

At the Public Hearing held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, February 1, 2021, 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 Public Hearing to order at 6:30 P.M.

Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety(via Zoom) were present.

Also present were Mayor Barry, City Clerk Lilly, City Attorney Romano, HBO Goodall, Mary Daigh(via Zoom), Bill Newberry, Andrea Conrath, Valerie and Mark Miles, Owen Lasswell, Kellie Hamell, Scott Alberssen, and Steve Dorchinecz. Plan Commission members Kevin Hamell, Pat Kretzer, Tony Verardi, Scott McClure, Matt Yard, and Jim Altman(via Zoom).

Mayor Barry announced that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to consider the request of Nicholas and Denise Root to rezone from Residential(R-2) to Commercial(C-1) property located at 822 East Vine.

Mayor Barry opened the meeting to the Plan Commission, City Council, and the audience to speak in regards to the proposed ordinance changes.

Acting Chairman Kretzer began the discussion with the history of this request. Initially this property had been Industrial-1 but was changed by the City Council to Residential-2 in the 1990's. Mr. Root had requested to rezone from Residential-2 to Industrial-1 in 2004, and in 2008 he made another request to rezone from Residential-2 to Commercial-1. The requests were approved by the Plan Commission on both occasions, but later were denied by the City Council. The area is highly Industrial or Commercial all around this property. Mr. Root stated that Mayor Montgomery had voiced his support for the rezone at the time, and he was then turned down by the City Council. Mr. Root felt this was unfair and has continued to pursue this project.

The process of a Quasi-judicial hearing due to protest was also discussed by Acting Chairman Kretzer. City Attorney Romano noted that this process occurs if there is a signed protest by 20% of the frontage neighbors. One neighbor, Mary Daigh, had submitted a letter of protest against the re-zone, stating that she did not want the storage facility built next to her property due to noise. There were no other objections by neighbors in the area.

Acting Chairman Kretzer mentioned that Commercial-1 zoning allows for a variety of options. He also noted the screening clause in the City Code; Mr. Root stated that he is willing to construct a privacy fence along the side of the property to assist with the noise. He further stated that he is trying to improve himself, his property, and the area. Mr. Root reiterated that he is only interested in constructing more storage facilities in the area. Alderman Burtle noted that due to the present zoning around this property as Industrial or Commercial, the City should not restrict potential business growth in the area. This development will have a positive impact on the subject property value, and perhaps other properties in the area, most certainly increasing property values and real estate tax revenue.

City Attorney Romano suggested that Acting Chairman Kretzer abstain from voting on this issue due to a potential conflict; he is an owner of similar facilities in the immediate area.

The Plan and Zone Commission recessed to another room for further discussion and voted (6-0 with one abstention) to recommend to the City Council to approve the request and rezone the property located at 822 East Vine from Residential-2(R-2) to Commercial-1(C-1).

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Bryant to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried (8-0).

The Public Hearing adjourned at 7:06 P.M.

At the Public Hearing held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, March 1, 2021, 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 Public Hearing to order at 6:30 P.M.

Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Lanzotti, and Olive were present. Aldermen Driskell and Skultety reported late.

Also present were Mayor Barry, City Clerk Lilly, City Treasurer Nation, City Attorney Romano via Zoom, Superintendents Ortman, Mann, Tennant and Speagle, HBO Goodall, Valerie Miles, Bill Newberry, Steve Dorchinecz, and Jim McCoy. Plan Commission members included Acting Chairman Scott McClure, Matthew Yard, Tony Verardi; Jim Altman and Joe Hauser present via Zoom.

Mayor Barry announced that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to consider an Ordinance making amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Taylorville, Illinois by amending Sections 10-9-7 A.1.d. and Paragraph H of Section 9-1-1 of the Taylorville City Code regarding building permits and fees for certain detached accessory buildings.

Several points in the Ordinance were discussed including the following: structure must be anchored; no larger than a 400 square feet structure to hold up to 2 cars; not to be used for campers or motorhomes; nothing other than automobiles permitted unless in an enclosed container; existing structures would be grandfathered in per Ordinances 3790 and 3833. The process would include a permit application and fee, along with a Public Hearing before the Board of Appeals to approve the permit and determine/approve the location of the carport.

HBO Goodall noted that any structure 200 feet square feet or larger will be assessed property tax by the Christian County Assessor. This will enhance the revenue to the City.

