

At the regular meeting held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, May 18, 2020, 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 meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

The Invocation was read by Mayor Barry which had been presented to him by Pastor Leann Jones. Mayor Barry led the Council and the assembled group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety were present in the Council Chambers. Alderman Burtle reported present through FaceTime due to COVID-19 precautions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Driskell to utilize the Omnibus Vote Designation for various meetings. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Burtle to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held May 4, 2020; the Emergency Services Committee Meeting held May 7, 2020; the Water/Environmental Committee Meeting held May 14, 2020; and the Lake/Airport Committee Meeting held May 14, 2020. OMNIBUS VOTE

ORDINANCE NO. 3961 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE CITY'S WATER MAINS TO A SPECIFIED AREA OUTSIDE THE CITY'S CORPORATE LIMITS (RE: 1600 EAST ROAD EXTENSION - DAVIS PROPERTY)

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to approve Ordinance No. 3961 - An Ordinance Authorizing the extension and maintenance of the City's Water Mains to a Specified Area Outside the City's Corporate Limits (re: 1600 East Road Extension Davis Property). Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, Skultety and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 3962 - AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 3954 (RE: BURNING OF LEAVES, VEGETATION, WEEDS, GRASS CLIPPINGS & TREE LIMBS)

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Burtle to approve Ordinance No. 3962 - An Ordinance Rescinding Ordinance No. 3954 (re: burning of leaves, vegetation, weeds, grass clippings & tree limbs). Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. Alderman Budd and Mayor Barry voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1449 - RE: INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH IEMA

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve Resolution No. 1449 - re: Intergovernmental Agreement with IEMA. This agreement allows the City of Taylorville to officially apply for the \$500,000.00 Grant with IEMA. Documentation is being gathered and finalized for the application and reimbursement process. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

HIRING OF SUMMER HELP - 2% UTILITY TAX WARD MONEY

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Driskell to approve the use of 2% Utility Tax Ward Money to hire 11 Summer Help at a rate of \$10.00 per hour/40 hours per week for 10 weeks for a total cost of \$44,000.00, with a cost to each Ward of \$7,200.00 and remainder to be paid by the Water Fund. Discussion was held regarding the Wards being paid back from the General Fund for this expense once the City's finances improve. This could be done with a motion and vote at a later date. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW YARD - PLAN COMMISSION

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve the Mayor's Appointment of Matthew Yard to the Plan Commission. The motion carried (8-0).

RE-APPOINTMENT OF BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve the Mayor's re-appointment of the following Board and Commission Members : John Blakeman to the Fire Pension Board; Kerry Ward, Greg Hager, Julio Monge, and Judy Rodden to the Cemetery Board of Managers; Jim Hahn to the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners; Pat Kretzer and Rich Shaw to the Board of Appeals; Terry Rainey and Don Farrimond to the Library Board; and Jim Hahn and Terri France to the Police Pension Board. The motion carried (8-0).

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT STIPENDS

The Mayor, Alderman Budd, and the BDD Committee discussed the option of giving stipends to businesses located in the Business Development District. According to direction given by the administrators, Jacob and Klein, the one-time stipend may be used for rent, lease or mortgage payment only. The Committee discussed awarding these, based on an application process, up to \$1,500.00 per business based on their specific need. The applicant/business owner would

be required to show proof of payment of the one month rent, lease, or mortgage payment prior to any stipend fund being released. The City Council has the authority to approve or reject any application. Steve Kline with Jacob and Klein will assist in the development of the application.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Bryant to offer a one-time rent, lease or mortgage stipend payment, up to \$1,500.00 per approved stipend application and proof of rent, lease or mortgage payment receipt, for a total stipend amount from the Business Development District Fund not to exceed \$150,000.00. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, and Olive voted YEA. Alderman Skultety voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

#### 2020 FIREWORKS CANCELLATION FEES

Mayor Barry noted that he had been approached by the Optimist Club regarding the Fourth of July fireworks. The Optimist Club stated that there is a 25% cancellation fee of \$5,000.00 should the contract for this year be cancelled, or there is an option of making a \$10,000.00 (50% of total cost) payment that would be applied to the cost of 2021 fireworks. The Optimist Club is requesting help from the City in this matter per our three-year agreement with them; they will pay the additional \$2,500.00 of the total \$10,000.00 cancellation fee. If we provide the \$7,500.00 for this year, the City will not need to make a payment in 2021. Alderman Budd noted that this is a commitment the City made to the Optimist Club for a three-year commitment, and is paid out of the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund.

