

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

January 19, 2012

### MEMBERS

Chairman Lawrence  
Alderman Vota  
Alderman Burtle  
Mayor Brotherton

### ALSO PRESENT

Alderman Walters  
Alderman Heberling  
Shirley Sams  
Blain Cromwell  
John Gardner  
Jim Adcock

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Alderman Jones

Chairman Lawrence called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

### **GENERAL FUND REPAY WATER FUND FOURTH QUARTER 2011**

Chairman Lawrence advised the Committee in 2009 the General Fund had a pooled balance of approximately \$750,000.00 each month but now has approximately \$1,500,000.00 each month. He stated the Water Fund is making money and has received \$150,000.00 in repayments from the General Fund. Treasurer France had advised him the funds are available for the fourth quarterly payment.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to approve the transfer of \$50,000.00 from the General Fund to the Water Fund for the fourth quarter payment.

Motion carried 3-0.

### **SEWER PROJECT PRIORITIES**

Chairman Lawrence advised those in attendance that the City passed a Non-Home Rule Sales Tax Referendum in 2009. The revenue generated from this tax can only be used for the City's public infrastructure. These revenues were used as a revenue source to borrow \$10,000,000.00 General Obligation Alternate Revenue Bonds, which has been used on projects for Storm Sewer Separation Projects. The first \$7,500,000.00 was borrowed in 2009 and then an additional \$2,500,000.00 in December 2011.

Chairman Lawrence gave a recap of the cost and location of these projects and stated he would like to make a recommendation to the Street & Sewer Department Chairman Alderman Walters to add the NE Sanitary Sewer to their list of priorities as there is no room for expansion of the Industrial area. Mayor Brotherton stated the projects that have been started need to be completed but also emphasized the importance of completing the NE Sanitary Sewer to allow for growth which would generate revenue for the City. City Engineer Joe Greene checked with the Bond Counsel and were advised that the NE Sanitary Sewer qualifies as a project that can be funded by bond money. Chairman Lawrence advised the Taylorville Sanitary District said there could not be another tap made on the line that runs along South Esther Street.

Alderman Heberling stated he would recommend tying the Esther Street area into this line to benefit the residents in that area. Alderman Burtle stated the projects started need to be completed and he would agree for the City to pay a portion of the bill for the NE Sanitary Sewer for the Industrial Park recommends waiting to see if Tenaska comes before starting this project.

Alderman Walters, Chairman of the Street and Sewer Committee was in attendance and stated there are not enough funds available for the NE sanitary sewer as there isn't enough money left to complete the projects that have already been started. He then gave a report of the projects and the actual costs to date that those projects have cost stating that there were overages due to unforeseen circumstances. He stated the City

cannot totally fund the \$1,500,000.00 needed for the NE Sanitary Sewer that the TDA needs to pursue loans themselves for Industrial Expansion that the City and County can't. After much discussion the Committee stated other entities need to be involved as well, such as the Taylorville Sanitary District, CCEDC, and TDA. Mr. Lawrence advised Mr. Ken Hart is in the process of contacting the USDA and the Rural Development Authority for Christian County Economic Development.

There were gentlemen in the audience that represented local banks and Christian County Economic Development that agreed that meetings need to be held to get all parties involved as well as the City residents to make some decisions in the next two months to discuss this project so that if Tenaska gets approved the City is ready for additional business to follow. Mayor Brotherton advised he will begin making phone calls to coordinate a meeting.

### **ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCES SEWER PRIORITIES**

Chairman Lawrence advised he has been in contact with the local banks in regards to a \$2,000,000.00 participation loan and all have been agreeable. Other than getting the other entities involved as discussed under the sewer priority agenda item there was discussion regarding where the revenue source to repay this loan would come from. There was discussion regarding a ¼% increase to the sales tax which would require a referendum and takes 3 ½ months in advance to be placed on the ballot. Alderman Walters advised the deadline for the November 6<sup>th</sup> election would be August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Another suggestion was raising the Utility Tax 2% which doesn't require a referendum. The Aldermen in attendance agreed they would rather have an increase in the sales tax as that tax is on all merchandise purchased in Taylorville rather than the Utility Tax which is only applied to the residents.

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

- The October Sales Tax (received in January) was \$196,181.21 which is \$10,384.99 more than October 2010. Year to date is \$168,748.85 more than last year at this time.
- Non-Home Rule Sales Tax- October NHMR Tax (received in January) was \$79,860.27 as compared to \$70,516.46 last October. Year to date is \$91,524.51 more than last year at this time.
- Sewer Project Fund- Interest earned on the account to date is \$153,797.91. The additional \$2,500,000.00 bond proceeds were received 12/20/11. Current balance is \$3,530,796.04
- Aldi's new store was open one year ago on December 1, 2011 and she has begun the process for the first annual reimbursement of sales and real estate taxes per Ordinance # 3468.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Burtle to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

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John Lawrence, Chairman  
Finance Committee

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

March 15, 2012

### MEMBERS

Chairman Lawrence  
Alderman Jones  
Alderman Burtle  
Alderman Vota  
Mayor Brotherton

### ALSO PRESENT

Terri France  
Alderman Walters  
Alderman Koonce  
Steve Milling  
Cindy Dey

Chairman Lawrence called the meeting to order at 7:45 P.M.

### Optimist Club Request/Fireworks Donation

Mr. Steve Milling, representing the Optimist Club, is requesting a donation from the City of Taylorville to assist with the Fourth of July Fireworks Display at Lake Taylorville.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to contribute \$3,000.00 to the Optimist Club for the Fourth of July Fireworks Display with \$2,500.00 coming from the Hotel/Motel Tax to help promote tourism and \$500.00 coming from the General Fund. Motion carried 4-0.