City Attorney Romano noted that HBO Goodall is responsible to enforce these guidelines. HBO Goodall stated that he will be creating a Facebook page to notify the public of these changes, along with other items of interest.

The Plan Commission voted unanimously to recommend to the City Council to adopt the proposed Ordinance regarding building permits and fees for certain detached accessory buildings.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Driskell to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried (8-0).

The Public Hearing adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

At the Public Hearing held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, March 15, 2021 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 Public Hearing to order at 6:45 P.M.

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

Also present were Mayor Barry, City Clerk Lilly, City Attorney Romano(via Zoom), Superintendents Speagle, Ortman, and Tennant, Kellie Hamell(via Zoom), Steve Dorchinecz, Owen Lasswell.

Mayor Barry announced that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to determine if the City of Taylorville should enter into proposed Water Annexation Agreements with Thomas A. Forrest, Jr and Rachel M. Forrest Property, 1320 S. Cardinal Street; Jeffrey K. Fry and Trina L. Fry and Stephen B. Craggs and Sheryl A. Anderson Property, 4110 Kennedy Rd; Aaron D. Calvert and Malissa Calvert Property, 109 Beechwood Drive; Dylan Scott Property, 4000 Lincoln Trail; Alex C. and Amanda J. Durbin Property, 4119 Lincoln Trail; Gerald E. and Carol A. Adden Property, 833 Roosevelt Rd.

City Attorney Romano explained the procedure in detail. All of these properties are not contiguous to the City and the owners of the property have requested City Water Services and therefore must sign the Annexation Agreement. These agreements allow the City to provide services to the property. If the properties become contiguous at any time, the City has the right to annex the properties into the City per the terms of the Annexation Agreement. These agreements are valid for twenty years. If the property changes hands during that time, each and every new owner must sign the agreement, per the City policy. If the property remains with the same owner and the twenty year period expires, the owners must sign a new agreement. The \$200.00 fee covers the cost of publication, legal fees and public hearing. Public hearings are required and are held a maximum of four times per year, dependent upon the volume of annexation agreements.

Mayor Barry asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience. There were none.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried (8-0).

The Public Hearing adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

At the Public Hearing held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, April 5, 2021, 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 Public Hearing to order at 6:30 P.M.

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, City Attorney Romano via Zoom, HBO Goodall, Shamsheer Sargodhia, Doug Brown, Steve Dorchinecz, Jerri Mazzotti, Bill Newberry, and Superintendent Ortman, along with Plan & Zone Commission members Acting Chairman Pat Kretzer, Jim Altman via Facetime, Kevin Hamell, Matthew Yard, Tony Verardi and Joe Hauser via Zoom.

Mayor Barry announced that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to consider the application of Shamsheer Sargodhia to rezone from Industrial-2(I-2) to Commercial-2(C-2) property located at 1209 North Cheney Street. This is location of the former Alexander Lumber Company. His plans include a packaged liquor store, along with video gaming.

Mayor Barry opened the meeting to the City Council and the audience to speak in regards to the proposed rezone. Acting Chairman Kretzer stated that one neighbor, Ed Legg, had reached out and stated that he was in favor of this rezone. There were no objections noted.

The Plan and Zone Commission discussed the proposed re-zone of the property and voted (6-0) to recommend to the City Council to approve the Ordinance to rezone the property located at 1209 North Cheney from Industrial-2(I-2) to Commercial-2(C-2)

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

The Public Hearing adjourned at 6:37 P.M.

At the Public Hearing held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, June 7, 2021, 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 Public Hearing to order at 6:15 P.M.

Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Driskell, Olive, and Wilson were present. Aldermen Budd, Dorchinecz, and Skultety were absent.

Also present were Mayor Barry, City Clerk Lilly, City Attorney Romano, HBO Goodall, Bill Sleeman, Alta and Lynn Himstedt, along with Plan Commission members Chairman Joe Hauser, Pat Kretzer, Scott McClure, Kevin Hamell, Matthew Yard, Tony Verardi, and Jim Altman (via Zoom).

Mayor Barry announced that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to consider the Rezone and Special Use Request by Doug and Nancy Miller for the property located at 307-315 Heights Avenue from Residential-1 to Residential-2 with a Special Use and 60-70 Heights Circle from Commercial-1 to Residential-2 with a Special Use.

