

SPECIAL TAYLORVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, October 28, 2019

At the Special City Council Meeting held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, October 28, 2019 the following proceedings were held and entered in this record in the following words and figures to wit:

City Clerk

Mayor

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

The Invocation was given by Alderman Lanzotti. Mayor Barry led the Council and the assembled group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety were present. Alderman Driskell was absent.

Also present were Mayor Barry, City Clerk Lilly, Superintendent Speagle, Superintendent Mann, Acting Fire Chief Adermann, Lisa Sassatelli, Craig Neighbours, Owen Lasswell, and City Attorney Romano via video conference.

ENTLER EXCAVATING CO. INC. - WARD III VOLLENTINE'S ADDITION STORM SEWER PROJECT

There were three bids submitted for the Ward III Storm Sewer Project: Entler Excavating Co. Inc. in the amount of \$228,942.96, Kinney Contractors Inc. in the amount of \$264,761.00, and Petersburg Plumbing & Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$299,665.00. Entler Excavating Co. Inc. presented the low bid. City Engineer Greene recommended awarding the bid to Entler Excavating Co. Inc. Alderman Skultety reminded the Council that Ward II would contribute \$28,942.96 of the total cost, with Ward III contributing \$100,000.00 and the remaining \$100,000.00 to come from the Non-Home Rule Excess Account. Alderman Budd stated that approximately \$11,000.00 has been paid to date for Engineering Fees by Ward III. He also stated that Ward II had committed to up to \$50,000.00 for the total project cost. Any amount over \$250,000.00 for the total project cost will be paid by the Non-Home Rule Excess Account.

Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve the low bid of \$228,942.96 from Entler Excavating Co. Inc. for the Ward III Volleentine's Addition Storm Sewer Project. Roll Call - Alderman Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

WATER MAIN EXTENSION - RIDGE AVENUE/CRAIG NEIGHBOURS PROPERTY - PARCEL #17-13-25-202-001-00

Mr. Craig Neighbours has requested an extension of the City's water main to his property. His neighbor, Mr. Ben Morman, Parcel #17-13-25-202-001-01, is interested in acquiring City water as well, but was unable to attend the meeting to discuss his interest. The property is located outside of, but contiguous to, the City's corporate limits. Per the City Code sections 8-4-11 and 8-5-11, an Ordinance must be adopted to authorize the extension. Anyone seeking such water main extension must sign a petition for annexation and an annexation agreement (agreement to annex the subject property if and when such property becomes contiguous to the City) or annex such property into the City before such water service is provided (if such property is currently contiguous to the City's corporate limits). A memorandum sent from City Attorney Romano outlined the complete procedure, along with estimated costs for the project. The estimated cost is \$25,000.00 due to the extensive work required to include engineering, surveying, subordination and/or consent agreements, recording and publication fees and costs. Superintendent Speagle has been working with Mr. Neighbours on this for over a year; initially he believed the project to be around \$10,500.00 for the materials, with \$1,000.00 in engineering and \$2,000.00 in legal fees additionally included in the estimated project cost. Debate was held regarding annexation of property into the City. Mr. Neighbours does not want to be annexed into the City, nor does he believe Mr. Morman wants to be annexed either. He is agreeing to pay up to \$18,000.00 for the cost of the project, potentially dividing this cost with Mr. Morman if he is in agreement to the terms, and will pay the double water rates. He is seeking an agreement that this Council will not annex his property, and if a future Council does annex, a property tax rebate would be put in place to allow him to recoup his expenses. The City cannot likely afford to provide the necessary services offered to City residents, such as street lighting, curbs, gutters and sidewalks, plowing of roads, and street maintenance, in addition to losing the double water rate. Alderman Burtle reminded the Council that the new Water Treatment Plant loan was based on a certain amount of water revenue; by annexing Mr. Neighbours and then all the other neighboring properties into the City, a significant amount of water revenue would be lost. Additional revenue for the Water Department could be incurred as up to ten other residents in the immediate area may tap into the water line, at an approximate cost of \$500.00 plus the additional water rates if the properties are not annexed but are allowed to tap into the City water main and become City water customers. The revenue from these additional customers could ultimately provide a greater benefit to the City than annexation at this time.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Bryant to direct the City Attorney to prepare the necessary Ordinances, Annexation Petitions and documents, Easements, Subordination and/or Consent Agreements and such other instruments and documents as the City Attorney may determine concerning the aforesaid City water main extension project based upon Craig Neighbours and/or Ben Mormon, along with their spouses, to pay a total cost of \$18,000.00 and sign an annexation agreement with rebate terms over a period of four years of the City portion of real estate taxes if a future City Council proceeds with annexing subject property into the City. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

PURCHASE OF HEAT EXCHANGER - YARD HEATING AND COOLING

The heat exchanger at the Trane unit located at the Fire Station is in need of replacement. It is leaking CO2 into the training room and is creating a health hazard.

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve the purchase of a heat exchanger from Yard Heating and Cooling at a cost of \$2,377.80. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Mayor asked if anyone present in the audience wished to address the Council. Alderman Budd reminded the Council that Union negotiations will begin soon. All Alderman are to read the three Union contracts and provide any comments, corrections, and/or suggestions to the Mayor by Thursday, October 31, 2019.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Bryant to adjourn. The motion carried (7-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 P.M.