

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

May 15, 2018

### MEMBERS

Chairman Budd  
Alderman Lanzotti  
Alderman Jones  
Alderman Walters  
Mayor Barry

### ALSO PRESENT

Treasurer Nation  
Alderman Vota  
Alderman Olive  
Alderman Dorchinecz  
Andrea Ebert  
Jeff Durbin  
Chris Kuntzman

Cameron Scheller     Randy Miller  
Steve Kline  
Patty Hornbuckle  
Dr. Gregg Fursteneau  
Chief Brian Hile  
City Attorney Romano  
Clerk Lilly

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

### City Website Proposal

Mayor Barry informed the Committee that the Technology Committee had met with Mr. Jeff Durbin of CTI. Jeff has been in contact with several different companies and feels the best overall choice is Serpentine Web Solutions. The company is located in Carlyle, Illinois, and provides websites for a variety of organizations and municipalities. The County is also considering this company for their website. They offer a 7-week turnaround time, and a significantly lower cost. The website will be ADA compliant and will be based on a Word Press platform that allows us to own our website should we ever need to move to another company. We will be able to keep the current domain name as well.

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to hire Serpentine Web Solutions to develop the new City website at a cost not to exceed \$2,730.00 with a recurring cost of \$235.00 per year and \$60.00 per hour for ongoing support, training, and maintenance. Motion carried (4-0).

### City Insurances Update

Mr. Dan McNeely with Dimond Bros., LLC presented the recap of Health Insurance rates and HRA. The renewal rate for the City's Health Insurance, beginning July 1, 2018, has been re-negotiated. It has been lowered to 3.92% from the original renewal rate of 8.67%. This is an additional savings of \$53,461.00. The HRA has a 14.2% utilization in the first six months, and a 7.51% utilization on the second 6 months of the current plan year. 11 month savings to date totals \$142,035.00. 12 month savings is estimated to be \$154,948.00. Delta Dental will have a 0% increase, VSP remains the same, and AmWINS Retiree Policy will have a 2.93% increase effective January 1, 2018.

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to recommend to the City Council to accept the Health Insurance rates as provided from Dimond Bros. and Blue Cross Blue Shield HRA. Motion carried (4-0).

### Proposed Business Development District

Mr. Steve Kline discussed the development of a Business Development District(BDD) that would include most of TIF No. 1 and will allow the City to impose up to 1% additional retailers' occupation tax and service occupation tax. The BDD could be created in addition to, and as a part of, the TIF No. 1 vacant areas. It is being discussed as a result of a request by a potential developer in the TIF District No. 1. There is a substantial amount of infrastructure needed in the area prior to a development, to include sewer line, IDOT access and a new roadway. These expenses are TIF eligible but the developer is requesting the City pay for the sewer line. Estimated cost is \$70,000.00 to \$75,000.00 for the sewer and a minimum of \$300,000.00 for the roadway. There would not be enough generated by TIF alone to pay for this. Currently the City has access to .75%

Non-Home Rule Tax and 1% of the State tax. The Non-Home Rule funds are pledged for 20 years for previous project bond repayment. With the additional general sales tax imposed in the BDD, there should be enough revenue generated to cover the developer's expenses, as well as the incurred costs for the sewer and road. All would be reimbursed on a pay as you go basis. The BDD tax may be imposed in .25% increments up to 1%. It is a uniform tax for the entire district.

The process to create the BDD is much shorter than creation of the TIF District and can be completed in just a few months, beginning with an Ordinance approving the Professional Services Agreements. The costs are \$7,500.00 in professional fees and up to \$1,800.00 in reimbursable costs. Following these initial costs, there are additional annual fees per the terms of the agreement.

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to approve Professional Services Agreements for Establishing and Administering Business Development District subject to receipt of sufficient information from potential developer. Motion carried (4-0).

#### School Resource Officer

Alderman Budd addressed the Committee by stating that at the City Council meeting on 5/21/18, there was a motion to table this issue and return to Committee for further discussion. Alderman Budd requested that the City be reimbursed \$50,000.00 for the School Resource Officer(SRO) to cover a portion of the benefits, in addition to the hourly rate. Dr. Fursteneau, Superintendent of the Taylorville School District stated that they will pay the current hourly rate of the Police Officer who is hired as the SRO for a total of 176 days per year, and that is all the School Board has authorized at this time. The School District will have both State and Federal Funds to pay for this, so the taxpayers will bear no burden for this position. For either of the Officers who have expressed an interest, this would equate to \$36,185.60 reimbursed to the City. Should an increase in pay occur, the hourly rate will be reimbursed accordingly.

