

At the regular meeting held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, August 15, 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, and Wilson were present. Alderman Skultety was absent.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Mayor Barry presented the Volunteer of the Month to Jenny Moats. Jenny has devoted countless hours to the Taylorville Sports Boosters, as well as heading up the Tornado Open for the past five years.

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

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held August 1, 2022; the Cemetery Board of Managers Meeting held August 2, 2022; and the Emergency Services Committee Meeting held August 4, 2022; the Personnel Committee Meeting held August 4, 2022; the Lake/Airport Committee Meeting held August 11, 2022; and the Water/Environmental Committee Meeting held August 11, 2022. OMNIBUS VOTE

ORDINANCE NO. 4122 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARAGRAPH C. OF SECTION 11-7-3 OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 11 OF THE TAYLORVILLE CITY CODE (RE: STREET DESIGN PAVEMENT STANDARDS)

Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Budd to approve Ordinance No. 4122 – An Ordinance Amending Paragraph C. of Section 11-7-3 of Chapter 7, Title 11 of the Taylorville City Code (re: Street Design of Pavement Standards). Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Wilson, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

PROMOTION OF CODY ROGERS – ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF

Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Brown to approve the promotion of Captain Cody Rogers to Assistant Fire Chief. The motion carried (7-0).

PURCHASE OF 16 BCM RIFLES – TAYLORVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to approve the Police Department to purchase 16 BCM Rifles with a 14.5 inch barrel at a cost of \$1,336.95 per rifle plus \$250.00 per mounting bracket, plus labor for installation, in an amount not to exceed \$27,000.00. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE CONFERENCE FEES – CITY ATTORNEY ROMANO

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve payment of one half of the Illinois Municipal League conference registration and hotel expense for City Attorney Romano. Roll

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

100 TREES – WATER TREATMENT PLANT - PODESCHI TREE FARMS

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to approve the Water Department to hire Podeschi Tree Farms to plant 100 trees on the North property line of the Water Treatment Plant at a cost not to exceed \$4,195.00. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CEMETERY BOARD OF MANAGERS

MOVING OF CEMETERY FUEL TANKS

Motion by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve the moving of the Cemetery fuel tank at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00, with the money coming from the Perpetual Care Interest in the FY 2022/2023 Budget. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

CITY AUCTION ITEMS

Motion by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Driskell to include a 1972 Ford Dump Truck and a John Deere Leaf Vac in the City Auction. The motion carried (7-0).

EMERGENCY SERVICES

PURCHASE OF BALLISTIC VESTS – RMA ARMAMENT, INC.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to approve the Fire Department to purchase seven (7) Ballistic Vests from RMA Armament, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$2,495.68, with 50% of the payment to be reimbursed to the City by the Hero Fund Grant. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

PURCHASE OF HYPER-REACH – ESDA

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Budd to approve the Fire Department to purchase Hyper-Reach for a one-year contract at a cost not to exceed \$5,450.00, to be paid from the ESDA Budget. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

PURCHASE OF DELL MONITOR, CAMERA, SPEAKERPHONE – COMPUTER TECHNIQUES

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to approve the Fire Department to purchase a Dell 86” touch monitor with a 4K camera and speakerphone from Computer Techniques with a cost not to exceed \$12,094.59, with the City of Taylorville to pay \$6,047.29 from ESDA Budget and the remaining \$6,047.30 to be paid by Christian County Emergency Management. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

PERSONNEL

BID AND/OR ADVERTISE PART-TIME DISPATCHER – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Wilson to bid and/or advertise a Part-Time Dispatcher for the Taylorville Police Department. The motion carried (7-0).

BID AND/OR ADVERTISE LEAD DISPATCHER – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Brown to bid and/or advertise the Lead Dispatcher for the Taylorville Police Department. The motion carried (7-0).

LAKE/AIRPORT

CAMPGROUND LEASE PAYMENTS

Motion by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve changing the Campground Lease payments to a one-time payment in full due April 1 of each year, and to direct the City Attorney to make the required changes to the Campground Lease Agreement and City Code. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

INCREASE IN LAKE LOT/CAMPGROUND LEASE FEES

Motion by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Driskell to approve increasing Lake Lot Lease fees to \$600.00 per year, and the Campground Lease fees to \$875.00 per year, and to direct the City Attorney to make required changes to the Lease Agreements and to the City Code. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, and Driskell voted YEA. Aldermen Olive and Wilson voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

WATER/ENVIRONMENTAL

PURCHASE OF SCORPION II ATTENUATOR – WARNING LIGHTS OF SOUTHERN IL LLC

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve the purchase of a Scorpion II Attenuator from Warning Lights of Southern IL LLC at a cost not to exceed \$31,925.00, with the Street and Sewer Department and Water Department to pay \$8,000.00 each, and the Safety Committee to pay \$15,925.00, and to waive any statutory bidding requirements. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

ENGINEERING FOR WATER PROJECTS – BENTON & ASSOCIATES

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Budd to approve Benton & Associates to begin engineering for the various Water Projects at a cost not to exceed \$175,000.00. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve payment of the bills. Discussion was held regarding another vet bill from Animal Kingdom that the City will be responsible for due to the animal being taken in by the Health and Building Officer. The City will attempt to make contact with the pet's owner for repayment to the City. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to address the Council. Mike Semerau, owner of Taylorville Music Lessons, discussed his music business and recent renovation of building and parking lot. He requested any type of City grant opportunities to assist with his costs. He also invited the Council to attend his Customer Appreciation Event for his one-year anniversary on August 28, 2022 from 1-4 P.M. He further stated that he will be hosting an Open Mic Night at the VFW on the last Thursday of the next three months. He is encouraging performers of all ages to attend.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Brown to go into Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) to discuss the claims, demands, and settlement proposal of Andrea Conrath, former City Human Resource Manager, and her probable or imminent litigation against the City that her attorney indicates in her July 20, 2022 email sent to Attorney Jamie Westbrook; and to include any and all subject matters relating to said claims, demands, settlement proposal or probable or imminent litigation including, but not limited to, subject matters relating to investigation, attorney-client reports and communications, consultant reports, discovery, settlement negotiations, settlement offers, Illinois Freedom of Information

Act requests, status of case, offers, issues, attorney opinions and recommendations, pre-trial and trial strategies, and to include the following persons to be present during all or part of such closed session, namely: the Mayor, Aldermen, City Clerk, City Treasurer, City Attorney, Fire Chief, Attorney Jamie Westbrook(via Zoom), and such other person or persons as the Mayor may decide during this City Council regular meeting and/or during such Closed Session.

The City Council recessed at 7:29 P.M. and went into Closed Session at 7:33 P.M. The City Council returned to Open Session at 8:09 P.M.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.