

At the regular meeting held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, November 15, 2021, the following proceedings were held and entered in this record in the following words and figures to wit:

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City Clerk

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Mayor

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

The Invocation was given by Alderman Driskell. Mayor Barry led the Council and the assembled group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

#### VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

The Mayor honored Chuck and Mary Jo Martin as Volunteers of the Month. They are very active and generous in our Community, including donating their home to a family in need, opening an animal sanctuary and spearheading the Christian County Coal Mine Museum. The Martin's grandson provided a fabulous speech in honor of his grandparents.

#### 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, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to approve the Regular City Council Meeting held November 1, 2021; the Personnel Committee Meeting held November 4, 2021; the Emergency Services Committee Meeting held November 4, 2021; the Special City Council Meeting held November 10, 2021; and the Water/Environmental Committee Meeting held November 10, 2021. OMNIBUS VOTE

#### DOWNTOWN TAYLORVILLE UPDATE

Steve Craggs was present to provide an update on the Smalltown Taylorville campaign. The last weekend shopping event, held November 5-6, 2021 yielded record sales for the 20+ stores and restaurants that participated, building on previous events such as First Friday shopping, the Journey in July, Fall Open House weekend, Farmers Market, and Chillifest. Many more sales events are being planned, along with production of videos and live broadcast events, such as the livestream of the Veteran's Memorial dedication at Lake Taylorville. This livestream has had over 3,600 views to date. Monthly calendars highlighting Park District events, will continue to be produced, along with maps showcasing the many stores and restaurants. A locally produced Smalltown Taylorville Ornament will be sold for \$5.00-7.00 on an annual basis. In the Spring, a Pickers Market will be held along with the Farmers Market beginning May 7, 2022 on the first Saturday of the Month. Taylorville is growing!

#### MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF DENISE EVANS AND DEBBIE PRINCE -- TEMPORARY (NON-PERMANENT) PART-TIME SAFE PASSAGE COORDINATORS

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Olive to approve the Mayor's Appointment of Debbie Evans and Debbie Prince as Temporary(non-permanent) part-time Safe Passage Coordinators whose "at-will" employment shall not exceed 28 hours per week and shall expire on July 1, 2022; and such appointment is subject to all the terms and provisions as set forth in City Code Section 1-9-14. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

#### SALARY AND HOURLY PAY OF APPOINTED SAFE PASSAGE COORDINATORS

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Driskell to set the salary and hourly rate of pay for Denise Evans and for Debbie Prince as Safe Passage Coordinators appointed under City Code Section 1-9-14 as set forth in Grant documents. Roll Call - Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

#### OATH OF OFFICE - TEMPORARY (NON-PERMANENT) PART-TIME SAFE PASSAGE COORDINATORS

City Clerk Lilly administered the Oath of Office to Denise Evans and Debbie Prince as Temporary (non-permanent Part-time Safe Passage Coordinators.

#### CONDITIONAL VARIANCE -- OLIVIO'S DRIVE-IN

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Budd to approve a conditional variance for the installation of an indoor "grease trap" at the Olivio's Drive-In business establishment located at 1001 West Nectar Lane, Taylorville, IL, subject to approval of the State Plumbing Inspector and of the City Engineer. Alderman Bryant requested to modify the City Code if the City is going to continue to allow

conditional variances for this requirement. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

BENTON & ASSOCIATES, INC. CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING PROPOSAL -- EAST MAIN CROSS

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Bryant to authorize and direct the Mayor to sign the Construction Engineering Proposal from Benton & Associates, Inc. for East Main Cross in an amount not to exceed \$153,000.00. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE IN FULL -- JACQUE NATION

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Brown to approve the additional sentence added to Section 2.4 of the Settlement Agreement and Release in full to be executed by Jacque Nation, as requested by Attorney Brian Smith. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

C-1 LIQUOR LICENSE WITH GAMING -- SPRING GARDEN RESTAURANT

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Budd to approve the C-1 Liquor License with Gaming for Spring Garden Restaurant, located at 1220 West Springfield Road. Mayor Barry stated that the owner has been in business for fifteen years and has recently opened another business. He believes it is not up to the government to tell him what to do with his business and the City should grant this license. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, and Olive voted YEA. Aldermen Dorchinecz, Driskell, and Skultety voted NAY. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL

HIRE ONE (1) FIREFIGHTER -- BOARD FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION

Motion by Alderman Driskell and seconded by Alderman Brown to recommend to the Board of Fire and Police commission to hire one(1) Firefighter for the Fire Department. The motion carried (7-0).

WATER/ENVIRONMENTAL

BROTKE WELL & PUMP -- WELL #1

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Budd to accept the bid from Brotke Well & Pump to complete the work on Well #1 at a cost not to exceed \$21,888.00. Roll Call – Aldermen Brown, Bryant, Budd, Dorchinecz, Driskell, Olive, and Skultety voted YEA. The Mayor announced the motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to address the Council. Alderman Bryant encouraged all Aldermen to attend the Park Board Meeting on Monday, November 22, 2021 regarding discussion of potential skate park. Alderman Budd requested that the Mayor honor the Taylorville High School Volleyball Team for their success as Conference, Regional and Sectional Champions this season.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.