

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.