

FINANCE COMMITTEE

April 15, 2021

MEMBERS

Chairman Budd
Alderman Bryant
Alderman Lanzotti
Alderman Burtle

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Alderman Driskell
Alderman Olive
Superintendent Ortman
Superintendent Mann
Superintendent Tennant

Clerk Lilly
Marcia Neal
Kellie Hamell
Scott Alberssen
Jeremy Wilson

Chairman Budd called the meeting to order at 6:21 P.M.

BDD APPLICATIONS

Chairman Budd stated that an application had been received from Krystal Baker dba Specialized Hearing Solutions, LLC located at 301 South Webster Street. The application was for updates of the interior of the building. The application was denied by the BDD Committee.

James Ronk dba Quick Cash Pawn & Jewelry submitted an application for the purchase and installation of a canopy awning on the building located at 120 South Main Street for a total cost of \$1,210.00, reimbursable at 50%, for a total of \$605.00.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to approve the Business Development District Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Taylorville and James Ronk dba Quick Cash Pawn & Jewelry located at 120 South Main Street in the amount of \$605.00. The motion carried (4-0).

American Legion Post 73 submitted an application for an LED sign and installation at the property located at 110 West Franklin Street. The total amount estimated to be spent on the project \$18,067.00, reimbursable at 35%, for a total of \$6,323.45. Discussion was held on the relevance of a sign; it was noted that the sign will be used to advertise events at the American Legion.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to recommend to the City Council to approve the Business Development District Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Taylorville and American Legion Post 73, located at 110 West Franklin Street, in the amount of \$6,323.45. The motion carried (4-0).

Lee and Dyanne Skinner submitted a third application for the property located at 122 West Market Street for replacement and installation of a new Trane heating/air system. The total amount of the project is \$36,169.59, reimbursable at 35%, in the amount of \$16,159.36. Chairman Budd stated that this is the third application for this site; it will be capped at a total reimbursement of \$50,000.00. Discussion was held on exterior verses interior projects; the program was initially set up for exterior only. Alderman Driskell noted that the City utilized BDD funds to pay for the generator. Aldermen Olive and Burtle further discussed the need for many of the downtown buildings for electrical, plumbing and HVAC due to the age of the historic buildings.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Burtle to **table** the Business Development District Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Taylorville and Lee and Dyanne Skinner in the amount of \$16,159.36 for the property located at 122 West Market Street. The motion carried (4-0).

Lee and Dyanne Skinner submitted an application for roof repair on the building recently purchased located at 204 West Market Street and plan to have a retail business opened by July 1, 2021. Total cost of the roof repair is \$6,500.00, eligible for 50% reimbursement, for a total of \$3,250.00.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to recommend to the City Council to approve the Business Development District Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Taylorville and Lee and Dyanne Skinner for the property located at 204 West Market Street in the amount of \$3,250.00. The motion carried (4-0).

DowntownTaylorville.org submitted an application for the purchase of banners, flower baskets and equipment to line the Square, Market Street, and Webster Street in the amount of \$5,259.00. The BDD Committee recommended 100% reimbursement for this project as they are a Not for Profit organization directly promoting tourism and partially funded by the Hotel/Motel tax in the City of Taylorville. Although the BDD Committee approved this application, Steve Kline, with Jacob and Klein, informed the City that this type of entity is not eligible for reimbursement per the guidelines. Mayor Barry discussed options of using Smalltown Taylorville program to allow for BDD reimbursement or perhaps using the Hotel/Motel Tax to reimburse. This will be placed on the May Finance agenda for further discussion.

BUDGETS

Budgets including HBO, Street, Sewer, Garbage, MFT, and Safety were discussed.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to forward HBO, Street, Sewer, Garbage, MFT, and Safety budgets to the Treasurer for further refinement. The motion carried (4-0).

LIQUOR LICENSE – ANNIE’S TAYLORVILLE

An application was submitted for Annie’s Taylorville, for a pour license and gaming. It is a Class O license. She has provided a copy of her lease and full fee payment. The establishment will be located at 117 West Park Street.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to approve the Class O Liquor License for Annie’s Taylorville. The vote was (2-2), with the Mayor requesting this item be placed on the City Council agenda.

TREASURER TRANSITION

Discussion was held regarding the transition for the City Treasurer position. Chairman Budd has spoken with Treasurer Nation. She has stated that she would assist the new Treasurer if she does not have new employment as of May 4, 2021, but she requested health insurance coverage and an hourly fee to continue. The City paid Terri France’s health insurance upon her retirement eight years ago, and later as a consultant for an hourly fee. The many duties of the Treasurer were touched upon, beginning with payroll to be done immediately upon the transition. Clerk Lilly requested that a plan be implemented immediately for the completion of payroll. She will speak with Deputy Clerk Bentley to request her assistance in completing the payroll, as she previously held the Deputy Treasurer position and is well trained on Incode procedures and payroll. Alderman Bryant suggested an Exit Audit be done to insure all accounts are in order, as this is a general practice with elected officials. Mayor Barry will contact Auditor Noblet-Crites for guidance.

ESTHER/WILKINSON DRAINAGE REIMBURSEMENT

The Esther/Wilkinson project area near Ahlstrom was completed shortly after the tornado, and was approved by former Superintendent Wiseman and Mayor Barry. The initial payment agreement was made between the City of Taylorville and the Drainage District with a total project cost of \$60,000.00. Ward I was initially obligated to pay \$8,000.00 for this project, with the Drainage District required to pay the remainder. The City became fully responsible for payment when invoice was received due to the lack of funds from the Drainage District. Aldermen Budd stated that the full cost of \$60,000.00 was paid by Ward I, and he requested that Ward V reimburse Ward I for \$45,000.00 until funds are received from the Drainage District. At that time, Ward V would receive reimbursement.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to reimburse Ward I from Ward V in the amount of \$45,000.00, contingent upon any and all payments received from the Drainage District placed in the Ward V fund. The motion carried (4-0).

TREASURER'S REPORT

The January 2021 Sales Tax (received in April 2021) was \$216,014.26 compared to \$184,992.73 in January 2020. Year to date 2021 is \$31,021.53 more than 2020.

The January 2021 Non-Home Rule Sales tax (received in April 2021) was \$89,642.55 compared to \$79,989.85 in January 2020. Year to date 2021 is \$9,652.70 more than 2020.

The January BDD tax received in April 2021 was \$105,086.26. The total received since January 2019 is \$2,602,357.56. Total expenditures from this fund are \$535,300.81.

Chairman Budd noted that the gaming revenue for the month of March was \$51,960.97. \$13,000.00 per month will be set aside for loan payment to US Bank for the purchase of new City trucks.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Lanzotti to recommend to the City Council to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion carried (4-0).

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Alderman Olive stated that the replacement of fluorescent lightbulbs to LED bulbs was completed by Jarvis Electric in all City buildings that utilize Ameren Electric. Total cost was \$9,009.00. Savings in our electric bills will be recognized. This was previously approved to be paid from the Ward 5 fund.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Bryant to adjourn. The motion carried (4-0).
Meeting adjourned at 7:29 P.M.



Larry Budd, Chairman
Finance Committee