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Budd to pay the Optimist Club \$7,500.00 from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund toward the credit of fireworks for 2021. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

#### COVID-19 EMERGENCY ORDER

Discussion was held regarding the Covid-19 Emergency Order and the stance the City should take in this matter. Aldermen expressed their opinions on the matter; Alderman Driskell encouraged businesses to open at their own risk, after consulting their insurance providers for guidance. Ultimately, City Attorney Romano provide legal opinions as follows: the Governor has issued a legal order and this is law at this time and has threatened to withhold Federal and State funding to those who disobey. The City can adopt a Resolution to request the Governor allow the County to re-open, but neither the City nor the Council has the authority to overturn the Governor's mandates. The Mayor stated that he has recommended that businesses who wish to open contact the Health Board for recommendations for their specific business. The City cannot make a decision either for or against opening.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### WATER/ENVIRONMENTAL

###### PLOCHER PAY REQUEST #31 - WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Bryant to direct Mayor Barry to sign Plocher Pay Request #31 in the amount of \$99,824.10 for work on the New Water Treatment Plant and forward the request to IEPA Low Interest Loan Program for disbursement and approve payment of same pending receipt of disbursement from IEPA, this conditioned upon receipt of signed mechanics lien waivers in this amount and recommendation by the Project Engineer that work has been satisfactorily performed. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

###### BENTON AND ASSOCIATES - WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to pay Benton and Associates \$8,049.58 for work performed related to the construction of the New Water Treatment Plant from March 1, 2020 through April 25, 2020. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

###### CLARK DIETZ - NEW WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to pay Clark Dietz in the amount of \$10,110.00 for work performed related to the construction of the New Water Treatment Plant from February 29, 2020 through April 24, 2020. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

###### SEVICE LINE MATERIAL BID - MIDWEST METER

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Olive to accept the low bid from Midwest Meter for Service Line Materials at a total cost not to exceed \$14,131.00. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

###### FIRE HYDRANT METER RENTAL FEES

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Driskell to allow Superintendent Speagle to change the current application for fire hydrant meter rental to reflect the following changes: Increasing the current deposit for a garden hose meter to \$300.00 and assess a \$100.00 fee if readings are not called in within 72 hours of the request. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

LAKE/AIRPORT

LAKE LOT LEASE ADDENDUM

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Skultety to approve the price of \$275.00 for an additional camper and no security deposit on the Lake Lot Lease Addendum. Discussion was held on how this would be monitored. Alderman Dorchinecz suggested a special sticker on an approved second camper to differentiate between second campers registered for a seven-day stay. It will be the responsibility of the Lake Superintendent to monitor all additional campers. Roll Call - Aldermen Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. Aldermen Bryant and Budd voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Skultety to authorize payment of bills. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

Per the Social Distancing Guidelines, constituents were instructed to email any comments to the Mayor. None were received.

Alderman Bryant stated that she had received a call from a bar owner who was concerned with the payment dates for liquor license fees if they are not allowed to open by June 1. The Mayor had also received a letter from another owner inquiring about opening.

Alderman Bryant expressed concern on the amount of legal fees for Ordinance Violations charged by City Attorney Romano. She felt that the City has paid far more in attorney fees than what has been received for Ordinance Violations. She would like to see these turned over to collections rather than multiple court dates and attorney fees.

Mayor Barry read letters from Dr. Stacy Funderburk and Jim Lindsey regarding opening up local businesses.

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Bryant to adjourn. Motion carried (8-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.