

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

October 20, 2022

MEMBERS

Chairman Skultety
Alderman Dorchinecz
Alderman Budd

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Alderman Wilson
Alderman Brown
Alderman Driskell

Clerk Lilly
Treasurer Miles
HBO Goodall
Steve Craggs
Jessie Krug
Henry Krug

ABSENT

Alderman Bryant

Chairman Skultety called the meeting to order at 6:48 P.M.

3021 LINCOLN TRAIL DISCONNECTION

Henry and Jessie Krug were present to discuss their wish to sub-divide their 10.87 acre property located at 3021 Lincoln Trail. They wish to disconnect approximately 7.87 acres (8.13 acres per the Plat of Survey) from the City to County, and develop a target shooting range on that portion of the property. They plan to leave the 3.00 acre (3.22 acres per the Plat of Survey) parcel of residential property in City limits as currently zoned Residential. The target shooting range would consist of a backstop intended to stop any skipping or ricocheting of projectiles, and would be located in the timber of the portion that would be disconnected into the County. Chairman Skultety raised concerns regarding the potential loss of property tax and questioned a Special Use for the property verses the disconnection. The Krugs stated that they could make the disconnection area smaller if need be and that they had spoken to two of the three immediate neighbors who were in favor of this plan as they shoot guns as well. They also stated that this would be for personal use only; it will not be a public shooting range. Alderman Budd requested that this all be contingent upon letters of approval from all contiguous neighbors

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance for approval of the Krug disconnection request subject to compliance with the Illinois Plat Act, the City's subdivision code, the City's zoning code, and the requisite Christian County certificate of payment of taxes; letters of approval from contiguous neighbors; and to require that the Petitioner's pay the City's attorney fees and the recording fees to record the disconnection ordinance and the subdivision plat; and any title work and/or title insurance policy fees to confirm record title ownership of the subject property; and/or any publication costs that may be required in the subdivision approval process. The motion carried (3-0).

WHISTLEBLOWER POLICY

It is necessary for the City to develop a Whistleblower Protection Policy per Illinois State Statute. There must be a specific auditing official dedicated to establish written processes and procedures for managing complaints by a whistleblower. The whistleblower is protected under Public Act 101-0652 and Statute 50 ILCS 105/4.1 which prohibits retaliation. The Illinois Municipal League has developed a Model Policy, which the City can adopt. The Committee determined that the Human Resource Manager should be the designated Auditing Official for the City and maintain compliance with the statutes. Aldermen discussed the need for a Confidentiality Statement to be added, and determined that this role should be part of the Human Resource position.

Motion by Alderman and seconded by Alderman to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to prepare the Whistleblower Protection Policy, with the addition of a Confidentiality Statement, and to name the Human Resource Manager as the auditing Official for the City of Taylorville. The motion carried (3-0).

PANHANDLING POLICY

No action was taken.

1133 EAST ELM

Neighbors of the residence located at 1133 East Elm have expressed concern that the property owner is operating a business/junkyard at their property. There are often vehicles blocking the alleyway, trucks left running, and loud motorcycles and music. There are unlicensed and inoperable vehicles, and per City Code, this property could fall under the category of a nuisance property. They are requesting that it be addressed by the City. Paul Nation, neighbor to this property, stated that the property had been cleaned up somewhat, but he has lingering concerns. Mayor Barry stated he had offered to tear down the house, but the owner stated he would then put up a garage or shed, and this is not allowed per City Code. No action was taken.

NO PARKING SIGNS – 1100 BLOCK OF EAST ESTHER

Due to vehicles parking in the street and blocking other properties, a request was made for the City to place No Parking signs in the 1100 block of East Esther Street, South side of the street. After discussion, it was determined that No Parking signs would be beneficial on the West Side of Wilkinson Street and the North side of the 1100 block of East Elm Street as well.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance to amend the City Code to place No Parking Signs on the South side of the 1100 Block of East Esther, the West side of Wilkinson Street and the North side of the 1100 block of East Elm. The motion carried (3-0).

216 WEST VINE

Currently there is a business operating outside of 216 West Vine on the driveway area as a yard sale. While there is no specific violation per City Code, it was brought to the attention of the Ordinance Committee to address the guidelines for this business to operate as such. Alderman Driskell informed the Committee that she has received several calls regarding this and requested some action be taken. She suggested that there be limiting hours/days for the items to be outside the business. Chairman Skultety will discuss with City Attorney Romano regarding the legalities of and potential solutions for this issue.

HBO UPDATES

HBO Goodall was present to report a recap of this month's activity, highlighting many building permits, high grass and animal control issues. Also discussed were properties on West Franklin and Taylorville Boulevard that are in violation of various City Codes.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

No other matters were discussed.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Budd to adjourn. The motion carried (3-0).

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Chris Skultety, Chairman
Ordinance Committee