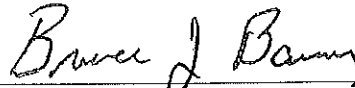


At the regular meeting held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, September 2, 2025, the following proceedings were held and entered in this record in the following words and figures to wit:



City Clerk



Mayor

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

The Mayor requested a moment of silence for the passing of Band Director and Teacher Jim Smith.

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, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Skultety were present. Aldermen Bryant was absent. Alderman Dennis and Attorney Romano were present via zoom.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Alderman Skultety 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 Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Brown to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held August 18, 2025, the Finance Committee meeting held August 21, 2025, the Ordinance Committee meeting held August 21, 2025, the Public Facilities Committee meeting held August 28, 2025 and the Street & Sewer Committee meeting held August 28, 2025. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve the Mayor's Appointment of MaryAnn Lowry to the Library Board. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

Clerk Richardson gave the Oath of Office to Jeff Stoner promoting him to Fire Captain.

Clerk Richardson gave the Oath of Office to Luke Millan – Fire Department

ORDINANCE #4323 - AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TAYLORVILLE AND CENTRAL ILLINOIS OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATES, LTD, D.B.A. ADVANCED EYE CARE (900 W. SPRINGFIELD RD STE A).

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Brown to Approve and Authorize the Execution of the First Amendment to the Business District Agreement by and between the Central Illinois Optometric Associates, LTD, D.B.A. Advanced Eye Care (900 W. Springfield Rd Ste A). Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

ORDINANCE #4324 - AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TAYLORVILLE AND THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (1791 MORRISON DRIVE).

Motion by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Driskell to Approve and Authorize the Execution of the First Amendment to the Business District Agreement by and between the City of Taylorville and the Christian County Historical Society (1791 Morrison Drive). Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

ORDINANCE #4325 - AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TAYLORVILLE AND THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY YMCA (900 McADAM DRIVE).

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Brown to Approve and Authorize the Execution of the First Amendment to the Business District Agreement by and between the City of Taylorville and the Christian County YMCA (900 McAdam Drive). Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

RESOLUTION # 1511 - AUTHORIZING REAL ESTATE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH RICK AND LISA CHAMPLEY.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Driskell to authorize a Resolution Authorizing the Real Estate Lease Agreement with Rick and Lisa Champley. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

RESOLUTION # 1512 - AUTHORIZING REAL ESTATE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH JAKE HEBERLING.

Motion by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Skultety to authorize a Resolution Authorizing the Real Estate Lease Agreement with Jake Heberling. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT FOR ST MARY'S CHURCH FALL FESTIVAL TO BE HELD 9/12/25 (4 PM – 10 PM), 9/13/25 (8 AM – 10 PM), AND 9/14/25 (11 AM – 5 PM).

Motion by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to approve the Special Events Permit for St. Mary's Church Fall Festival to be held 9/12/25 (4 p.m.-10 p.m.), 9/13/25 (8 a.m.-10 p.m.), and 9/14/25 (11 a.m.-5 p.m.). Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT FOR THE SPORTS BOOSTERS FOR FAITH BIBLE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY TO BE HELD AT THE CORNER OF WEBTER AND WEST MAIN CROSS STREET ON 9/26/25 (8 AM - 4 PM) AND 9/27/25 (9 AM – 2 PM).

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Brwon to approve the Special Events Permit for Sports Boosters for Faith Bible Christian Academy to be held at the corner of Webster and West Main Cross Steet on 09/26/25 (8 a.m.- 4 p.m.) and 9/27/25 (9 a.m.-2 p.m.). Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE REPLACEMENT OF THE CURRENT HEATING SYSTEM AT THE CEMETERY AND ACCEPT THE LOW BID FROM BLAKELY HEATING AND COOLING. FUNDS TO COME FROM 580-5-490-891 (CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS LINE ITEM).

