

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

July 17, 2018

MEMBERS

Chairman Jones
Alderman Walters
Alderman Lanzotti
Alderman Budd
Mayor Barry

ALSO PRESENT

George Calvert
Alderman Olive
Alderman Vota
Alderman Burtle
Alderman Dorchinecz
Owen Lasswell
Gerry Mahr
Kellie Hamell
Jacque Nation
Mary Renner
Cindy Dey

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Municipal Utility Tax Procedures

Chairman Jones reviewed and discussed the Municipal Utility Tax Procedures. Currently the 2% or 2/3 of the total Municipal Utility Tax collected is deposited to the Street Maintenance Fund to be allocated between the four Wards each year to be spent on infrastructure improvements. The budget amount for each Ward should be the best estimate each Ward expects to receive for the coming fiscal year in addition of money each Ward had left over from the previous fiscal year.

The Street Maintenance Fund currently has money that has been divided equally amongst the 4 Wards and accounting of the dollar amount each ward has in the fund. The Street Maintenance Fund also has an amount of money, that is in excess of \$400,000.00, that was not equally divided amongst the 4 Wards as it should have been in the past. Council members had a very lengthy discussion regarding how the \$400,000.00 should be divided; either divided amongst the 4 Wards for their individual projects, or leave the \$400,000.00 in the account for emergency projects. It was the consensus of the Council members present to divide the \$400,000.00 amount equally five ways between the 4 Wards and create a 5th account referred to as the "Common Street Maintenance Account" for emergency projects.

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to divide the \$400,000.00, that has not been divided in the past, that is in the Street Maintenance Fund five ways: 1/5 to each Ward and 1/5 to the new Common Street Maintenance Account. Once the Common Street Maintenance Account reaches a balance of \$300,000.00, any money distributed to the Street Maintenance Fund will be divided 4 ways, equally amongst the 4 Wards. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to amend the Taylorville City Code to incorporate into Title 3 Section 2-4 the Municipal Utility Tax Money Procedure as presented with the following amendment to #3: The Street Maintenance Fund represents the total amount of monies that is divided 5 ways equally: One-fifth (1/5) to each Ward and one-fifth (1/5) to a Common Street Maintenance Account. Motion carried 4-0.

Any Other Matters

Mayor Barry is requesting the issue of Video Gaming be discussed at the next Ordinance Committee Meeting. Also, review of amending the City Code regarding the accessory building 9-1-1-h.

HBO Updates

George Calvert, Health and Building Officer, presented a list of demolitions and updated the Committee of property violations and cleanups.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Walters to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.
Meeting adjourned at 7:36 P.M.

Bruce Jones, Chairman
Ordinance Committee