Mayor Barry opened the meeting to the City Council and the audience to speak in regards to the request. Mrs. Alta Himstedt inquired as to what Mr. Miller's intentions were for this Rezone and Special Use. She and her husband own an adjacent property. The Mayor stated that Mr. Miller intends to sell as individual condominiums, making no structural changes.

Discussion was then held regarding the Condominium Property Act of Illinois, along with the limitations imposed by the Taylorville City Code, and the importance of this Special Use to follow those restrictions. Kevin Hamell questioned whether the properties could be built up to a second level or the footprint changed. HBO Goodall addressed section 10-4-4 in the City Code stating that housing structures cannot be more than two stories. As all of these properties are located under the same overall roof, all or none would have to do this. City Attorney Romano also stated that a variance may be needed per City Code 10-4-3 stating that the minimum lot width is 50', and each property must be at least 1500 square feet. There were no objections by the Plan Commission or City Council for this change in zoning or special use.

The Plan Commission voted (7-0) to approve the Rezone and Special Use Requests and made a motion to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance to Reclassify the properties located at 307-315 Heights Avenue and 60-70 Heights Circle to Residential-2(R-2) and to grant a Special Use permitting condominiums, conditioned upon the properties following the Condominium Act of Illinois and the Taylorville City Code, and to waive the 50' width lot size requirements.

Motion by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Driskell to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried (6-0).

The Public Hearing adjourned at 6:43 P.M.

At the Public Hearing held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, July 19, 2021, 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 Public Hearing to order at 6:45 P.M.

Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Olive, and Wilson were present. Aldermen Driskell and Skultety were absent.

Also present were Mayor Barry, City Clerk Lilly, Randy Miller, Lisa Sassatelli, and City Attorney Romano via Zoom.

Mayor Barry announced that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to consider the Annual Appropriations Ordinance for the Fiscal Year commencing May 1, 2021 and ending April 30, 2022.

The total amount of the Appropriations Ordinance as prepared is \$33,108,204.00. City Attorney Romano noted that the total Appropriations should be no less than the total of the Certified Estimate of Revenues, and should be higher as in previous years. The current proposed Ordinance shows \$16,174.00 short. The total Appropriations can be increased, decreased or amended after this Public Hearing per State statute. Mayor Barry stated that he would like to see the Appropriations amount increased by \$3,600,000.00, with Council members seeking \$1,600,000.00 each in Equipment and Infrastructure, and \$400,000.00 in Contingency. Sidewalks, curbs and gutters and paving/street work should be a priority.

Mayor Barry asked if there were any questions from the Council or from the audience. There were none.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Brown to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried (6-0).

The Public Hearing adjourned at 6:52 P.M.

PUBLIC MEETING
SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT
Tuesday, September 7, 2021

At the Public Meeting held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, September 7, 2021 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 6:30 P.M.

Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Olive, and Wilson were present. Aldermen Brown, Driskell, and Skultety were absent.

Also present were Mayor Barry, City Clerk Julie Lilly, Superintendent Speagle, Superintendent Mann, City Attorney Romano, William Sleeman, and Bud Altman.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT

Mayor Barry introduced William Sleeman with Benton & Associates, who led the discussion regarding the Safe Routes to School Grant application process for the City of Taylorville. This is a State of Illinois Department of Transportation grant, with a maximum amount of \$250,000.00 at an 80/20 match from the City. All engineering design is paid at 100% by the City. Applications are due by September 30, 2021. This grant benefits the areas immediately around K-8 schools, within two miles. The purpose of the grant is to improve the walking and bike riding routes to school, to encourage healthy living. The City of Taylorville is targeting areas near Memorial and St. Mary's Schools, to include new sidewalks and ADA accessible ramps.

The City is in process of sharing an online petition for citizens, kids and adults alike, to complete to show both need for and support of the project. The application must also include letters of support from schools, teachers, parents, administration, the School Board, and local and State politicians. Surveys have been distributed to both Memorial School and St. Mary's School for feedback from the families who attend these schools. This data will become part of the Grant application.

Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to adjourn. Motion carried (5-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 P.M.

At the Public Hearing held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, October 18, 2021, 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 Public Hearing to order at 6:00 P.M.

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

Also present were Mayor Barry, City Clerk Lilly, City Attorney Romano, and Superintendent Mann.

Mayor Barry announced that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to afford all citizens the opportunity to provide oral and/or written comments concerning the grant and the overall project performance. Information provided included: project and grant costs, time schedules, project outcomes, and completed scope of work. This will finalize the grant process.

