

At the regular meeting held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, November 16, 2020, 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 7:00 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, Driskell, Lanzotti, and Olive were present in the Council Chambers. Aldermen Dorchinecz and Skultety reported present via Facetime due to Covid-19 precautions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Burtle to utilize the Omnibus Vote Designation for various meetings. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Driskell to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held November 2, 2020; the Personnel Committee Meeting held November 9, 2020; and the Emergency Services Committee Meeting held November 9, 2020. OMNIBUS VOTE

LIQUID ALUMINUM SULFATE BID - CHEMTRADE

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve the low bid for Liquid Aluminum Sulfate from Chemtrade for a price of \$410.00 per dry ton. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

LIQUID CHLORINE BID - DPC ENTERPRISES

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve the low bid for Liquid Chlorine from DPC Enterprises for a price of \$539.00 per ton. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

CO2 BID - AIRGAS

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve the low bid for CO2 from Airgas for a price of \$220.00 per ton. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

POWDERED ACTIVATED CARBON BID - BRENNTAG MID-SOUTH

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Driskell to approve the low bid for Powdered Activated Carbon from Brenntag Mid-South for a price of \$.868 per lb. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

HYDROFLOUSILICIC ACID - BRENNTAG MID-SOUTH

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Driskell to approve the low bid for Hydroflosilicic Acid from Brenntag Mid-South for a price of \$.299 per lb. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

LAKE TAYLORVILLE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTION - HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUND

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to approve the \$10,000.00 contribution to the Veteran's Memorial at Lake Taylorville from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund. This was previously placed in the budget; City Treasurer Nation confirmed there are funds available to make this payment. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT B POSITION - CEMETERY

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Bryant to bid and/or advertise the Heavy Equipment B position at the Cemetery. This position will become vacant pending the promotion of Travis Ostermeier to Working Foreman. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

DOWNTOWN TAYLORVILLE PROMOTIONAL ADVERTISING - BDD FUND

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Burtle to approve a Redevelopment Agreement between Downtown Taylorville. Org and the City of Taylorville for the Small Town Taylorville Promotional Advertising to include the initial start-up fee and first annual cost of \$62,473.00, and \$48,828.00 for the following two years, payable from the Business Development District Fund. City Attorney Romano noted that this Ordinance will need to be renewed following the election in May to make it valid for the second two years of the agreement. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

DATE CHANGE - NOVEMBER STREET AND SEWER/PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Driskell to move the Street and Sewer Committee and Public Facilities Committee Meeting to Tuesday, November 24, 2020. The motion carried (8-0).

POSSIBLE COVID MITIGATIONS

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the legalities of the City's involvement in enforcing Covid mitigations as set forth by the Governor's Disaster Proclamation. Items of note in the Proclamation: no more than 10 people at a meeting, no indoor dining, maximum of 25 people or 25% capacity for any indoor function, all bar stools removed, no congregating, and all bars and restaurants must close by 11:00 p.m. City Attorney Romano spoke with the Illinois Municipal League's general legal council regarding what the City can and cannot do to legally enforce these mandates. The City does have the power to investigate suspected violation and can then refer those violations to the State's Attorney. The City could pass a mask mandate ordinance although the Council members were not in favor; the Mayor can also pull a liquor license for a seven day notice if a violation is noted. Beyond this, the City is not protected from retribution; the State's Attorney does have protection. The Council members had varied opinions on the City's level of involvement.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Olive to issue a formal statement from the Mayor and City Council to recommend to all citizens to follow the Governor's guidelines to wear a mask, wash hands, and social distance for the safety of yourself and others. Roll Call - Aldermen Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. Aldermen Bryant, Driskell, and Lanzotti voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL

BID AND/OR ADVERTISE PLANT OPERATOR 1 - WATER DEPARTMENT

Motion by Alderman Lanzotti and seconded by Alderman Burtle to bid and/or advertise one(1) Plant Operator 1 position in the Water Department. The motion carried (8-0).

PROMOTION TO HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR - WATER DEPARTMENT

Motion by Alderman Lanzotti and seconded by Alderman Burtle to promote Derek McConnell to a Heavy Equipment Operator in the Water Department. The motion carried (8-0).

PROMOTION TO OFFICE LEVEL II - CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Motion by Alderman Lanzotti and seconded by Alderman Burtle to promote Tammy Rogers to an Office Level II in the City Clerk's Office. The motion carried (8-0).

EMERGENCY SERVICES

PURCHASE OF PAGERS - FIRE DEPARTMENT

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve the purchase of three(3) pagers at a cost not to exceed \$2,457.00 for the Fire Department. Vendor is to be determined based on the best available price. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

PURCHASE OF TURNOUT GEAR - MAC'S FIRE & SAFETY

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve the purchase of one(1) set of turnout gear for Firefighter Call at a cost not to exceed \$2,087.00 from Mac's Fire & Safety. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Burtle to authorize payment of bills. Roll Call - Aldermen Bryant, Budd, Burtle, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Lanzotti, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

Per the Social Distancing Guidelines, constituents were instructed to email any comments to the Mayor. None were received.

Alderman Olive informed the Council that the Municipal Building has had two leaks in the roof. The Police Department portion of the roof has been replaced previously. The remainder of the building may need replacement as well. This will be added to the Public Facilities Committee agenda for Tuesday, November 24, 2020.

The Mayor has received calls regarding initiating a leaf burning ban. This will be an agenda item on the December 7, 2020 City Council for discussion. It was noted that although several calls have been received in opposition to it, there are many more constituents who are in favor of burning.

The Mayor has also received letters from citizens who feel the City must take a more aggressive approach to controlling the spread of Covid by mandating and enforcing mask wearing, building occupancy, restaurant and bar closures, and cancellation of events.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Budd to adjourn. Motion carried (8-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.