### Review/Approve-FY 2012/2013 Departmental Budgets

The Committee reviewed the Lake, Airport, and Water FY2012/2013 Budgets. Chairman Lawrence recommended forwarding these Budgets to the City Treasurer for further refinement.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to forward the FY 2012/2013 Lake, Airport and Water Budgets to the City Treasurer for further refinement. Motion carried 4-0.

### Readers Digest Contest Prize

Mayor Brotherton informed the Committee that the City of Taylorville finished 14<sup>th</sup> in the Reader's Digest "We Hear You America" sweepstakes and will receive \$5,000.00 and promotional support for community projects and civic initiatives to better their communities. He is seeking suggestions from the Committee for the expenditure of these funds that would benefit the whole City.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to utilize the prize money of \$5,000.00 from the Reader's Digest "We Hear You America" sweepstakes to help with the installation of the 19kW Solar Panels. Motion carried 4-0.

### Treasurer's Report

The December 2011 Sales Tax (received in March 2012) was \$234,825.65 and is the highest on record! The final total for 2011 is \$2,390,632.40 as compared to \$2,178,210.46 in 2010. This amount is up **9.75%**.

The December 2011 Non-Home rule Sales Tax (received in March 2012) was \$98,964.68. The final total for 2011 is \$992,218.06 as compared to \$888,823.12 in 2010. This amount is up **11.6%**.

Interest earned on the Sewer Project Fund Account to date is \$160,680.38 and the current balance is \$3,095,525.87.

ALDI's has received the first Real Estate Tax Rebate, 2010 tax paid in 2011, of \$573.43. This amount is the City's portion only, less pensions and Library. Treasurer France receives monthly Sales Tax Reports from ALDI's for 2010 and 2011 and the Agreement states the City retains 110% of the previous store's Sales Tax. ALDI's first Sales Tax Reimbursement will be \$3,627.50.

Any Other Matters

Chairman Lawrence informed the Committee the Christian County Economic Development Corporation has received their first Enterprise Zone Certification Fee of which the City of Taylorville and Christian County will divide 25% of the amount.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Jones to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

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John Lawrence, Chairman  
Finance Committee

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

April 19, 2012

### MEMBERS

Chairman Lawrence  
Alderman Burtle  
Alderman Vota  
Mayor Brotherton

### ALSO PRESENT

Treasurer France  
Alderman Walters  
Alderman Koonce  
Alderman Heberling  
Shirley Sams

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Alderman Jones

Chairman Lawrence called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

### Review/Approve-FY 2012/2013 Departmental Budgets

The Committee reviewed the Police, Fire, HBO, Street, Sewer, Garbage, MFT, and Cemetery FY2012/2013 Budgets. Chairman Lawrence recommended forwarding these Budgets to the City Treasurer for further refinement.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to forward the FY 2012/2013 Police, Fire, HBO, Street, Sewer, Garbage, MFT, and Cemetery Budgets to the City Treasurer for further refinement. Motion carried 3-0.

### Project Tax Exemption Applications

The Mayor presented the Committee with a copy of a Taylorville Christian County Enterprise Zone Certification Application to review.

### Project Certification Fee

The Mayor presented the Committee with information explaining how the Certification Fee is determined. The Certification Fee is ½% of the total construction and/or renovation material costs determined at the time of certification of the project by the Enterprise Zone Administrators. The CCEDC receives 75% of the distributions and 25% is divided equally between the City of Taylorville and Christian County.

### Enterprise Zone Report/Review

The Mayor presented the Committee with information regarding the Taylorville Christian County Enterprise Zone. There was discussion on who should be responsible for informing new businesses of the Enterprise Zone. The Committee also discussed the need for new maps stating the first step would be to contact Mike Gianasi of the Supervisor of Assessments Office.

### Water Fund Loan Repayment

Treasurer France advised the Committee that \$200,000.00 has been repaid to the Water Fund to date; after this \$50,000.00 transfer from the General Fund to the Water Fund the balance owed to the Water Fund will be \$720,000.00.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to approve the transfer of \$50,000.00 from the General Fund to the Water Fund for the first quarter payment. Motion carried 3-0.

#### Treasurer's Report

- January 2012 Sales Tax (Received in April) was \$179,875.17 compared to \$170,614.90 in January 2011.
- January 2012 Non-Home Rule Sales Tax (Received in April) was \$70,585.05 compared to \$64,415.13 in January 2011.
- Interest earned on the Sewer Project Fund to date is \$163,870.81; the current balance is \$2,753,911.10.
- IEPA Lift Station Upgrade Repayment- IEPA disbursements processed totaled \$962,011.00 and accrued interest totaled \$3,746.87. Principal forgiveness amounted to \$246,250.00. The City will be required to repay \$719,507.87 over the 20 year period. In FY 2012/2013, \$20,845.94 is due August 8, 2012 and the same amount is due on February 8, 2013.
- Real Estate Taxes- Have reviewed and signed off on the County Clerk's tax district levy request report for tax year 2011 paid in 2012.

#### Any Other Matters

The Committee listened to a presentation given by Cory with eCIVIS via phone regarding a website designed for cities to obtain grants; this service helps with the research, tracking and reporting which is very helpful with auditing. Mayor Brotherton had the website set up in advance to have eCIVIS explain the different tools on the website to help obtain grants specifically for their needs. For an example, the service has tools to separate grants from non-matching to matching funds. Cory also explained that there are different types of grants available, Federal, State and Foundation Grants and eCIVIS is the only web site which shows all three.

