

## ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

February 15, 2018

### MEMBERS

Chairman Jones  
Alderman Walters  
Alderman Budd  
Mayor Barry

### ABSENT

Alderman Lanzotti

### ALSO PRESENT

Alderman Burtle  
Alderman Dorchinecz  
City Clerk Lilly  
HBO Calvert  
Brad Denning

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 8:18 P.M.

### 616 East Cleveland Street

HBO Calvert stated that he has been in discussion with the owner of the property at 616 East Cleveland Street. Mr. Brad Denning introduced himself as the owner of this property; he addressed the Committee to discuss his plans for remodeling the home. The home was purchased at the end of September. He has plans to replace the roof, fix the soffit and porch. He stated that there are no broken windows and there is no access for anyone/anything to get into the home. The gas, water and power lines are intact, but not turned on at the present time. He has agreed to have the roof, soffit and porch replaced and/or repaired by June 1.

Alderman Budd reminded the Committee that this has been a blighted property for quite some time, and although it is new to Mr. Denning, it is not a new problem for the City. He asked for permission from Mr. Denning to tear down the property if the work is not completed by June 1. Mr. Denning stated that the work would be done prior to that time.

### Solar Farms with Special Use

Mayor Barry and HBO Calvert have discussed the solar energy facilities ordinance in place at the County. They feel it is necessary to set up an Ordinance for the City as well, authorizing solar energy facilities as a special use in the City. This is normally done under AG-1 zoning. At present, there is a proposed 650 acre solar farm in Pana, along with federal subsidy for the developer. There was discussion regarding locations which would be acceptable within City limits for solar farms. The City currently has solar power at the airport. There is a home with solar panels as well within the City.

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to prepare a draft ordinance for solar energy facilities as a Special Use in the City of Taylorville. Motion carried (3-0).

### HBO Updates

HBO Calvert presented his report with updates on progress with clean up across the City. There have been 10 houses torn down to date. The owner at 1004 E. Adams recently signed documents to have this property demolished at the owner's cost. 520 N. Long has also agreed to have property torn down. 15-day notices have been sent to two other properties, and letters to another eight properties.

HBO Calvert stated that he will be presenting his budget at the March Ordinance Committee meeting for approval.

### Any Other Matters

Mayor Barry revisited the issue of increasing the liquor license fees and the importance of increasing the revenues for the City.

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Budd to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 P.M.

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Bruce Jones, Chairman  
Ordinance Committee