Lee Beckman with Milano and Grunloh, administrator for this grant, discussed the CBDG Grant and it's use for tornado expenses and clean up. He explained that all paperwork was presented by City Clerk Lilly and submitted by his firm. This hearing will close out the Grant.

No questions were asked from the Council.

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

The Public Hearing adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

At the Public Hearing held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, October 18, 2021, 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 Public Hearing to order at 6:30 P.M.

Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson were present.

Also present were Mayor Barry, City Clerk Lilly, City Attorney Romano, HBO Goodall, and Superintendent Mann. Plan Commission members included Pat Kretzer, Kevin Hamell, Matthew Yard, Tony Verardi, Jim Altman and Dyanne Skinner.

Mayor Barry announced that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to consider an Ordinance making amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Taylorville, Illinois by amending Section 10-8-2 of the Taylorville City Code regarding off-street parking requirements.

Acting Chairman Kretzer stated that here have always been these restrictions in place but they have not been enforceable. This Ordinance will allow for penalties and restrictions to be enforced within 365 days of a new permit for building or construction. There should be a change listed from 2" bituminous concrete to asphalt.

The Plan Commission voted unanimously to recommend to the City Council to approve the changes to sections 10-8-2 of the Taylorville City Code regarding off-street parking requirements, with the appropriate changes made regarding concrete to asphalt.

Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Olive to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried (8-0).

The Public Hearing adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

At the Public Hearing held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, December 6, 2021 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 Public Hearing to order at 6:45 P.M.

Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson were present.

Also present were Mayor Barry, City Clerk Lilly, City Attorney Romano(via Zoom), Billie Heberling, Bev Graham.

Mayor Barry announced that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to determine if the City of Taylorville should enter into proposed Water Annexation Agreements with John R Stewart and Rachel Stewart Property, 14 Brantley Court; John D and Beverly J. Sneddon Property, 1399 North 1600 East Road; and Daniel Crowder and Jeanette Miloncus Property, 1126 West South Street..

All of these properties are not contiguous to the City and the owners of the property have requested City Water Services and therefore must sign the Annexation Agreement. These agreements allow the City to provide services to the property. If the properties become contiguous at any time, the City has the right to annex the properties into the City per the terms of the Annexation Agreement. These agreements are valid for twenty years. If the property changes hands during that time, each and every new owner must sign the agreement, per the City policy. If the property remains with the same owner and the twenty year period expires, the owners must sign a new agreement. The Ordinance and all notices of record will be recorded with the County Clerk following passage of the Ordinance.

Mayor Barry asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience. There were none.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried (8-0).

The Public Hearing adjourned at 6:52 P.M.

At the Public Meeting held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, December 20, 2021, 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 Public Meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

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

Also present were Mayor Barry, City Clerk Lilly, City Attorney Romano, William Sleeman, Gloria Budd, and Superintendents Mann and Speagle.

Mayor Barry announced that the purpose of the Public Meeting was to provide general information to the public regarding the application for funding through the Rebuild Downtowns & Main Streets Capital Grant Program administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to support improvements and encourage investment in commercial corridors and downtowns that have experienced disinvestment, particularly in communities hardest hit by COVID-19 public health and economic crisis.

William Sleeman, with Benton & Associates, Inc., presented the preliminary drawings and plans for these grant dollars. Potential improvements include sidewalks, bumpouts with seating, golf cart parking, ADA compliant sidewalks and crosswalks, a public restroom, stage, lighting, bicycle racks, and four electric car charging stations. The City will request the maximum amount for the grant. The City would be responsible for engineering costs, in an amount not to exceed \$153,000.00, along with the match amount. Match dollars could be taken from the BDD Tax Revenue, as this project is solely in the Business Development District. Total estimated project cost is \$4,500,000.00, with the City's 33% match portion of \$1,500,000.00. The match dollars could come from BDD Funds, provided all amounts are added to the FY2022/2023 Budget and Appropriations. Mayor Barry stated that Christian County is supportive of the project and could potentially add dollars to their budget to assist the City with the match portion. There will be \$50,000,000.00 in total grant funds available throughout the State; the City has a 1 in 4 chance to receive the grant.

Change.org/taylorvilledowntown is a website created for support of this grant. All citizens are encouraged to sign the petition and also leave any comments regarding this exciting opportunity for the downtown. No questions were asked from the Council.

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

The Public Meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.