This service allows each Department to search for grants specifically for their needs. Chairman Lawrence asked if they would be able to search for infrastructure grants as well and he was told yes, that you would breakdown the search by keyword search such as sewers, streets, etc., for example they typed in sewer and 59 different grants came up; then specifically entered bridge non matching funds and 44 grants came up. Mayor Brotherton asked if there are any grants available to finance the website service and Cory stated actually there is and quite a few of their clients have done this.

Mayor Brotherton asked if they could provide him with a list of their clients which have the same demographics as Taylorville. This would give the Committee information as to how many cities would be applying for the same types of grants as Taylorville and to provide information on how many grants they have been awarded.

The agreement with eCIVIS for the website service would initially be set up for four users with one user being set up as the Manager who will be able to oversee all transactions taking place. The initial agreement will be set up for three years for four users for an annual cost of \$12,100.00. Cory explained with this service, if audited, the City could give access to the website for the State, etc. to review information.

Chairman Lawrence stated this service is very similar to a service that he and Mary Renner with Taylorville Development Corp. observed called "Foundation Search". The cost for their service is \$8,000.00 for a two year agreement. The Committee discussed comparing the two services and if comparable perhaps try to negotiate a better fee with eCIVIS; if they provide the Mayor with the information he asked for and the Committee agrees to go forward.

Mayor Brotherton advised the Committee an appraisal has been done for property located on Gandy Street that the City is considering purchasing; this will be addressed at a later date.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Vota to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

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John Lawrence, Chairman  
Finance Committee

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

MAY 17, 2012

### MEMBERS

Chairman Lawrence  
Alderman Jones  
Alderman Vota  
Alderman Burtle  
Mayor Brotherton

### ALSO PRESENT

Terri France  
Alderman Walters  
Alderman Heberling  
Alderman Koonce  
Cindy Dey

Chairman Lawrence called the meeting to order at 7:11 P.M.

### Municipal Liens on Properties

The City of Taylorville has placed mowing liens on property at 626 East Adams that amounts to \$3,000.00 (\$2,600.00 for mowing 13 times since May 2010 and \$400.00 for the cost of filing the liens). The property went through foreclosure and was purchased back by U S Bank with a Sheriff's Deed recorded March 29, 2012. The last time the City mowed the property was April 11, 2012. Carrington Property Service has been hired to manage the mowing of the property and is requesting the City consider a reduction in the amount of the liens if they were paid off.

It was the consensus of the Committee not to reduce the amount of liens placed on this property.

### Review/Approve FY 2012/2013 Budgets

The Committee reviewed the Safety, Hotel/Motel, Contingency, Audit, ESDA, Band, Library, Fire Pension, Police Pension, and Perpetual Care FY 2012/2013 Budgets. Chairman Lawrence recommended forwarding these Budgets to the City Treasurer for further refinement.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to forward the Safety, Hotel/Motel, Contingency, Audit, ESDA, Band, Library, Fire Pension, Police Pension, and Perpetual Care FY 2012/2013 to the City Treasurer for further refinement.  
Motion carried 4-0.

### Treasurer's Report

The February 2012 Sales Tax (received in May 2012) was \$191,944.17 compared to \$177,377.23 in February 2011 and year-to-date (2 months) is \$23,827.21 more than last year.

The February 2012 Non-Home Rule Sales Tax (received in May 2012) was \$79,361.56 compared to \$64,641.72 in February 2011 and year-to-date (2 months) is \$20,889.76 more than last year.

Interest earned on the Sewer Project Fund Account to date is \$166,588.70 and the current balance is \$2,303,706.83.



Sam Taylor Fund

The final interest subsidy for the first quarter of 2012 was paid to Peoples Bank on behalf of Josh Assad for his property at 107-108 West Main Cross. This was the original interest subsidy program, and a total of \$66,792.94 has been paid for 14 individuals.

The original Façade Mini Grant Program (50% of façade up to \$500.00 maximum) reimbursed 26 individuals a total of \$10,224.55.

Resolution No. 985 amends the Façade Grant to the “lessor of 50% of costs up to \$200.00 per horizontal front foot or \$7,500.00” and Resolution No. 1050 expanded the area to a 23 block Downtown Historic District. No grants have been applied for to date and the balance in the Sam Taylor Fund is \$54,472.10.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Burtle to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

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John Lawrence, Chairman  
Finance Committee

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

June 21, 2012

### MEMBERS

Chairman Lawrence  
Alderman Burtle  
Alderman Jones  
Mayor Brotherton

### ABSENT

Alderman Vota

### ALSO PRESENT

Treasurer France      Philip Carr  
Alderman Walters      Gary Fogelman  
Alderman Heberling      Jim Chilsen  
Alderman Koonce      Cindy Dey  
Gary McNeely      Derek Parris  
Numerous Liquor License Holders

Chairman Lawrence called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

### **RENEWAL OF PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE**

Mr. Gary McNeely, Agency Manager of Kinsella-McNeely-Ryan-Markwell, Inc. (KMRM), a Division of Dimond Bros, Ins. Agency, Inc. presented to the Committee an Insurance Renewal Summary explaining the renewal rates for property and general liability insurance for the City of Taylorville. The property and equipment coverage is provided through Cincinnati Insurance Company, the general liability and auto coverage is provided through Travelers Insurance Company, and the pollution liability/storage tank environmental impairment is provided through American Safety Insurance.

