

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

September 21, 2021

MEMBERS

Chairman Skultety
Alderman Dorchinecz
Alderman Budd

ABSENT

Alderman Bryant

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Barry
Alderman Wilson
Alderman Brown
Alderman Olive

Clerk Lilly
Treasurer Hamell
Superintendent Mann
HBO Goodall
Chief Wheeler
Deputy Chief Childers

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

DISCUSSION OF CANNABIS DISPENSARY

Discussion was held regarding the City of Taylorville allowing a cannabis dispensary to operate in the City. It was the consensus by all Alderman present that the cannabis dispensary would provide much needed revenue to the City. This revenue could be earmarked specifically for Lake Restoration/dredging of Lake Taylorville. As it is now legal, many local citizens who purchase the marijuana and associated products are currently driving to other communities to do so, providing those communities with tax revenue that could remain local if allowed. Several interested persons have approached the Mayor and various Aldermen seeking the City's approval. Chief Wheeler and Deputy Chief Childers stated that they have seen it in traffic stops but it is always in the correct sealed packaging. They have not experienced issues. Dispensaries are highly regulated in their operations. It was noted that some of the Aldermen had been contacted by local citizens, ministers, and school officials, with only one negative comment made. Mayor Barry discussed the potential cost for license and his interest in delaying action until additional information is gained from the upcoming Illinois Municipal League Conference next week. This item will be put on the October agenda for review and potential action, as the City must have an Ordinance in place allowing for a dispensary prior to a potential business owner receiving a license to operate from the State of Illinois. Clerk Lilly will contact other communities who have dispensaries to discuss their process, license fees, and other pertinent information.

PURCHASE OF PORTABLE RADIO

HBO Goodall has requested to purchase a portable radio for his safety when he is out on calls for Ordinance . Violations or animal control. He stated he previously had one through the coroner's office but is retiring from that position. The cost of the radio is \$1,550.00 and would be on the same frequency as the police. He would like to purchase from the Equipment Line Item in his budget and will forego the purchase of an enclosed trailer.

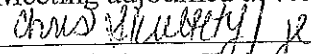
Motion by Alderman Dorchinecz and seconded by Alderman Budd to recommend to the City Council to allow HBO Goodall to purchase a portable radio from Global Technical Systems, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$1,550.00. Motion carried 3-0.

HBO UPDATES

HBO Goodall provided updates on Animal Control and various building projects. He informed the Committee that the Hathaway Homes building permit will expire in October and they will then be required to obtain another; this would be the third permit. The Building Trades home has begun construction.

Motion by Alderman Budd and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 P.M.


Chris Skultety, Chairman
Ordinance Committee