Discussion was held between various Aldermen, Chief Hile, Dr. Fursteneau, and Mayor Barry regarding costs, reimbursements, duties, and use of vehicle.

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to provide a School Resource Officer(SRO) with the Taylorville Community Unit School District to reimburse the City at the hourly rate of pay, in effect from time to time, times 176 days. Motion carried (3-1).

#### Chamber of Commerce Chillifest

Mrs. Patty Hornbuckle with the Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce was present to discuss the upcoming Annual Chillifest. She presented a letter and documentation of the 2016 and 2017 expenses. Last year, the City of Taylorville donated \$5,000.00 to the event, with the funds coming out of the Hotel/Motel Tax, Tourism line item. Mrs. Hornbuckle is asking that the City donate \$10,000.00 this year. She stated that this event is the true definition of what the Hotel/Motel Tax monies should be used to promote. She also feels that the City should look at the Ordinance regarding the division of this tax; 60% to Downtown Taylorville is too high. She would like to see the City change this Ordinance to allow more organizations to benefit.

Motion by Alderman Walters, with no second, to make a \$10,000.00 donation to the Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce Chillifest. Motion failed for lack of second.

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to donate \$8,000.00 to the Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce for the 2018 Chillifest. Motion carried (4-0).

#### TIF No. 1 Incentives

Alderman Walters will be bringing this item to the Street and Sewer Committee Meeting on May 24, 2018.

### Enterprise Zone Policy Revisions

Discussion was held regarding the need for revisions in policy for the Enterprise Zone regarding the recently passed Ordinance for Solar Farms. The enterprise zone may need to be expanded to include larger tracts of land for Solar Farm use. There are currently 600 acre and 12,000 acre solar farms in discussion for possible development in Taylorville/Christian County. The Committee asked City Attorney Romano to create a policy to require the developer to make up to a \$100,000 “tax deductible charitable contribution” to the City of Taylorville, in addition to the \$50,000 fee.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Walters to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to prepare a proposed revision to the Taylorville/Christian County Enterprise Zone documents to provide for a “tax deductible charitable contribution” of \$100,000.00 cash as a condition for a developer’s project to be included with such Enterprise Zone or expansion thereof in accordance with Illinois applicable statutes. Motion carried (4-0).

### 4<sup>th</sup> of July Donation – Optimist

The Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration and Fireworks, sponsored by the Taylorville Optimist Club, will be held at Lake Taylorville Marina on Wednesday, July 4, 2018. Last year the City donated \$4,500.00 to the event with \$2,000.00 coming out of the Administration/Community Relations line item, and \$2,500.00 coming from the Hotel/Motel Tax, Agency Contributions line item. There is a three-year agreement, with 2018 being the second year.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Walters to recommend to the City Council make a \$4,500.00 donation to the Taylorville Optimist Club for the Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration. Motion carried (4-0).

### FY 2018/2019 Budgets

The Committee discussed the following FY 2018/2019 Budgets: Police, Street, Sewer, Garbage, Motor Fuel Tax, Band, and Administration.

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to forward the following FY 2018/2019 Budgets: Police, Street, Sewer, Garbage, Motor Fuel Tax, Band, and Administration to the City Treasurer for further refinement. Motion carried 4-0.

### Treasurer’s Report

The February 2018 Sales Tax (received in May) was \$188,575.85 compared to \$196,978.79 in February 2017 and year-to-date is \$11,525.42 less than 2017.

The February 2018 Non-Home Rule Sales Tax (received in May) was \$75,001.66 compared to \$76,942.76 in February 2017 and year-to-date is \$3,363.19 less than 2017.

The General Fund Balance as of April 30, 2018 is \$1,765,929.44 compared to \$2,883,001.52 on April 30, 2017.

Motion by Alderman Walters and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Motion carried (4-0).

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to adjourn. Motion carried (4-0).

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 P.M.

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Larry Budd, Chairman  
Finance Committee