Mr. McNeely advised the Committee the total annual premium is \$176,714.00. The renewal pricing is \$5,843 higher than the inception premium at 8/1/2011, or 3.4%. The actual rates for the exposure insured would reflect a decrease on renewal because of the policy changes for the year. The changes are scheduled equipment values have increased by \$41,084.00; the City is insuring a net of eight (8) more vehicles, and two (2) 2013 Police vehicles just purchased are not included in the pricing number.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to renew the property and equipment insurance, the general liability and auto coverage, and the pollution liability/storage tank environmental impairment insurance through Kinsella-McNeely-Ryan-Markwell, Inc. at a cost of \$176,714.00 that does not include the two (2) Police vehicles just purchased. Motion carried 3-0.

### Electric Aggregation Opt-Out Program

Mr. Philip Carr, a representative of Good Energy, L.P., addressed the Committee regarding the issue of the Municipal Aggregation Opt-Out Program. The program allows the corporate authorities of a municipality to adopt an ordinance which would allow it to aggregate residential and small commercial retail electric loads and solicit bids and enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of electricity. This would need to be done via a referendum. The theory is that the load aggregation would result in substantially better pricing from alternative suppliers, due to bulk buying power and the stripping out of marketing costs. This program would only be offered to Ameren customers. In municipalities where the aggregation has been utilized the ratepayers have seen up to a 35% savings on the supply portion of their electric bill.

Mr. Carr pointed out that there are three cost components that make up a customer's electricity bill. These are transmission costs, distribution costs, and supply costs. Supply is the only component affected by the aggregation. Participants would see no significant change in their Ameren bills other than a price reduction on energy supply.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to place on the November 6, 2012 ballot as a referendum item "Shall the City of Taylorville have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such a program?" Motion carried 3-0.

#### Purchase of Property on Gandy Street

Chairman Lawrence informed the Committee that the City Attorney is still researching the title and liens on the property on Gandy Street.

#### Review/Approve FY 2012/2013 Budgets

The Committee reviewed the Administration, Fire/Police Commission, Municipal Building, Insurance, IMRF, and Social Security FY 2012/2013 Budgets. Chairman Lawrence recommended forwarding these Budgets to the City Treasurer for further refinement.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to forward the Administration, Fire/Police Commission, Municipal Building, Insurance, IMRF, and Social Security FY 2012/2013 Budgets to the City Treasurer for further refinement. Motion carried 3-0.

#### Treasurer's Report

The March 2012 Sales Tax (received in June 2012) was \$197,951.93 and year-to-date (3 months) is \$26,925.89 more than last year.

The March 2012 Non-Home Rule Sales Tax (received in June 2012) was \$85,676.51 compared to \$77,100.81 in March 2011 and year-to-date (3 months) is \$29,465.46 more than last year.

Interest earned on the Sewer Project Fund Account to date is \$169,033.03 and the current balance is \$1,870,797.48. Treasurer France presented the Committee a current detail receipts and expenditures of the Sewer Project Fund.

Treasurer France informed the Committee that an expense line item number has been added to the Airport Budget for 35% of the Airport Manager's Salary and a revenue line item number has been added to the Cemetery Budget for the 65% Cemetery Sexton's Salary and upon approval of the FY 2012/2013 Budget the appropriate entries will be made.

#### Any Other Matters

The City Clerk's Office has been working diligently on obtaining payments for the mowing of properties. Recently while working with several financial institutions, payments were authorized but arrived after the date the City had to file a lien (within 60 days of service) as it takes a long time to make it through the bank's process. When payments were received, they were short the \$100.00 to file and release the lien. Several of the payments were substantial in size and long overdue. HBO George Calvert stated that the City would have made enough money on the mowing to cover this \$100.00. The Committee recommended that the decision to release the lien should be left to the discretion of the City Treasurer.

The salaries for the Elected Officials will be placed on the next regular Finance Committee Meeting Agenda.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Jones to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 P.M.

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John Lawrence, Chairman  
Finance Committee

FINANCE COMMITTEE

July 2, 2012

MEMBERS

Chairman Lawrence  
Alderman Jones  
Alderman Burtle  
Mayor Brotherton

MEMBERS ABSENT

Alderman Vota

ALSO PRESENT

Treasurer France  
Alderman Walters  
Alderman Heberling  
Alderman Koonce  
Alderman Dorchinecz  
Shirley Sams  
Alan Jackson

Chairman Lawrence called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

BUDGETS/APPROPRIATIONS

Chairman Lawrence advised he and Treasurer France reviewed the FY 2012/2013 Budgets and asked Treasurer France to give a brief overview of the Budgets and Appropriations. Treasurer France stated she had met with each Superintendent and Chiefs. She stated that even though the budgets will be set, the Superintendents will still need to curtail unnecessary expenditures and will still have to come before their Committee for approval of certain purchases.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to approve the Fiscal Year 5/01/2012 through 4/30/2013 Budget in the amount of \$22,180,618.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to approve the Fiscal Year 5/01/2012 through 4/30/2013 Appropriations in the amount of \$40,851,400.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Clerk's Office to prepare the Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year 2012/2013 in the amount of \$40,851,400.00 and that the document be available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office beginning July 6, 2012 and that a Public Hearing be set for 6:45 P.M. on Monday, July 16, 2012. Motion carried 3-0.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Alderman Burtle asked Treasurer France if the increase shown in the Sales Tax Report was due to the recent annexation of two retailers. She stated no that the increase in sales tax could have been due to car manufacturers incentives for customers, the revenue from the annexations would not show until the October Sales Tax Report.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Jones to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 P.M.

