

SPECIAL TAYLORVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, September 27, 2021

At the Special Council Meeting held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, September 27, 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 6:00 P.M.

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

Also present in the Council Chambers were Mayor Barry, City Attorney Romano, Clerk Lilly, Treasurer Hamell, Superintendent Mann, Bill Sleeman, Royale Bonds, and Leroy Kleimola.

WEST FRANKLIN STREET PROJECT

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Brown to approve the low bid from P.H. Broughton & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$89,585.60 for the West Franklin Street Improvements, with payment for the project to come from Ward 3 Funds. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

PURCHASE OF SEWER CAMERA

Alderman Wilson stated the Sewer Department had been previously approved to purchase a Cure Lamp II sewer camera in the amount of \$135,000.00 in April 2021. At the time of approval, the item was not in the budget, but it was accounted for in the current Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget. Superintendent Mann has now found a similar camera locally from Coe Equipment in Berry, Illinois for \$90,000.00. Superintendent Mann is seeking permission to purchase this camera, with an overall savings of \$45,000.00 to the City. Alderman Dorchinecz stated that he feels this item, as well as any item over \$25,000.00, should follow the bidding process and questioned why it had not been purchased if previously approved. Superintendent Mann stated that the camera was working previously but is now in need of costly repairs.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Wilson to purchase a new sewer camera from Coe Equipment at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00, and to waive any statutory bidding requirements. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Driskell, Olive, Wilson, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. Alderman Dorchinecz voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mayor Barry informed the Council that Marcia Neal from DowntownTaylorville.org had requested to purchase Christmas banners for an approximate cost of \$5,000.00. He noted that after speaking with Steve Kline, the City is required to purchase these directly, with payment coming from the BDD Fund. This will be placed on the October 4, 2021 City Council Agenda for approval due to time constraints.

City Attorney Romano stated that per statute 65ILCS 5/8-9-1, the vote must be 2/3 of all Alderpersons to approve to waive statutory bidding rights. In our case, this must be 6 out of 8 Alderpersons voting YEA. As there were two Aldermen missing at the time of the vote, the vote will fail at this time. The Mayor is not allowed to vote. Per this Statute, the Mayor announced that the previous motion regarding the Purchase of Sewer Camera failed. This motion will be placed on the October 4, 2021 City Council Agenda for further discussion and vote.

Alderman Dorchinecz reiterated that all purchases over \$25,000.00 should follow the proper bidding procedure: Superintendents prepare specifications and provide to City Clerk who would then proceed with the bidding process.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Driskell to adjourn. Motion carried (6-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.