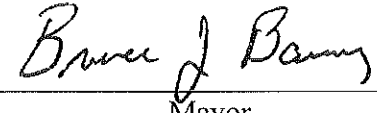


At the regular meeting held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, August 17, 2026, the following proceedings were held and entered in this record in the following words and figures to wit:


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, Driskell, Hagen and Olive were present. 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, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

Motion by Alderman Hagen and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held August 3, 2026, the Personnel Committee meeting held August 6, 2026, the Emergency Services Committee meeting held August 6, 2026, the Water Committee meeting held August 13, 2026 and the Lake/Airport Committee meeting held August 13, 2026. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

ORDINANCE #4381-AMENDING SUBPARAGRAPH E.2 OF SECTION 8-4-1 AND PARAGRAPH A. AND B. OF SECTION 8-4-2 OF CHAPTER 4 OF TITLE 8 TO THE TAYLORVILLE CITY CODE (TAPPING WATER MAIN SPECIFICATIONS AND PIPE SPECIFICATIONS AND INSTALLATION).

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Hagen to Approve Amending Subparagraph E.2. of Section 8-4-1 and Paragraphs A. and B. of Section 8-4-2 of Chapter 4 of Title 8 to the Taylorville City Code (tapping water main specifications and pipe specifications and installation). Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen, Olive and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 9-0.

ORDINANCE #4382 - ADDING NO PARKING ON NORTH SIDE OF 800 BLOCK OF WEST MARKET STREET.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Brown to Approve Adding no Parking on North Side of 800 Block of West Market Street. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen, Olive and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 9-0.

ORDINANCE #4383 - APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TAYLORVILLE DUSTIN CLARK (100 & 102 S. MAIN STREET).

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Dennis to Approve and Authorize the Execution of a Second Amendment to the Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement by and between the City of Taylorville and Dustin Clark (100 & 102 S. Main Street). Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen, Olive and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 9-0.

RESOLUTION #1524 – COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT - STATE OF ILLINOIS COMMUNITY BLOCK DEVELOPMENT GRANT.

Motion by Alderman Hagen and seconded by Alderman Bryant to Approve the Resolution of Support for the State of Illinois Community Block Development Grant. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT ADMINISTRATION FOR THE GRANT IN REFERENCE TO RT 48 WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENT WITH BENTON ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000.00.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to Approve the Agreement Administration the for Grant in reference to Rt 48 Water Main Improvement with Benton Engineering in the amount of \$30,000.00. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT FOR ST. MARY'S FALL FESTIVAL TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 18TH FROM 3PM-11PM, 19TH FROM 10AM-11PM & 20TH FROM 9AM-6PM.

Motion by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Olive to Approve the Special Events Permit for St. Mary's Fall Festival to be held September 18th from 3pm -11 pm, 19th from 10am – 11pm & 20th from 9am – 6pm. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT FOR PUB116 ANNIVERSARY PARTY TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 26TH FROM 2PM UNTIL 11PM WITH THE BAND BEGINNING AT 8PM. THIS WILL BE HELD IN THE PARKING LOT AT 116 E. MAIN CROSS STREET.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to Approve the Special Events Permit for Pub116 Anniversary Party to be held September 26th from 2 pm until 11 pm with the band beginning at 8pm. This will be held in the parking lot at 116 E. Main Cross Street. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2026-2027 GAS PREPAY/FIRM PRICE CONTRACT WITH FS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,933.75.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Hagen to Approve the 2026-2027 Gas Prepay/Firm Price Contract with FS in the amount of \$6,933.75. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE WITH AMERICAN TOWER AS DISCUSSED AT THE SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Hagen to direct the City Attorney to negotiate with American Tower as discussed at the Special Finance Committee Meeting. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO BID AND/OR ADVERTISE A FULL-TIME LEAD DISPATCH POSITION IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Driskell to bid and/or advertise a Full-Time Lead Dispatch position in the Police Department. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROMOTION OF KOBE WHEATON TO FIRE CAPTAIN.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Hagen to Approve the promotion of Kobe Wheaton to Fire Captain. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TURNOUT GEAR FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$3,693.00.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Olive to Approve the purchase Turnout Gear for the Fire Department at a cost not to exceed \$3,693.00. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE IACP CONFERENCE EXPENSE FOR CHIEF WHEELER AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$1,800.00.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to Approve the IACP Conference expense for Chief Wheeler at a cost not to exceed \$1,800.00. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TRAINING AMMUNITION AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$2,128.96.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Olive to Approve the purchase Training Ammunition at a cost not to exceed \$2,128.96. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) POLICE VEHICLES AND EQUIP THEM AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00 FROM THE DOJ, TRAFFIC REVENUE FUNDS AND ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS AND TO WAIVE ALL STATUTORY BIDDING REQUIREMENTS.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Dennis to Approve the purchase three (3) police vehicles and equip them at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00 from the DOJ, Traffic Revenue Funds and Asset Forfeiture Funds and to waive all statutory bidding requirements. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A SURGE PROTECTOR FROM MORRISON ELECTRIC AT A COST OF \$2,300.00.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Hagen to Approve the purchase of a Surge Protector from Morrison Electric at a cost of \$2,300.00. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE BIDDING PROCESS FOR POTHOLING SERVICE ASSOCIATED WITH THE LEAD SERVICE LINE INVENTORY.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Driskell to Approve the bidding process for potholing service associated with the Lead Service Line Inventory. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE OBTAINING AN APPRAISAL OF THE 6.997-ACRE PARCEL (4.5 TILLABLE ACRES) FOR THE POTENTIAL SALE OF THE PROPERTY. THE APPRAISAL WILL BE MADE BY AN ILLINOIS CERTIFIED AND LICENSED APPRAISER.

Motion by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Bryant to Approve obtaining an appraisal of the 6.997-acre parcel (4.5 tillable acres) for the potential sale of the property. The appraisal will be made by an Illinois Certified and Licensed Appraiser. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE SUPERINTENDENT ORTMAN TO SEEK BIDS FOR THE FOUR PARCELS OF LAKE TAYLORVILLE FARMLAND TOTALING 27.02 ACRES FOR THE 2027 THROUGH 2031 CROP YEARS (FIVE-YEAR LEASE).

Motion by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Driskell to Authorize Superintendent Ortman to seek bids for the four parcels of Lake Taylorville farmland totaling 27.02 acres for the 2027 through 2031 crop years (five-year lease term). Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF AN EMERGENCY PHONE AT THE MARINA BY CTI AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$1,050.00.

Motion by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Hagen to Approve the purchase and installation of an Emergency Phone at the Marina by CTI at a cost not to exceed \$1,050.00. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

Attorney Romano gave updates.

Mayor Barry commended Travis Peden for his work with the Taylorville Police Department and congratulated Kobe Wheaton for being promoted to Fire Captain.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Bryant to authorize the payment of bills in the amount of (\$706,640.62). Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Hagen and Olive voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to address the Council and no one present addressed the Council.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Driskell to adjourn. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.