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John Lawrence, Chairman  
Finance Committee

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

July 19, 2012

### MEMBERS

Chairman Lawrence  
Alderman Burtle  
Alderman Jones  
Mayor Brotherton

### ABSENT

Alderman Vota

### ALSO PRESENT

Alderman Heberling  
Alderman Koonce  
Alderman Walters  
Alderman Dorchinecz  
Roger Ryan  
Dave Titus  
Stephen Thayer  
Rich & Marilyn Payne

Laura Wolfe  
Gary Spurling  
Becky Edwards  
Clark Pearce  
Steve Craggs  
Frank Mathon  
Cindy Dey

Chairman Lawrence called the meeting to order at 6:24 P.M.

### Sam Taylor Façade Grant Applications

Ms. Becky Edwards, Executive Director of Taylorville Main Street, provided the Council Members six (6) applications for Sam Taylor Funds. Resolution No. 1147 states that the Sam Taylor Fund would provide façade renovation improvement up to \$200.00 per horizontal street frontage foot with a maximum of \$7,500.00.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to approve the following Sam Taylor Façade Grant Applications and amounts: (Pending the completion of the façade project the amounts may vary)

Spurling Title, Inc. – 118 West Market Street	\$7,500.00
Spurling Title, Inc. – 107 South Washington Street	\$4,000.00
Butch & Cindy's, Inc. – 109 South Washington Street	\$4,000.00
Rich & Marilyn Payne – 105 South Washington Street	\$2,800.00
Janet DeClerck – 103 South Washington Street	\$3,600.00
Spurling Title, Inc. – 115 South Washington Street	\$2,000.00

Motion carried 3-0.

### SIMEC-Community Energy Aggregation Program

Mr. Stephen Thayer, President of SIMEC addressed the Committee regarding a Community Energy Aggregation Program they provide. The company acts as a sales consultant to seek out and negotiate power prices on behalf of residents and small businesses. Once a referendum ordinance passes, the company will execute a comprehensive marketing plan designed to publicize and educate voters on community aggregation.

The City Council adopted an Ordinance to place a referendum on the November Ballot pertaining to an Energy Aggregation Program at the July 16, 2012 City Council Meeting. At the previous Finance Committee Meeting Good Energy, L.P. addressed the Committee regarding their Community Energy Aggregation Program. Both companies will be invited to the next Finance Committee Meeting to present their programs.

### Elected Officials Salaries

Mayor Brotherton addressed the Committee and stated that the salary for the Mayor's position needs to be carefully considered. He stated that on one hand, whoever holds the position should view the salary as being secondary to the importance and honor of holding the office. He then cautioned that, on the other hand, you sometimes get what you pay for. The reality for most of the City's citizens is that they need some type of salary to provide for themselves and their family. The Mayor stated, in his opinion the current salary was sufficient and that given the fact that the outlook for the economy does not look promising, that now might be a bad time to consider a salary increase. He reminded the Committee that the City will soon begin negotiating a union contract with the Police and will argue that the City can afford very little in the way of wage increases. The Mayor feels it is important to lead by example and not raise the salary at this time. He stated that he did not feel that a decision needed to be made at tonight's meeting and also felt it was important that the City Treasurer and City Clerk be given the opportunity to provide their thoughts on any potential salary changes before the Committee took any action.

### Treasurer's Report

The April 2012 Sales Tax (received in July 2012) was \$195,080.78 compared to \$186,496.50 in April 2011 and year-to-date is \$35,510.17 more than last year.

The April 2012 Non-Home rule Sales Tax (received in July 2012) was \$84,716.43 compared to \$78,270.12 in April 2011 and year-to-date is \$35,911.77 more than last year.

Interest earned on the Sewer Project Fund Account to date is \$170,932.33 and the current balance is \$1,626,939.89. Treasurer France presented the Committee a current detail receipts and expenditures of the Sewer Project Fund.

The Tax Rate Extension Report for the City of Taylorville indicates the City will receive \$2,081,141.54, plus Road & Bridge Tax that is unknown at this time. The Taylorville Public Library will receive \$222,656.13.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Burtle to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

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John Lawrence, Chairman  
Finance Committee

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

August 16, 2012

### MEMBERS

Chairman Lawrence  
Alderman Burtle  
Alderman Vota  
Mayor Brotherton

### ABSENT

Alderman Jones

### ALSO PRESENT

Treasurer France  
Pam Peabody  
Alderman Walters  
Alderman Heberling  
Alderman Dorchinecz  
Laura Wolfe  
Don & Debra Wells  
Joe Hauser  
Chris Biondolino  
Cindy Dey

Philip Carr  
Dave Kelly  
Stephen Thayer  
Dave Titus  
Reg Ankrom  
Jamie Carlson  
Charlie Brown  
Frank Mathon  
Butch Ryan

Chairman Lawrence called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

### Selection of Electric Aggregation Consultants

Mr. Philip Carr with Good Energy, L.P. and Mr. Stephen Thayer with SIMEC gave a presentation in an attempt to persuade the Committee to select their company to act as the City's sales consultant to seek out and negotiate power prices on behalf of residents and small businesses if the referendum on electric aggregation on the November Ballot should pass.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to select SIMEC as the City's Electric Aggregation Consultant and forward the sample ordinance to the City Attorney for review. Motion carried 3-0.

### Elected Officials Salaries

Chairman Lawrence would like to postpone the discussion regarding the elected official salaries until the health insurance language can be established. Alderman Burtle requested that a spreadsheet be prepared showing the current salaries and insurance benefits and what is being proposed. A Finance Committee Meeting will be scheduled for August 30, 2012 to continue discussions.

### Treasurer's Report

The May 2012 Sales Tax (received in August 2012) was \$219,609.47 compared to \$181,054.53 in May 2011 and year-to-date is \$74,065.11 more than last year.

The May 2012 Non-Home Rule Sales Tax (received in August 2012) was \$87,148.62 compared to \$81,304.20 in May 2011 and year-to-date is \$41,756.19 more than last year.