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Brown to approve the replacement of the current heating system at the Cemetery and accept the low bid from Blakely Heating and Cooling. Funds to come from 580-5-490-891 (capital improvements line item). Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE PAYING FOR THE ROUTE 104 SIDEWALKS OUT OF TIF FUND RATHER THAN BDD FUND.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Budd to approve paying for the Route 104 Sidewalks out of the TIF Fund rather than BDD Fund. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE TO HIRE SIKICH AS THE AUDITOR FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 AUDIT.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve to hire Sikich as the Auditor for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Audit. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. Aldermen Dorchinecz and Driskell voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried 5-2.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE 2025-2026 GAS FIRM PRICE CONTRACT WITH CENTRAL COMMODITY (FS) IN REFERENCE TO PURCHASING PROPANE - CASH/CHECK OPTION.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Skultety to approve the 2025-2026 Gas Firm Price Contract with Central Commodity (FS) in reference to purchasing propane - cash/check option. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO SUBMIT AN OVERHANG EASEMENT PROPOSAL TO COMMONWEALTH EDISON FOR \$44,300.00 FOR THE 2.2155 ACRES OWNED BY THE CITY AND REQUIRE COMMONWEALTH EDISON PAY THE CITY ATTORNEY FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE EASEMENT.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Driskell to direct the City Attorney to submit an Overhang Easement Proposal to Commonwealth Edison for \$44,300.00 for the 2.2155 acres owned by the City of Taylorville and to require Commonwealth Edison pay the City Attorney fees associated with the Easement. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO AMEND THE CITY CODE 8-4-9B-4 AND APPLICABLE ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE WATER RECONNECTION 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 by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Driskell to Direct the City Attorney to amend the City Code 8-4-9B-4 and applicable ordinance to increase the water reconnection 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. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO CREATE AN ORDINANCE FOR A HANDICAP SPACE FOR THE UNITED STATES POST OFFICE.

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Driskell to Direct the City Attorney to create an ordinance for a handicapped parking space for the United States Postal Service. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO AMEND THE CITY CODE 1-9-2A TO CHANGE THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FROM 6.5 MILE RADIUS TO 20 MILE RADIUS.

