THE 2026 HOMECOMING PARADE TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2026 AT 5:15 P.M.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Brown to approve the Special Events Permit the Special Events Permit for the 2026 Homecoming Parade to be held Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 5:15 p.m. providing all paperwork is signed. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT FOR THE 2027 GRADUATION PARADE TO BE HELD FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2027 AT 8:00 P.M.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Olive approve the Special Events Permit the Special Events Permit for the 2027 Graduation Parade to be held Friday, May 14, 2027 at 8:00 p.m. providing all paperwork is signed. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF BIKE ROUTE SIGNS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,866.87 TO BE FUNDED FROM HOTEL MOTEL TAX LINE ITEM.

Motion by Alderman Dennis and seconded by Alderman Hagen to approve the purchase of bike route signs in the amount of \$6,866.87 to be funded from Hotel Motel Tax line item. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Olive and Hagen voted YEA. Alderman Bryant voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried 6-1.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE POLLUTION & CYBER RENEWAL POLICY FROM DIMOND BROTHERS INSURANCE.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Hagen to accept the Pollution & Cyber Renewal policy from Dimond Brothers Insurance. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Olive and Hagen voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO AMEND CITY CODE 8-4-1-E-2 IN ACCORDANCE TO THE MOTION APPROVED AT THE COMMITTEE MEETING.

Motion by Alderman Hagen and seconded by Alderman Bryant to direct the City Attorney to amend City Code 8-4-1-E-2 in accordance to the motion approved at the Committee Meeting. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Olive and Hagen voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF STEEL WHEELS FOR THE SEWER CAMERA FROM EJ EQUIPMENT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$3,500.00.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve the purchase of Steel Wheels for the Sewer Camera from EJ Equipment at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.00. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Olive and Hagen voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE BENTON ENGINEERING TO PROCEED WITH THE ENGINEERING DESIGN PHASE FOR THE PAVEMENT, SIDEWALKS AND CURBS ON THE DOWNTOWN SQUARE.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve Benton Engineering to proceed with the engineering design phase for the pavement, sidewalks and curbs on the Downtown Project. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Olive and Hagen voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM ILLINOIS VALLEY PAVING, A DIVISION OF UCM, INC. FOR \$85,078.37 FOR WORK ASSOCIATED WITH THE RESURFACING OF W. MAIN CROSS STREET FROM HOUSTON STREET TO WEST OF SILVER STREET PENDING THE RECEIPT OF SIGNED CONTRACTS, INSURANCE & BONDS.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Dennis to accept the proposal from Illinois Valley Paving, a Division of UCM, Inc. for \$85,078.37 for work associated with the Resurfacing of W. Main Cross Street from Houston St. to west of Silver St. pending the receipt of signed contracts, insurance & bonds. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Olive and Hagen voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM EARTHWORX SOLUTIONS, LLC FOR \$276,979.50 FOR WORK ASSOCIATED WITH THE RECONSTRUCTION OF ADAMS STREET FROM WASHINGTON STREET TO MAIN STREET, PENDING THE RECEIPT OF SIGNED CONTRACTS, INSURANCE & BONDS.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Bryant to accept the proposal from Earthworx Solutions, LLC for \$276,979.50 for work associated with the Reconstruction of Adams Street from Washington St. to Main St., pending the receipt of signed contracts, insurance & bonds. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Olive and Hagen voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

Attorney Romano gave updates.

Mayor Barry thanked the Band & Choir, the Lake Superintendent, Cemetery Superintendent, Street Superintendent, the Fire Chief and all involved in the 250 Year Parade and Fireworks display.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Budd to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Olive and Hagen voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Brown to authorize the payment of bills in the amount of (\$439,373.38). Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Olive and Hagen voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

Several citizens addressed the Council and spoke in opposition to the Downtown Project as they do not want the sidewalks removed. The Mayor announced this can be discussed at the next Street & Sewer Committee Meeting.

Lori Cocagne addressed the Council in reference to the potential BYOB Ordinance. The Mayor announced this will be discussed at the next Ordinance Committee Meeting.

Several citizens spoke in support of Lorachelle Eck who was released from her position at the Taylorville Public Library as the director. Lorachelle Eck also addressed the City Council.

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

The Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.