Interest earned on the Sewer Project Fund Account to date is \$172,606.61 and the current balance is \$1,525,351.15. Treasurer France presented the Committee a current detail statement of revenues and expenditures of the Sewer Project Fund.



The first distribution of Real Estate Taxes was received August 14, 2012 in the amount of \$1,109,486.70 and the Library received \$115,144.18. The total taxes extended for the City are \$2,081,141.54, plus the City's share of Road & Bridge Tax. The Taylorville Public Library will receive \$222,656.13.

Any Other Matters

Mayor Brotherton was contacted by a businessman who has an outstanding bill with the City of Taylorville from August 9, 2011 which includes 10 months of finance charges and is requesting to pay a lower settlement amount that includes a portion of the finance charges to clear up the account. Mayor Brotherton will pursue a reasonable settlement with the gentleman.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Vota to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

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John Lawrence, Chairman  
Finance Committee

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

September 20, 2012

### MEMBERS

Chairman Lawrence  
Alderman Vota  
Alderman Burtle  
Alderman Jones  
Mayor Brotherton

### ALSO PRESENT

Alderman Walters     Larry Barry  
Alderman Heberling     Don Reiss  
Alderman Koonce     Andy Lasswell  
Cindy Dey

Chairman Lawrence called the meeting to order at 6:36 P.M.

### Water Fund Loan Repayment

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to approve the transfer of \$100,000.00 from the General Fund to the Water Fund for the repayment of the Water Fund Loan. Motion carried 4-0.

### Economic Incentives-Larry's Service Center

Mr. Larry Barry owner of Larry's Service Center is requesting incentives from the City at his new business location at 710 West Springfield Road.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Burtle to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance authorizing the reimbursement to Larry's Service Center paid from the City's share of sales tax attributable to the new business built by Larry Barry but only if and to the extent that the sum of the City's share of sales taxes attributable to the new business received by the City exceeds One Hundred Ten Percent (110%) of the City's share of sales taxes attributable to the existing store of Larry's for the last twelve (12) months at the former location. Such reimbursement shall apply for five (5) years. In addition, the City shall rebate its portion, less assessments for the City Library, Police and Fire Pensions, and IMRF of the difference in real estate taxes calculated from the assessed value at the new location and the assessed value at the former location. Such reimbursement shall apply for five (5) years. The City will waive the Sewer and Water Tapping Fees along with the Building Permit Fees. Motion carried 4-0.

### Treasurer's Report

Chairman Lawrence presented the Treasurer's Report.

The June 2012 Sales Tax (received in September 2012) was \$210,862.39 compared to \$201,441.48 in June 2011 and year-to-date is \$83,486.02 more than last year.

The June 2012 None-home Rule Sales Tax (received in September 2012) was \$84,300.35 compared to \$79,786.19 in June 2012 and year-to-date is \$46,270.35 more than last year.

Interest earned on the Sewer Project Fund Account to date is \$174,181.78 and the current balance is \$1,472,854.70. A current detail statement of revenues and expenditures of the Sewer Project Fund was presented to the Committee.

A detailed report of the Sam Taylor Fund was presented to the Committee. The report includes all grants paid out to date and the current balance in the fund is \$53,327.76.

### Elected Officials Salaries

Chairman Lawrence presented to the Committee a spreadsheet showing the projected effect on Budgets that a one (1%) percent increase per year over four (4) years for the Mayor, City Clerk, and the City Treasurer Positions would generate. Approximately \$15,533.00 would be the total budget increase over 4 years based upon the current salaries.

That projection was presented as an alternative to a prior proposal to set the Mayor, City Clerk and City Treasurer salaries in differing amounts by providing that a newly elected official's salary would be a lesser annual amount than that of an elected incumbent.

In referring to an opinion letter from the City Attorney received by all Councilmen, Chairman Lawrence explained he believed the legal opinion clearly stated such setting of differing amounts was not timely under the statutes for the reason they were being "fixed" pending a future event. Thusly, the April 9, 2013 election date would determine and fix the salary amounts for those elected offices, an occurrence not in compliance with the statutory 180 days prior to the election.

Having a general agreement in that matter and after further discussion of suggested changes, there was a

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Attorney to prepare the Ordinances for the salaries of the Mayor, Aldermen, City Clerk, and City Treasurer maintaining the current salaries for the four year terms. Motion carried 3-1.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Vota to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

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John Lawrence, Chairman  
Finance Committee

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

October 16, 2012

### MEMBERS

Chairman Lawrence  
Alderman Vota  
Alderman Jones  
Mayor Brotherton

### ALSO PRESENT

Treasurer France  
Rich Hooper  
Dick Adams  
Becky & Eugene Edwards  
Clark Pearce

Chris Fehr  
Jacque Nation  
Shirley Sams

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Shawn Burtle

Chairman Lawrence called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

### **CHRISTIAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION- REQUEST FOR FUNDING**

Mr. Dick Adams representing the Christian County Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC) was in attendance requesting the City of Taylorville to consider contributing \$5,000.00. Mr. Adams presented the Committee with copies of the Annual Report of the Economic Development Corp. of continuing projects, updates and future plans for the corporation.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to contribute \$5,000.00 to the Christian County Economic Development Corporation. Motion carried 3-0.

### **MAIN STREET CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

Becky Edwards and Clark Pearce were present to discuss Main Street's plans to purchase new decorations for the Square. She told the Committee that Alderman Walters had approached her in regards to the Christmas decorations around the Square advising her that the pole toppers need replaced.

