

At the regular meeting held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, October 2, 2023, 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 Mayor Barry. Mayor Barry led the Council and the assembled group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

RECOGNITION – TJHS BASEBALL

Mayor Barry recognized Taylorville Junior High School Baseball Team. This group has a 2023 record of 13-3 and is the first to have won the Regional Baseball Tournament in Junior High history!

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Brown to utilize the Omnibus Vote Designation for various meetings. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Brown to approve the regular City Council Meeting held September 18, 2023; the Ordinance Committee Meeting held September 21, 2023; the Finance Committee Meeting held September 21, 2023; and the Street and Sewer Committee Meeting held September 28, 2023. OMNIBUS VOTE.

ORDINANCE NO. 4197 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CITY OF TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS AND JOHN MCDOWELL DBA ANGELO’S PIZZA (404 W. SPRESSER ST.)

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Wilson to approve Ordinance No. 4197 – An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement by and between City of Taylorville, Illinois and John McDowell dba Angelo’s Pizza (404 W. Spresser St.). Alderman Dorchinecz requested clarification that funds were available to pay BDD applications located outside the downtown area. Mayor Barry noted that pledged payments are listed at \$75,000.00 over the budgeted amount for that line, but that \$100,000.00 was appropriated. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety, Wilson, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 4198 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CITY OF TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS AND JOHN STORK AND RICH PAYNE DBA FRANKLIN STORAGE (100 W. FRANKLIN ST.)

Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve Ordinance No. 4198 – An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement by and between City of Taylorville, Illinois and John Stork and Rich Payne dba Franklin Storage (100 W. Franklin St.). Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Wilson, and Mayor Barry voted YEA. Alderman Skultety voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

CEMETERY EQUIPMENT SHED ROOF/PAINTING QUOTE – CHUCK BULLARD

Motion by Alderman Brown and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve the quote for the Cemetery Shed Roof and Painting from Chuck Bullard at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00 to be paid from the Capital Improvements Line Item in the FY 2023/2024 Cemetery Budget. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

TRICK OR TREAT HOURS

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Bryant to approve the Trick or Treat hours on Monday, October 30 and Tuesday, October 31, 2023 from 5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. The motion carried (8-0).

SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT – HALLOWEEN PARADE

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve the Special Events Permit for Smalltown Taylorville, Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Taylorville for the Halloween Parade to be held on Saturday, October 28, 2023 beginning at 5:30 P.M.. The motion carried (8-0).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ORDINANCE

VIDEO GAMING LIQUOR LICENSE LIMITS

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Driskell to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance to limit the number of video gaming liquor licenses to the current number of forty, with additional video gaming liquor licenses to be added only upon Council approval. Alderman Skultety stated that the current license are listed in the following categories: O, D-1, N, C-1, M, A-1, A-2, and J. He further noted that Class O is currently the only license that requires full Council approval. The Mayor stated that he was against ALL limits, citing future business development. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. Aldermen Bryant, Mitchelson, and Olive voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

STREET AND SEWER

DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT AREA SURVEYING AND ENGINEERING PROPOSAL – BENTON & ASSOCIATES

Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Driskell to authorize and direct the Mayor to sign the Surveying and Engineering Proposal of the Downtown Business District Area by Benton & Associates at a cost not to exceed \$44,000.00 to be paid from the Business Development District Funds. This correlates with the Downtown Grant project. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

ROUTE 104 SIDEWALK PROJECT ENGINEERING PROPOSAL – BENTON & ASSOCIATES

Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Bryant to authorize and direct the Mayor to sign the Engineering Proposal to include Plan Preparation, State Permits, and IDOT Coordination for the Route 104 Sidewalk Project at a cost not to exceed \$34,000.00. This will be paid from Business Development District funds. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

NORTH MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT CHANGE ORDER #2 – TRUMAN L. FLATT & SONS CO., INC.

Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Driskell to direct the Mayor to sign Truman L. Flatt & Sons Co., Inc. Change order #2 for the North Main Street Improvements Project in the amount of \$70,657.76. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

NORTH MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT PAY REQUEST #2 – TRUMAN L. FLATT & SONS CO., INC.

Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Driskell to authorize and direct the Mayor to sign Pay Request #2 from Truman L. Flatt and Sons Co., Inc. in the amount of \$270,852.76 for work on the North Main Street Improvements Project, this conditioned upon receipt of signed mechanics lien waivers in this amount, certified payroll records, and recommendations by the Project Engineer that the work has been satisfactorily performed. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

CITY PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT CHANGE ORDER #2 – TRUMAN L. FLATT & SONS CO., INC.

Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Brown to direct the Mayor to sign Truman L. Flatt & Sons Co., Inc. Change Order #2 for City Parking Lot Improvements Project in the amount of \$50,536.49. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

CITY PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT PAY REQUEST #2 – TRUMAN L. FLATT & SONS CO., INC.

Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to authorize and direct the Mayor to sign Pay Request #2 from Truman L. Flatt and Sons Co., Inc. in the amount of \$66,953.83, with \$64,778.06 being paid from BDD Funds and \$2,175.77 being paid by Ward Four, for work on the City Parking Lot Improvements Project, this conditioned upon receipt of signed mechanics lien waivers in this amount, certified payroll records, and recommendations by the Project Engineer that the work has been satisfactorily performed. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

FALL CLEAN-UP DAY

Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Brown to approve Fall Clean-up Day for November 4, 2023. The motion carried (8-0).

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Alderman Mitchelson and seconded by Alderman Brown to authorize payment of bills. Roll Call – Alderman Brown, Bryant, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Mitchelson, Olive, Skultety, and Wilson voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mayor Barry asked if anyone wished to address the Council.

Crystal Nichols, employee in the City Clerk's office, addressed the Council regarding a workplace violence issue that took place in the Clerk's office. She requested that all Aldermen reach out to those involved for follow-up, stating that complaints had been filed. The employees involved plan to discuss further under Any Other Matters at the Personnel Committee Meeting on Thursday.

Tammy Rogers, Deputy Clerk, addressed the Council regarding the incident in the Clerk's Office last Wednesday, and stated that complaints have been filed against the Superintendent involved. She requested that more investigation be done and that a resolution has not been presented.

Lee Skinner, representing Small Town Taylorville, requested that their organization be involved in the planning for the revitalization of the downtown Square.

Alderman Skultety inquired as to the status of Fire Union negotiations and the lack of follow up by the Mayor on the discussions and consensus of the Council regarding counter-offers. Mayor Barry stated that no motions were made and he did not follow up. Alderman Mitchelson stated that as Finance Chairman and Negotiating team member, he is awaiting financial information from the Treasurer, Human Resource

Manager and the Auditor to substantiate the availability of funds for future years. Alderman Skultety stated that the seven Aldermen present on the Council had made a clear request and consensus. He requested that this be placed on the October Finance agenda for specific discussion and/or motions. Mayor Barry informed the Council that some Union members are not happy with the insurance options. He stated that he would like two Aldermen to be present on an Insurance Committee moving forward.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 P.M.