

PUBLIC MEETING
SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT
Tuesday, September 7, 2021

At the Public Meeting held in the Council Chambers by the City Council, September 7, 2021 the following proceedings were held and entered in this record in the following words and figures to wit:

City Clerk

Mayor

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

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

Also present were Mayor Barry, City Clerk Julie Lilly, Superintendent Speagle, Superintendent Mann, City Attorney Romano, William Sleeman, and Bud Altman.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT

Mayor Barry introduced William Sleeman with Benton & Associates, who led the discussion regarding the Safe Routes to School Grant application process for the City of Taylorville. This is a State of Illinois Department of Transportation grant, with a maximum amount of \$250,000.00 at an 80/20 match from the City. All engineering design is paid at 100% by the City. Applications are due by September 30, 2021. This grant benefits the areas immediately around K-8 schools, within two miles. The purpose of the grant is to improve the walking and bike riding routes to school, to encourage healthy living. The City of Taylorville is targeting areas near Memorial and St. Mary's Schools, to include new sidewalks and ADA accessible ramps.

The City is in process of sharing an online petition for citizens, kids and adults alike, to complete to show both need for and support of the project. The application must also include letters of support from schools, teachers, parents, administration, the School Board, and local and State politicians. Surveys have been distributed to both Memorial School and St. Mary's School for feedback from the families who attend these schools. This data will become part of the Grant application.

Motion by Alderman Wilson and seconded by Alderman Dorchinecz to adjourn. Motion carried (5-0).

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 P.M.