They presented the Committee with pictures showing what their plans were for the new decorations around the Square and a worksheet outlining the costs associated with having the lights on for 5 hours a day for the Square only and 5 hours a day for the Square and side streets. They advised the new decorations will be LED lights and stated they met with D.J. Kennedy of Ameren Illinois to determine the electrical costs associated with the new decorations. They asked the City to contribute the estimated annual cost for electricity which is \$700.00 annually.

Mrs. Edwards was asked who they had to do the work associated with the decorations such as who is going to be changing the bulbs etc. She stated they haven't gotten that far into the particulars yet as they are just getting ready to start looking for benefactors to purchase the decorations first.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to approve the City being responsible for up to \$700.00 annually for the LED lights for the downtown area. Motion carried 3-0.

## **FY 2011/2012 AUDIT PRESENTATION**

Mr. Rich Hooper of Lively, Mathias, Hooper and Noblet presented the findings of the audit for the Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2012. He stated the summary of the major revenue sources (excluding transfers) for the fiscal year is \$12.8 million compared to \$12.2 million in 2010/2011. He stated this was done by tough decisions that have been made with personnel issues and the Superintendents not replacing equipment. Following is a breakdown of some of the issues Mr. Hooper discussed.

- He explained that he had a disclosure which is on page 1 paragraph 3 of the annual report. The City's financial statements do not disclose the actuarial and statistical data as required for the City's Police and Firefighters Pension Plans. The State did not provide this information this year but have already announced that they will continue to do these reports next year. Treasurer France stated she had a formula to calculate this information for the Tax Levy. She also informed the Committee the Department of Insurance now mandates that all downstate pension funds send Pension Board Members to costly training, therefore the Police and Fire Pensions did not use the services of an actuary which could have cost approximately \$5,000.00 each.
- The City has total assets of \$41,817,106 and liabilities of \$19,541,791, resulting in net assets of \$22,275,315 as of April 30, 2012. Of the net assets, \$15,129,827.00 represents investment in capital assets, net of related debt; \$3,791,731 is held for restricted purposes, and unrestricted net assets of \$3,353,757.
- 2011 was a full year for the Non-Home Rule Sales Tax, there was an increase of \$830,000.00 over last year.
- He stated the representatives that attend the Illinois Municipal League Conference may hear discussion about the State wanting to hold on to funds that are currently being disbursed to the municipalities. Decisions by the State can have significant ripple effects throughout the State.

Mr. Hooper advised the City has to continue to keep a diligent watch as the unknown continues with the economy and not knowing how the State changes are going to affect the local governments. He advised overall he is very pleased as a taxpayer as well as auditor with the annual report and he is very impressed with what the City has accomplished. He thanked the City Treasurer and City Clerk and their staffs for providing the information needed for the audit.

Mr. Hooper stated as this will be the last audit he will be reviewing with Treasurer France that he wanted to thank her, that it has been a pleasure working with her, not only is she technically proficient in doing the Treasurer's duties she is always ethical.

Treasurer France stated that anytime she has a question she calls him and it has been a pleasure working with him.

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to accept the FY 2011/2012 Audit as presented by Rich Hooper of Lively, Mathias, Hooper and Noblet. Motion carried 3-0.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- July 2012 Sales Tax (received in Oct.) was \$202,443.84 compared to \$292,851.28 in July 2011 (State made up for unremitted sales tax Christian County FS for 9 months). Year-to-date is \$6,921.42 less than last year.
- July 2012 Non-Home Rule Sales Tax (received in Oct.) was \$83,980.90 compared to \$152,512.21 in July 2011 (Again, because of FS remittance). Year-to-date is \$22,260.96 less than last year.
- Sewer Project Fund-Taylorville Memorial Hospital remitted a check for \$117,500.00. This is half of the amount they will reimburse the City for materials, construction and engineering costs paid by the City for the 36" storm water line. The other half will be paid in October 2013. Interest earned on the account to date is \$175,658.69. Current balance is \$1,513,845.95. Treasurer France provided the Committee with a current statement of revenues and expenditures.

## **ANY OTHER MATTERS**

Chris Fehr, representative of Family Heritage, was present to discuss policies his company offers; such as the Cancer Care Plus brochure he presented, stating their products are refundable supplemental insurance. He also explained that their company is different in that they return premiums if you have claims or if you stay well, and they refund your premiums, less any claims paid, after twenty years. He is just asking the Committee to allow him to approach employees.

The Committee asked Treasurer France how this would affect the current policies already offered to the employees through the City she advised it would not. There was discussion regarding how the payments would be handled as the billing will not be done by payroll deductions; the City will not be involved in any transactions. Mr. Fehr was asked if his policies can be cafeteria plans and he stated they could. After discussion the Committee informed him he would be allowed to use the basement of the Municipal Building, but the employees will have to do so on their own time.

Alderman Jones advised the Committee that he has policies with this company and they have very good products and he has never had any problems

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Vota to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

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John Lawrence, Chairman  
Finance Committee

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

November 15, 2012

### MEMBERS

Chairman Lawrence  
Alderman Burtle  
Alderman Jones  
Alderman Vota  
Mayor Brotherton

### ALSO PRESENT

Treasurer France      Gary McNeely  
Alderman Walters      Cindy Dey  
Alderman Koonce  
Alderman Heberling

Chairman Lawrence called the meeting to order at 6:56 P.M.