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Brown to Direct the City Attorney to Amend and update City Code 1-9-2A to change the residency requirement from 6.5 - mile radius to 20 - mile radius. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION 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 by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to Table the motion 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 addition cost would be the responsibility of the employee. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell and Olive voted YEA. Alderman Skultety voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion was Tabled 6-1.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE MAYOR TO SIGN CHANGE ORDER #2 – ILLINOIS VALLEY PAVING IN THE AMOUNT OF -\$52,446.88 FOR WORK PERFORMED AT THE TAYLORVILLE FOOD CENTER IMPROVEMENTS, THIS CONDITIONED UPON RECEIPT OF SIGNED MECHANICS LIEN WAIVERS IN THIS AMOUNT, CERTIFIED PAYROLL RECORDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE PROJECT ENGINEER THAT WORK HAS BEEN SATISFACTORILY PERFORMED.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Driskell to Authorize and direct the Mayor to sign Change Order #2 – Illinois Valley Paving in the amount of -\$52,446.88 for work performed at the Taylorville Food Center Street Improvements, this conditioned on the receipt of signed mechanics lien waivers in this amount, certified payroll records and as recommended by the Project Engineer that has been satisfactorily performed. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE MAYOR TO SIGN PAY ORDER #2 – ILLINOIS VALLEY PAVING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$286,531.18 FOR WORK PERFORMED AT THE TAYLORVILLE FOOD CENTER IMPROVEMENTS, THIS CONDITIONED UPON RECEIPT OF SIGNED MECHANICS LIEN WAIVERS IN THIS AMOUNT, CERTIFIED PAYROLL RECORDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE PROJECT ENGINEER THAT WORK HAS BEEN SATISFACTORILY PERFORMED. FUNDS TO COME FROM LINE ITEM 010-5-410-52401.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Skultety to Authorize and direct the Mayor to sign Pay Request #2 – Illinois Valley Paving in the amount of \$286,531.18 for work performed at the Taylorville Food Center Street Improvements, this conditioned on the receipt of signed mechanics lien waivers in this amount, certified payroll records and as recommended by the Project Engineer that has been satisfactorily performed. Funds to come from line item 010-5-410-52401. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE REPAIR OF THE 05-1 TANDEM (JLS) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$14,000.00. FUNDS TO COME FROM LINE ITEM 010-5-410-512.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to approve the repair of the 05-1 Tandem (JLS) in an amount not to exceed \$14,000.00. Funds to come from line item 010-5-410-512. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZE BENTON & ASSOCIATES TO SEEK PROPOSALS ON THE ADAMS STREET CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to authorize Benton & Associates to seek proposals on the Adams Street construction project. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE BENTON ENGINEERING PROPOSAL FOR IDOT SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL BIKE RODEO GRANT APPLICATION AND GRAND ADMINISTRATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,200.00 WITH FUNDS FROM PUBLIC RELATIONS LINE ITEM.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Driskell to Authorize and Direct the Mayor to sign the Benton Engineering Proposal for IDOT Safe Routes to School Bike Rodeo Grant Application and Grant Administration in the amount of \$3,200.00 with funds from the Public Relations line item. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE UP TO \$925,000.00 OF RBI MFT, MFT, AND LOCAL FUNDS TO THE W. MAIN CROSS STREET IMPORVEMENT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE IDOT JOINT AGREEMENT.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Budd to approve the Resolution to appropriate up to \$925,000 of RBI MFT, MFT, and local funds to the W. Main Cross Street Improvement project and Authorize and Direct the Mayor to sign the IDOT Joint Agreement. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, and Olive voted YEA. Alderman Skultety voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried 6-1.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURES LOCATED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS WITH THE PROPERTY OWNER BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL DUMPSTER FEES AND SIGN THE WAVIER PREPARED BY ATTORNEY ROMANO. PROPERTIES LOCATED AT: 1133 E. ELM STREET, 902 E. THOMPSON STREET, 809 E. LEWIS STREET AND 625 N CHENEY STREET.

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Driskell to table the above motion. Roll Call – Aldermen Dorchinecz, Driskell and Skultety voted YEA. Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis and Olive voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion failed 4-3.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Budd to approve the demolition of the structures located at the following locations:

1133 E. Elm Street

902 E. Thompson Street

809 E. Lewis Street

625 N. Cheney Street

The property owner will be responsible for all dumpster fees and sign the waiver prepared by Attorney Romano. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, and Olive voted YEA. Aldermen Dorchinecz, Driskell and Skultety voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried 4-3.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE TURNING OFF THE POWER IN INDUSTRIAL PARK.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Skultety to approve turning off the power in Industrial Park. Roll Call – Alderman Driskel voted YEA. Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Olive and Skultety voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion failed 6-1.

Attorney Romano gave updates. Alderman Skultety asked Attorney Romano about writing the Ordinances for the City of Taylorville. He questioned if Attorney Romano actually owned these as he had prepared the documents. Attorney Romano advised although he does not actually own the rights to the documents he has prepared for the City, he does advise that because they are legal documents they should be prepared or reviewed by an Attorney.

Mayor Barry advised that the road work continues around Taylorville Food Center. He advised the public to drive safe around the schools now that children are back in school.

#### MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Brown to Accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Skultety 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 \$736,278.76. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

#### BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to address the Council. Alderman Skultety advised the Ordinance Committee had been looking for the best options to address the City demolishing homes and he will not bring discussion of demolition to structures back to Committee. Alderman Driskell stated that we have not currently been abiding by the City Code and should be following the guidelines. Alderman Brown stated we need a better way moving forward to handle the tearing down of homes.

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

The Meeting adjourned at 7:43 P.M.