

FINANCE COMMITTEE

August 19, 2021

MEMBERS

Chairman Dorchinecz
Alderman Bryant
Alderman Skultety
Alderman Budd

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Alderman Olive
Alderman Brown
Alderman Wilson
Alderman Driskell

Clerk Lilly
Treasurer Hamell
HBO Goodall
Superintendent Mann
Chief Adermann

Sarah Van Huss
Linda Allen

Chairman Dorchinecz called the meeting to order at 7:28 P.M.

CHILLIFEST CONTRIBUTION

Sarah Van Huss and Linda Allen were present, representing the Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce and the Chillifest event. They presented a breakdown regarding how the City of Taylorville contribution is used in various areas of the event including advertising and the Kidzone. The Chamber is currently seeking a contribution from the City of \$8,000.00 from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund, noting that this event attracts chili cooks from states including California, Texas, and Louisiana, as well as vendors and attendees.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to provide an \$8,000.00 contribution to the Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce for Chillifest, to be paid out of the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund. The motion carried (4-0).

BDD APPLICATIONS

Five Business Development District applications were presented to the Committee, after receiving approval from the Business Development District Committee in July. All fall under the downtown area, with the exception of Discount Liquors, which may be considered as a stand-alone project due to location and scope of work. The maximum reimbursement for any project is \$50,000.00, whether paid out in one lump sum or a combination of smaller project up to that amount.

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Skultety to recommend to the City Council to approve the Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement for Los Rancheros of Taylorville in the amount of \$13,274.92. The motion carried (4-0).

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Bryant to recommend to the City Council to approve the Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement for Lee and Dyanne Skinner dba Dear Yesteryear for project #5 for 122 West Market in the amount of \$2,000.00. The motion carried (4-0).

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Skultety to recommend to the City Council to approve the Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement for Andrew Kinney in the amount of \$6,131.90. The motion carried (4-0).

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to approve the Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement for Shamsheer Sargodhia dba Discount Liquors in the amount of \$50,000.00. The motion carried (4-0).

Motion by Alderman Bryant and seconded by Alderman Skultety to recommend to the City Council to approve the Business Development District No. 1 Redevelopment Agreement for Laura Long dba Little Luxuries in the amount of \$1,428.61. The motion carried (4-0).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Hamell presented her report. There has been a significant increase in sales tax, with 2021 year to date in the amount of \$1,049,022.74. This is an increase of \$231,609.78 over this time period in 2020.

Non-Home Rule Sales Tax has a total increase of \$109,182.06 over 2020 year to date.

Business Development District received 2021 year to date is \$514,108.76. Lifetime revenue is \$3,011,380.06.

The first installment of County Property Tax was received in the amount of \$1,603,918.51. Treasurer Hamell stated that the FY 2021/2022 budget has been installed and the audit is wrapping up soon.

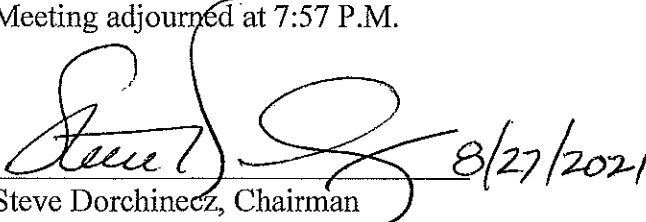
Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Bryant to recommend to the City Council to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion carried (4-0).

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Chairman Dorchinecz revisited the Pawnee Street tree cutting, stump removal and sidewalk project. He noted that City Attorney Romano stated that the project was done improperly, as the approval for Ward 5 Fund payment was not approved prior to the project being started and partially completed. Chairman Dorchinecz requested these items be placed on the September 7, 2021 City Council Agenda to rescind the previous motions and approval for use of Ward 5 Funds for tree and stump removal and sidewalk replacements and a new motion made for payment by Ward I. He cited a previous instance of a similar situation and resulting motion. Other Finance Committee members agreed that the procedure was not followed; Ward I had initially agreed to pay for the tree and stump removal and sidewalk replacement in the Street and Sewer Committee Meeting. The Mayor made the decision to start the project once Committee had approved, stating that he felt it was of emergent nature and that the final payment of the vendors could be determined at a later date. He felt it was an appropriate use of Ward 5 funds, and although previous Aldermen stated this was an emergency use fund, it is eligible for use for any project. Alderman Bryant reiterated that this was not the Mayor's decision to make; it lies in the hands of the City Council. Clerk Lilly noted that no signed contracts have been returned by either contractor and payments will be held until documentation is provided.

Motion by Alderman Skultety and seconded by Alderman Bryant to adjourn. The motion carried (4-0).

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M.


Steve Dorchinecz, Chairman
Finance Committee