### 2012/2013 Workers Compensation Renewal Rates

Mr. Gary McNeely, Agency Manager for Dimond Brothers Insurance Agency, presented the Workers Compensation annual premium for January 1, 2013 to January 1, 2014. The renewal premium is \$285,466.00 which is a decrease of \$15,553.00 from last year's rate and is based upon previous years' history. The effective date of coverage has moved from 12/15 to 1/1 so IPRF will pick up the payroll for the last two (2) weeks of December on the audit. The renewal effective 1/1/13 reflects a 2% increase in payroll from the current policy and a 5.2% decrease in premium. The City of Taylorville will receive a Grant Award of \$19,700.00 from Illinois Public Risk Fund.

Motion by Alderman Burtle and seconded by Alderman Jones to recommend to the City Council to approve the January 1, 2013 to January 1, 2014 Workers Compensation Policy Renewal Premium of \$285,466.00 from Illinois Public Risk Fund. Motion carried 4-0.

### FY 2012/2013 Truth-In Taxation & Tax Levy

Motion by Alderman Jones and seconded by Alderman Vota to recommend to the City Council to direct the City Clerk's Office to prepare an Ordinance that, pursuant to the Truth-in-Taxation Act, the sum of \$2,430,846.00 for the City's current Fiscal year 5/1/12 to 4/30/13 upon the taxable property in the City, which amount is less than 105% of the amount extended, or estimated to be extended upon the final aggregate levy of the preceding fiscal year; and a Truth-in-Taxation Public Hearing is not required. This includes a total maximum levy of \$233,766.00 for the Taylorville Public Library. Motion carried 4-0.

### Treasurer's Report

The August 2012 Sales Tax (received in November 2012) was \$196,204.27 compared to \$186,161.31 in August 2011 and year-to-date is \$3,121.54 more than last year.

The August 2012 Non-Home Rule Sales Tax (received in November 2012) was \$83,312.14 compared to \$75,396.88 in August 2011 and year-to-date is \$7,915.26 more than last year.

The interest earned on the Sewer Project Fund Account to date is \$177,146.18 and the current balance is \$1,292,290.62.

Any Other Matters

Mayor Brotherton advised Committee members that he had invited a representative from the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs to attend the December 20, 2012, Finance Committee Meeting to discuss an option regarding the establishment of a 5-10 year development plan.

Alderman Vota asked if this would tie in with a review of the City's existing Comprehensive Plan. The Mayor stated that it was his intent to make it a part of an overall planning project that would include a review and update of the Comprehensive Plan.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Burtle to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

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John Lawrence, Chairman  
Finance Committee



## FINANCE COMMITTEE

December 20, 2012

### MEMBERS

Chairman Lawrence  
Alderman Jones  
Alderman Vota  
Mayor Brotherton

### ALSO PRESENT

Alderman Walters  
Alderman Koonce  
Gisele Hamm  
Shirley Sams

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Alderman Burtle

Chairman Lawrence called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

### **Mapping - A Long-Range Vision for the Economic Development of the Community and a Plan of Action for Achieving It**

Gisele Hamm, Manager of MAPPING from the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs, Western Illinois University addressed the Committee to discuss the Mapping Program which is a strategic visioning for Rural Development. She presented a program in which she explained that this program came about to give communities a vision and how to work towards achieving it. The Mapping Program, which has a staff of forty, was started in 1991 for rural areas that have a population of less than 25,000. Many communities come to them for research of data and statistics to help them work towards receiving grants. She said they have been in over 130 communities in Illinois, which were provided in her informational packets. She also advised that they have helped these communities to receive grants. She read some quotations which stated “The best way to predict the future is to create it” and “Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has”, explaining that if the communities don’t believe change is possible it will not happen.

She advised they are only here to help; they cannot guarantee that the program is going to be successful. You need to start with a group of five to eight people to steer the Committee and to do the paperwork etc., then recruit a minimum of twenty-five committed participants from different groups to help the program work. She passed a notebook of pictures of Shelbyville around the room and discussed how their program had been successful.

She was asked what the cost of this program would be – there is a community sponsorship fee that is based on the population of the community (based on census data) and the distance from Macomb, IL, and median household income (based on census data),.

Population: The minimum base fee is \$2,000.00 for communities with populations of 1,000 or less. For communities over 1,000, the base fee increases on a per capita rate as follows:  
\$0.50 per capita additional for populations between 1,000-9,999  
\$0.33 per capita additional for populations over 10,000.

Taylorville’s is less 31.88% for median household income discount, which makes our cost \$5,518.76.

The Committee informed her that the City already has a Main Street, Economic Development and a Chamber of Commerce. She stated it is good that the City has these groups in place but all groups of people need to be involved not just financiers and the movers and shakers of the community. She stated there is strength in numbers and their job is to try to funnel everyone towards the same goals.

She was informed that there was recently a group that was trying to work together but it dwindled down and there was some doubt as to whether or not they could get that many people to participate. She advised the Committee that if they are not ready to go forward it was up to them that she is here to offer support to the community to achieve their goals. She stated they are only able to help five communities at a time and she has already had a couple approach her for the fall sessions.

Alderman Vota asked if this program would tie in with a review of the City's existing Comprehensive Plan. The Mayor stated that it was his intent to make it a part of an overall planning project that would include a review and update of the 2006 Comprehensive Plan. There was no action taken at this time.

#### Treasurer's Report

The September 2012 Sales Tax (received in December 2012) was \$192,125.88 compared to \$168,868.37 in September 2011 and year-to-date is \$26,379.05 more than last year.

The September 2012 Non-Home Rule Sales Tax (received in December 2012) was \$81,963.56 compared to \$60,222.54 in September 2011 and year-to-date is \$7,395.32 more than last year.

The interest earned on the Sewer Project Fund Account to date is \$178,453.94 and the current balance is \$1,144,779.18.

Motion by Alderman Vota and seconded by Alderman Burtle to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

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John Lawrence, Chairman  
Finance Committee