

**CITY OF TAYLORSVILLE
CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

September 8, 2020

**The City of Taylorsville City Commission held a Regular Meeting September 8, 2020
at 5 p.m. at the City Hall Annex.**

Present were:

Matthew Douglas, Mayor
Beverly Ingram, Commissioner
Ellen Shelburne, Commissioner
Kathy Spears, Commissioner
Abbigail Nation, Commissioner

Staff present:

John Dale, Jr., City Attorney
Brian Sumner, Police Chief
Kim Forrest, Co-Treasurer/HR
Chris Keown, Police Major

Steve Biven, City Clerk
Harold Compton, Public Works Director
Jan Merzweiler, Co-Treasurer/AP

Item # 1- *Opening Remarks,*

Mayor Douglas called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Item #2 – Oath of Office

Major Chris Keown was sworn in as the new Police Major for the City of Taylorsville.

Item #3 – Comments by the Mayor

Mayor Douglas has completed KLC Level 1 Achievement in City Governance.

Item #4 – Guest Speakers

Heather Travis and Diana Hilbert spoke to the Commission regarding the need for speed bumps on Main Cross and Garrard street.

Item #5 – Consent Calendar

Motion was made by Commissioner Spears and seconded by Commissioner Ingram to approve the Consent Calendar for the month of August 2020. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Item # 6 – Coronavirus Relief Fund

- a). City Clerk Steve Biven gave an update on the Coronavirus Relief fund. The City will be submitting salary reimbursement to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for Coronavirus Relief at the end of October.

Item # 7 – Audio/Video Equipment

Sharon Dancy and Tony Bergmann with AGC gave an update on the Audio/Video equipment project for the Annex building.

Item # 8 – City/County Garbage and Recycling Contract –

Jim Travis, Spencer County Magistrate, addressed the Commission regarding the City of Taylorsville and Spencer County Joint Garbage Collection Contract.

Motion was made by Mayor Douglas and seconded by Commissioner Spears to send a Request For Proposals to obtain bids for garbage collection. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Item #9 – Main Street (Beverly Ingram)

- i. Monthly Report – No Comments
- ii. Approval of Ms. Ingram's Hours

**Motion was made by Commissioner Spears and seconded by Mayor Douglas to approve Ms. Ingram's hours for the month of August. Motion carried with a vote of 3-0
Commissioner Ingram abstained and Commissioner Shelburne was inaudible via zoom.**

Item # 10 – Engineering Projects

- a) Sidewalks –

Joe Sisler, Sisler-Maggard Engineering, PLLC addressed the Commission regarding the Sidewalk Project and to submit the Corn Island invoice for approval.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ingram and seconded by Mayor Douglas to approve to pay 75% of the Corn Island invoice totaling \$13,800.00. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Item #11 – New business

- a). Department Reports
 - i. Public works report -

Public Works Director, Harrold Compton addressed the Commission regarding the following items:

- a) GPS locators - Mr. Compton said that the City should be receiving the GPS locators soon and will install in the vehicles.
- b) Video surveillance camera – Mr. Compton addressed the Commission about the possibility of installing two cameras on Main street.

ii. Police –

Police Chief Brian Sumner addressed the Commission regarding the following items:

- a) Activity Report – City and County complaints were up. The County Police have had scheduling issues and have required the City Police to assist with the Complaints.
- b) Code enforcement – Business License packets are almost complete and ready to hand out.

iii. Financial Report –

Steve Biven, City Clerk, distributed the Financial Report prepared by Ed Lentz. The commission discussed the possibility of continuing Mr. Lentz's contract on an as needed basis.

Motion was made by Commissioner Spears and seconded by Commissioner Ingram to approve Ed Lentz invoice for Accounting Services. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Kim Forrest, Co-Treasurer, explained President Trump's new provisions for allowing employees not having to pay their portion of Social Security withholdings if they so choose. Payment would need to be paid back beginning in January.

Item # 12 – General Government

- a) Halloween –
Halloween will be held on October 31, 2020. It is the responsibility of business owners and residents to follow CDC guidelines on distributing candy.
- b) Letter of Support for Stidger House -

Motion was made by Commissioner Ingram and seconded by Commissioner Spears to sign the letter of Support for the Stidger house preservation. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Item # 13 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Spears and seconded by Mayor Douglas to Adjourn to Executive Session Pursuant to KRS 61.815, notice is given for the need of a closed session to discuss the following:

Discussions of matters which might lead to the appointment or reappointment of specific individual employees to specific positions and or/ members and /or the discipline or the dismissal of an employee or member, KRS 61.810(1)(f).

These matters need to be discussed in closed session to protect confidentiality.

Deliberations on the future acquisition of real property the publicity of which would likely affect the value of the property to be acquired KRS 61.810 (1)(b) and discussions of proposed litigation regarding real property easements, eminent domain of real estate which needs to be discussed in closed session to protect legal strategy and tactics KRS 61.810(1)(c)

These matters need to be discussed in closed session to protect confidentiality.

Proposed and Pending Litigation, KRS 61.810(1)(c).

1. Update on Pending Litigation

These matters need to be discussed in executive session to protect attorney client privilege, strategy, and tactics etc.

Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Item # 14

Motion was made by Mayor Douglas and seconded by Commissioner Nation to return to open session. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Nation and seconded by Commissioner Shelburne to approve the mayor signing the employment contract with Police Major Chris Keown with a rate of pay of \$26/hr. and four weeks' vacation. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ingram and seconded by Commissioner Nation to purchase security camera is to be installed downtown on Main Street at an estimated cost of \$3,000. Motion carried 5 – 0.

ADJOURN MEETING

Item #15

Motion was made by Commissioner Spears and seconded by Mayor Douglas to adjourn meeting. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.



Matt Douglas, Mayor



Stephen A. Biven, City Clerk