

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
AUGUST 21, 2025

MEMBERS

Chairman Skultety
Alderman Dorchinecz
Alderman Brown
Alderman Budd

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Clerk Richardson
Alderman Bryant
Alderman Olive
Alderman Driskell
Treasurer Nicols
HBO Goodall
Lori McDaniel
Shyler Kraus
Warren Probst
Kellie Hammell
Babe Assad

Superintendent Mann
Superintendent Ortman
Lisa Sassatelli
Alicia Mayes
Jim Morris
Tim McArdle
Robert Steiner
Blaine Smith
Superintendent Brune
Debra Champley
Bruce Blanshan

Chairman Skultety called the meeting to order at 6:28 P.M.

BDD APPLICATION REVIEW

A total of 4 applications were reviewed by the Finance Committee. Chairman Skultety provided information to the Committee about each application.

The first application was received from Central Illinois Optometric Associates-Advanced Eye Care for the property located at 900 W. Springfield Road. The estimated cost is \$15,441.00. This is the first application for this property. The current project would be \$10,000.00 at 50% (\$5,000.00); \$5,441.00 at 35% (\$1,904.35) for a total of \$6,904.35 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 900 W. Springfield Road in the amount of \$6,904.35. Motion carried 4-0.

The second application was received from Jeffrey Peabody for the property located at 210 N. Cherokee. The estimated cost is \$11,449.00. This is the second application for this property. The current project will be \$10,000.00 at 50% (\$5,000.00); \$1,449.00 at 35% (\$507.15) for a total of \$5,507.15 in BDD Funds.

No action taken.

The third application was received from Christian County YMCA for the property located at 900 McAdam Drive. The estimated cost is \$17,525.00. This is the fourth application for this property. The current project will be \$17,525.00 at 25% (\$4,381.25) in BDD funds.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Brown to recommend to the City Council to approve the Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement for the property located at 900 McAdam Drive in the amount of \$4,381.25. Motion carried 4-0.

The fourth application received from Christian County Historical Society for the property located at 1791 Morrison Drive. The estimated cost is \$16,864.00. This is the second application for this property. The current project will be \$16,864.00 at 25% (\$4,216.00) for a total of \$4,216.00 in BDD Funds.

Motion by Alderman Budd 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 1791 Morrison Drive in the amount of \$4,216.00. Motion carried 4-0.

WATER-RECONNECT FEE

Chairman Skultety discussed changing the City Code 8-4-9B-4 and applicable ordinance to increase the water reconnect fee up to \$50.00 for residents and \$85.00 for nonresidents as fees for restoration of service. Shut off notices will also be discontinued starting November 1, 2025. City Code 8-4-9 remove paragraph L. regarding Clearwater Organic Farms.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Brown to recommend to City Council to amend the City Code 8-4-9B-4 and applicable ordinance to increase the water reconnect fee up to \$50.00 for residents and \$85.00 for nonresidents as fees for restoration of service. Discontinue shut off notices as of November 1, 2025 and remove Paragraph L in the City Code 8-4-9. Motion carried 4-0.

U.S.P.S.- HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE

Superintendent Mann discussed U.S.P.S. is requesting an Ordinance to create a handicapped parking space. The sidewalks are already handicapped accessible. Attorney Romano will need to prepare the Ordinance and Superintendent Mann will take care of the signage.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Budd to direct the City Attorney to create an ordinance for a handicapped parking space for the United States Postal Service. Motion carried 4-0.

UPDATING THE CITY CODE TO REFLECT THE PRIOR CHANGES TO THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK RE: NEPOTISM & RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

Clerk Richardson discussed the Handbook and AFSCME contract was updated January 1, 2024 the City Code needs to be updated to reflect the changes to residency requirements from 6.5 to the current 20-mile radius.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Brown to update City Code 1-9-2A to change the residency requirement from 6.5-mile radius to 20- mile radius. Motion carried 4-0.

BLIGHTED PROPERTY ORDINANCE

Chairman Skultety would like an application process to be established to address the blighted properties. The committee is to consider options and be prepared for next months meeting to address this issue.

CITY CODE 1-9A-2

Alderman Bryant would like to have the City Code 1-9A-2 revised to state any person directed by the City Council to draft Ordinances for the City. This item will be revisited at a later date.

CITY CODE 1-9-13

Alderman Bryant would like this item revisited at a later date.

CAMPERS FOR STORAGE

Alderman Budd would like to see an ordinance created to address campers being used for storage. HBO Goodall will address the nuisance promptly.

INSURANCE FOR SUPERINTENDENTS

Mayor Barry addressed the rising cost associated with health insurance coverage for Superintendents and Non-Bargaining employees. He expressed a preference for these employee groups to be offered the base-level health insurance plan provided by the City. Should an employee choose a higher-tier plan or elect to include family coverage, the additional cost would be the responsibility of the employee.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Brown to recommend to the City Council to grandfather current Superintendent and Non-Bargaining Members in with their current health insurance coverage. Any/all future Superintendent's and Non-Bargaining Members will be offered the base-level health insurance plan provided by the City. Should an employee choose a higher-tier plan or elect to include family coverage, the additional cost would be the responsibility of the employee. Motion carried 4-0.


ANY OTHER MATTERS

Clerk Richardson discussed a potential need for a new Ordinance regarding "bring your own beer" at business establishments.

Alderman Driskell inquired into several concerning properties. HBO Goodall discussed the steps taken and the future steps to be taken in the near future. HBO Goodall discussed adjusting his working hours to make contact with Ordinance Violators.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.


Chris Skultety, Chairman
Ordinance Committee