

## ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

October 17, 2019

### MEMBERS

Chairman Bryant  
Alderman Budd  
Alderman Burtle  
Alderman Lanzotti  
Mayor Barry

### ALSO PRESENT

Alderman Olive	Alderman Driskell
Alderman Skultety	Superintendent Mann
Treasurer Nation	HR Manager Blakeman
Clerk Lilly	Treasurer Nation
Owen Lasswell	Police Chief Wheeler
	See Attached List

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

### No Parking Signs – 100 Block of Franklin Street

Menta Academy Cornerstone Taylorville School has requested No Parking signs to be placed in front of the building to restrict parking during school hours only. The American Legion has requested that the Menta Academy staff do not park in front of their building. Mike Beeler, with Menta Academy, noted that he will convey this to the staff.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance to amend the City Code to allow for No Parking signs located in the first three parking spaces of the 100 block of West Franklin Street from 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. Monday – Friday. The motion carried (4-0).

### Two Way Stop Sign – 800 Block of North Silver and Pauline

A petition has been circulated in the neighborhood of North Silver and Pauline to obtain a two way stop sign at the intersection of the 800 block of North Silver and Pauline streets. The residents are concerned for the safety of the children in the area due to high speed traffic.

Motion by Alderman Lanzotti and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance to amend the City Code to allow a two way stop sign at the intersection of the 800 block of North Silver and Pauline streets. The motion carried (4-0).

### Non-Bargaining Ordinance – Vacation Time

Currently the Non-bargaining Ordinance in effect was created in 2008. It states that Non-bargaining employees do not receive vacation time until their first full year of service has been completed. They are eligible to accrue sick time at the rate of one day per completed month of employment, as well as earning 2 personal days and 12 paid holidays in their first year. Discussion was held with differing opinions and recommendations including prorated time based on quarters of the calendar year. Ultimately the Mayor approves management vacation time and could allow time off without pay prior to paid time earned. Union contracts will all begin negotiation in the near future and this change for management may have an impact on the negotiations. The Mayor will work with City Attorney Romano to prepare a new ordinance to address any changes for the November 4, 2019 City Council Meeting.

### Use of Restricted Vehicles – UTV Vehicles

A very lengthy discussion was held regarding the use of UTV vehicles on the streets of Taylorville. Proponents of the UTV's stated that they are safer than golf carts, with doors, roll cages, roofs, radial tires, and a higher speed that will keep up with the speed of cars. LSV's and golf carts do not have these features. Currently Battery Specialists Plus Golf Carts is responsible for issuing the permits and inspecting all golf carts driven on City streets. A similar procedure would be required for UTV's.

This subject will be discussed at the November Ordinance Committee Meeting following research regarding other community policies.

#### Amendment of City Code 10-5-6 Allowing 0 Setback on C-1/C-2 Building with Special Use

Mr. Randy Mitchelson has recently purchased a building located at 205 East Main Cross. He is requesting to obtain a Special Use Permit to allow 0 Setback on the property/building. He has planned to divide the lot and building to allow for two separate parcels and business location and to request a Special Use from the Plan Commission.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to forward the request by Randy Mitchelson, owner of property located at 205 East Main Cross, to the Plan Commission for a Public Hearing to request a Special Use allowing 0 setback. The motion carried (4-0).

#### Demo – 215 East Park Street

Alderman Budd has requested that the home located at 215 East Park be demolished by the owner or the City. It has been vacant for approximately 10 years. The owner continues to pay any liens for mowing but does not live on the property. The property is in disrepair.

Motion by Alderman Lanzotti and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to approve beginning the formal legal process for the demolition of 215 East Park Street. The motion carried (4-0).

#### Sale of Recreational Use Cannabis

The Committee discussed the options of approving the sale of Recreational Use Cannabis within the City of Taylorville. The State will legalize Recreation Use Cannabis as of January 1, 2020. This will allow citizens to utilize this drug in their homes; it is not allowed in public places. Many citizens in the audience expressed concern regarding the sale of cannabis in the City. They felt it would convey a message to our youth that the utilization of drugs is acceptable; just because it is legal does not make it right for our community. There is currently no way to test the level of impairment. Those in attendance who are in support of this state the revenue to be made as the one of positive results; the revenue generated could be directed to the Lake Restoration Fund. Mayor Barry noted that there are different rates in place Statewide for the various product types, taxed above and beyond the local sales tax rate. The state is expected to receive \$50,000,000.00 in tax revenue; municipalities may expect up to 7% of this. It could potentially be 1-3 years before the City could receive a license for a dispensary as those communities with medical cannabis dispensaries will have priority.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to recommend to the City Council to not allow the sale of recreational use cannabis in the City of Taylorville. The motion tied (2-2).

#### Increase in Fees for Liquor/Gaming Licenses

Mayor Barry noted that he would like to see an increase in the fees for all liquor/gaming licenses available in the City. Currently, Gaming Parlors are the only classification paying \$3,000.00. As the City is Non-Home Rule, the maximum amount charged for individual gaming terminals is \$25.00. Mayor Barry proposed raising all classifications of liquor/gaming licenses to \$3,000.00, with the exception of clubs such as the American Legion, effective with the May 1, 2020 renewal.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to recommend to the City Council to increase the fee for all liquor /gaming license holders to \$3,000.00 per year, with the exception of Clubs, effective with the May 1, 2020 renewal. The motion carried (4-0).

### Chickens and Ducks in City Limits

Ms. Amanda Duke who resides at 721 West Main Cross is in possession of chickens and ducks. This is against the zoning regulations in the City and a neighbor has issued a complaint with the Health and Building Officer. She is requesting to be allowed to keep the chickens and ducks on her property. Her husband was in attendance to speak to the issue, noting that the chickens provide food and companionship for his family. He is willing to pay a nominal fee and support a registry with regulations. Chairman Bryant will research other communities regarding their regulations and will discuss at the November Ordinance Committee Meeting. Mayor Barry reminded the owners that they were sent a ten day notice on October 7, 2019, and per the current City Ordinance, the chickens and ducks must be removed at this time.

### HBO Updates

The HBO Report was presented to the Committee of property violations, demos, and clean-ups.

### Any Other Matters

Mayor Barry has been contacted by various lake lot lease holders requesting a decision on the increase in lake lot lease fees for the 2020 season. Due to the lake closing on October 31, 2019, and the next Lake Committee Meeting not scheduled until after that date, Mayor Barry would like to vote on the proposed increase at the October 21, 2019 City Council Meeting. The increase will be transferred to the Lake Restoration Fund.

Mr. Kevin Eson expressed concern over the number of feral cats in the 900 block of North Silver and would like to see an Ordinance enforced to remove these cats.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Budd to adjourn. The motion carried (4-0).

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 P.M.

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Megan Bryant Chairman  
Ordinance Committee