

At the Public Hearing held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, January 16, 2018, the following proceedings were held and entered in this record in the following words and figures to wit:

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City Clerk

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Mayor

The Mayor called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 P.M.

Roll Call - Aldermen Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Lanzotti, Olive, Vota, and Walters were present. Alderman Jones was absent.

Also present were Mayor Barry, City Clerk Lilly, HBO Calvert, City Attorney Romano, Superintendent Speagle, along with Plan & Zone Commission members Pat Kretzer, Jim Altman, Alan Collebrusco, Garrett Ess, Joe Hadley, and Scott McClure. Chairman Joe Hauser was absent.

Mayor Barry announced that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to consider an Ordinance making amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance and to the Taylorville City Code by amending Section 10-5-6 of Title 10 of the Taylorville City Code regarding indoor firearm ranges a/k/a indoor firing ranges and to consider an Ordinance adding a new Section 10-9-1A to the City's Zoning Ordinance and to the Taylorville City Code amending paragraph H of Section 9-1-1 of the Taylorville City Code concerning building permits for certain detached accessory buildings.

Alderman Jones arrived at 6:40 P.M.

Mayor Barry asked for comments regarding the proposed Ordinances. Mr. Pat Kretzer, Chairman of the Board of Appeals and Plan and Zone Commission member, opened the discussion with his concerns brought forth by the Board of Appeals when addressing the issue of accessory buildings. There is a gray area in interpreting "architecturally compatible," specifically in the case of metal buildings. He reiterated that these accessory buildings can only be up to 200 square feet, and are only taxable to the City if on a concrete slab. The Board of Appeals handles each request on a case by case basis to grant the variance. They look at all properties within 300 feet of the subject property, the placement and type of structure. They also take comments and concerns from neighbors into account when making decisions. He stated that there are roughly half a dozen requests per year.

Many of the Aldermen voiced concerns in regards to the metal carports and quansot huts. They would like to see more guidelines in place, including a specific gauge of metal/steel/fiberglass, or removing metal carports altogether from the City Code. It was also discussed that in the Code, the Zoning Officer has the authority to instruct homeowners who have not gotten a permit and followed the proper procedures to remove their structures. HBO Calvert does not have the time or manpower to search these structures out and police them. It would be difficult to determine if permits had been purchased in the past, so all structures in place to date would be grandfathered in. Mayor Barry feels that the Board of Appeals should have the authority to approve or deny the structures based on the guidelines in the City Code.

Mayor Barry opened the meeting to anyone in the audience to speak in regards to the proposed ordinance changes. There were no additional comments.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Burtle to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried (8-0).

The Public Hearing adjourned at 6:56 P.M.