

At the regular meeting held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, September 8, 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 Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Hagen were present. Alderman Brown was absent. Attorney Romano was present via zoom.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Dennis to approve the minutes of the Two Public Hearings held August 17, 2026, the Regular City Council Meeting held August 17, 2026, the Finance Committee meeting held August 20, 2026, the Ordinance Committee meeting held August 20, 2026, the Street & Sewer Committee meeting held August 27, 2026, the Special Ordinance Committee meeting held September 3, 2026, the Special City Council meeting held September 3, 2026, the Personnel Committee meeting held September 3, 2026 and the Emergency Services Committee meeting held September 3, 2026. Roll Call – Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Hagen voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

OATH OF OFFICE

City Clerk Richardson gave the Oath of Office to Kobe Wheaton - Fire Department.

MOTION TO APPROVE AND RATIFY THE REVISED PAGE 2 OF THE MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE VIOLATION FORM.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Hagen to approve and ratify the revised Page 2 of the Municipal Violation Form. Roll Call – Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Hagen voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE CHANGING THE FINANCE & ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING FROM THE DATE OF THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH TO TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH AT 6:00 P.M.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to approve changing the Finance & Ordinance Committee meeting from the date of Thursday September 17th to Tuesday September 15th at 6:00 p.m. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO RESCIND ORDINANCE #4384 (RE: AMENDING CLASS L “SPECIAL USE PERMIT” LICENSES).

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Budd to Rescind Ordinance #4384 (re: amending Class L “Special Use Permit” Licenses). Roll Call – Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Hagen and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 8-0.

MOTION TO BID AND/OR ADVERTISE FOR AN OFFICE LEVEL II POSITION IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Hagen to bid and/or advertise for an Office Level II position in the Police Department. Roll Call – Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Hagen voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT IN REFERENCE TO CHILDHOOD CANCER – PARADE WILL BEGIN AT THE FAIRGROUNDS AND FOLLOW MAIN STREET TO THE TAYLORVILLE SQUARE AND WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Bryant to Approve the Special Events Permit in reference to Childhood Cancer – Parade will begin at the Fairgrounds and follow Main Street to the Taylorville Square and will be held on September 22nd at 6:00 p.m. Roll Call – Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Hagen voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

TED BAILEY SPOKE IN REFERENCE TO CONSTELLATION AND HOMEFIELD ENERGY PRICING.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Budd to table this issue until a later date as prices may change. Roll Call – Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Hagen voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE BIDDING PROCESS FOR THE CITY'S COMMERCIAL PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Bryant to Approve the bidding process for the City's Commercial Property and Casualty Insurance. Roll Call – Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Hagen voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE TO PAY INDUSTRIAL PARK LIGHTING FROM THE T.I.F. FUND.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Dennis to Approve paying the Industrial Park Lighting from the T.I.F. Fund. Roll Call – Aldermen Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Olive and Hagen voted YEA. Aldermen Bryant and Driskell voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried 5-2.

MOTION TO DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO AMEND THE CITY CODE 8-1-G-16-D-3 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION HOURS OUTSIDE OF THE HOURS OF 7:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, IN PLACE OF THE CURRENT LANGUAGE STATING, "UNLESS OTHERWISE PERMITTED BY THE CITY".

Motion by Alderman Hagen and seconded by Alderman Olive to Direct the City Attorney to Amend the City Code 8-1-G-16-D-3 regarding construction hours be amended to provide that the Mayor or Street and Sewer Superintendent may authorize construction hours outside of the hours of 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Monday through Saturday, in place of the current language stating, "Unless otherwise permitted by the City". Roll Call – Aldermen Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Olive and Hagen voted YEA. Aldermen Bryant and Driskell voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried 5-2.

MOTION TO DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NO WAKE ZONE FOR ANY AND ALL WATERCRAFT AFTER SUNSET ON LAKE TAYLORVILLE. THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE SHALL PROVIDE FOR VIOLATION FEES OF \$250.00 FOR A FIRST OFFENCE, \$500.00 FOR A SECOND OFFENSE AND \$750.00 FOR A THIRD AND EACH SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE.

Motion by Alderman Hagen and seconded by Alderman Driskell to Direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance establishing a no wake zone for any and all watercraft after sunset. The proposed ordinance shall provide for violation fees of \$250.00 for a first offense, \$500.00 for a second offense, and \$750.00 for a third and each subsequent offense. Roll Call – Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Hagen voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO AMEND THE CURRENT ORDINANCE TO REMOVE THE YIELD SIGN AND INSTALL STOP SIGNS FOR NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC AT THE INTERSECTION OF CLEVELAND STREET AND SHAWNEE STREET.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Budd to Direct the City Attorney to Amend the current Ordinance to remove the yield sign and install stop signs for northbound and southbound traffic at the intersection of Cleveland Street and Shawnee Street. Roll Call – Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Hagen voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CHANGES AS PRESENTED BY SUPERINTENDENT MANN FOR THE NUMBER OF TICKETS REQUIRED TO DISPOSE OF LARGER ITEMS AT THE CITY DUMP, AS FOLLOWS: TRASH BAGS WOULD REMAIN ONE TICKET, MATTRESSES AND LARGER ITEMS, SUCH AS COUCHES, CHAIRS, TABLES, ETC. WOULD REQUIRE TEN (10) TICKETS.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Driskell accept the changes as presented by Superintendent Mann for the number of tickets required to dispose of larger items at the city dump, as follows: trash bags would remain one ticket, mattresses and larger items, such as couches, chairs, tables, etc. would require ten (10) tickets. Roll Call – Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Hagen voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO DIRECT THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE ADAMS STREET RECONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,974.28.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Bryant to authorize and direct the Mayor to sign the Change Order #1 for the Adams Street Reconstruction in the amount of \$23,974.28. Roll Call – Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Hagen voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE AND DIRECT THE MAYOR TO SIGN PAY ESTIMATE #1 FOR THE ADAMS STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$108,198.29 TO EARTHWORX SOLUTIONS, LLC, THIS CONDITIONED UPON RECEIPT OF SIGNED LEIN WAIVERS, CERTIFIED PAYROLL RECORDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE PROJECT ENGINEER AND CITY ATTORNEY THAT WORK HAS BEEN SATISFACTORILY PERFORMED.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to Approve and direct the Mayor to sign Pay Estimate #1 for the Adams Street Reconstruction project in the amount of \$108,198.29 to Earthworx Solutions, LLC, this conditioned upon the receipt of signed lien waivers, certified payroll records and recommendations by the Project Engineer and City Attorney that work has been satisfactorily performed. Roll Call – Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Hagen voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

MOTION TO DIRECT THE MAYOR TO SEND A LETTER TO THE FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING APPROVAL TO HIRE TWO REPLACEMENT POLICE OFFICERS.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Driskell to direct the mayor to send a letter to the Fire and Police Commissioners requesting approval to hire two replacement police officers. Roll Call – Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Hagen voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

Attorney Romano gave updates.

Mayor Barry congratulated Kobe Wheaton on his promotion as Fire Captain. He announced the City is looking for volunteers to work the Chili Fest and advised the 9-11 ceremony will take place on the Taylorville Square on September 11th.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS PRESENTED.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Driskell to authorize the payment of bills in the amount of (\$980,171.26). Roll Call – Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Dennis, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive and Hagen voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried 7-0.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to address the Council and Gary Spurling spoke in reference to the Downtown Project. He would like to see the Downtown added to future City Council meetings for public discussion.

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

The Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.