

# City Council Meeting

June 3, 2015

Legal Issues

# Prisoner Transportation

\* The City contracts with the County to transport those in custody to and from the jail

\* Approximately 25 people per month are transported

\* The services provided are beneficial to the City

\* The agreement is set to expire next month

\* The Amendment does two things:

- \* Extends the termination date of the agreement
- \* Adjusts the costs from \$42.15 to \$42.48 per transport

\* No change to the budget amount

\* Other Issues:

- \* Warrants Inter-county transports
- \* Video appearances

# Agreement to Provide Bailiff and Security Services

- \* The City contracts with the County to provide security services
- \* Independent of the UPD contract
- \* The Bailiffs and the management are attentive to the needs of the City
- \* The amendment does three things:
  - \* One Year extension
  - \* Sets the cost at \$187,782 (down from \$188,490)
  - \* Sets after hours pay at \$45.14 (down from \$45.31)

# Taylorville Journal

- \* The City has a relationship with the Taylorville Journal and publishes articles written by the City staff
- \* The Citizens of the City appreciate the paper
- \* The City staff recognize the value of paper
- \* The staff of the paper are responsive
- \* In order to be proactive we met with the paper management to talk through issues

# Possible Issues

- \* Confusion among readers concerning the ownership and publication of the paper
- \* What happens when there is a story critical of the City?
- \* Objectivity and “*Freedom of the Press*” concerns
- \* Political advantages during an election cycle
- \* Is an insert a more preferable option to actual print in the same paper?
- \* News coverage issues/change in reporter issues
- \* Information management issues

# Proposed Resolution/Solutions

- \* Paper is privately owned and maintains its journalistic freedom and integrity
- \* The City maintains its healthy relationship with the Taylorsville Journal
- \* In order to increase transparency, editors will group and seek to designate articles submitted by the City
- \* The paper decided to limited articles from candidates on the ballot within 90 days of an election
- \* All candidates will be able to purchase ad space
- \* All candidates will still be offered a free bio as part of a public service provided by the Journal
- \* Internal training and partnership training regarding media related issues