

**Quarterly Issues Report For
WMKR (FM) Pana**

1/1/14 – 3/31/14

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City Government	3/25/14	2:20pm	2:00	City Mayor

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Taylorville Council Vote Down Former West School Rezoning 3 Times Tuesday Night

After nearly an hour of discussion and 3 votes, the Taylorville City Council Tuesday night defeated a proposed change in zoning for the former West School Property south of West Spresser Street. The property was purchased from the Taylorville School District by local realtor Bernie Curvey, who along with his son Joe are looking to develop the building and land for small business.

Bill Harryman, representing the Taylorville Zoning and Planning Commission, brought a recommendation from that body, to the Council for approval Tuesday night. Harryman asked that an 8-acre tract including the former school, be re-zoned from residential to commercial.

After considerable discussion on such items as what streets would be used to get in and out of the property, and what type of sound barrier would be built between commercial and residential zoned property, the Council's first vote on the Zoning Commission's recommendation was defeated 8 to one, with Mayor Greg Brotherton also voting no. Alderman Ernie Dorchinez was the lone "yes" vote.

Alderman Bruce Jones brought up a 2nd motion, adding that the Curvey's deed a portion of Poplar Street that they ended up with in the initial purchase, back to the city. The street would then be closed. That motion was defeated 6 to 3, with aldermen Dorchinez, Bruce Jones, and Earl Walters voting yes. Mayor Greg Brotherton also voted no.

A third motion was made to allow the re-zoning of the former West School from residential to commercial, and to barricade Poplar Street immediately. That motion passed with 5 Council members voting yes—Dorchinez, Jones, Ray Koonce, Martin Vota, and Walters—and 3 no votes. Mayor Greg Brotherton voted no as well, for a final vote of 5 to 4. The motion failed because it needed 2-thirds of the Council and mayor's votes, to overturn the Zoning Commission's recommendation.

As a result, the issue is back to square one, according to Mayor Greg Brotherton.

[audio:BrothertonaudioJan2114.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The re-zoning issue must now go thru the process all over again.

Taylorville aldermen met Tuesday night due to the Martin Luther King holiday, and voted to allow the expansion of Gowin Parc's Alzheimer's unit with the construction of another building. The addition, called Phase 2, will be built next to their existing building on Taylorville's northeast side. The vote, which was 8 to nothing, was after a recommendation by the Taylorville Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mayor Greg Brotherton told Council members Tuesday night, that he continues to work with Ahlstrom Filtration on further abatement of the noise created by EPA-mandated equipment being installed at the paper plant on Taylorville's northeast side. The Mayor also appointed Jim Hahn to the Fire and Police Commission Board, he appointed Jim Altman to the Planning Commission, and recognized Kevin Stich for his 32 years of service on the Taylorville Fire and Police Commission Board.

Taylorville Council members Tuesday night acted on a number of motions brought before it, in their nearly 2 hour meeting. Aldermen OK's several water annexation agreements, they amended the city code regarding public works construction contracts, they added language in city code regarding special events requirements, and prohibited "Bring Your Own Beer" liquor licenses in the city limits. They OK'd 3 payments to their general contractor on the Lake Shore Drive project totaling near 60-thousand dollars, and OK'd hiring temporary help in the Taylorville City Treasurer's office.

A number of motions were approved by Taylorville aldermen Tuesday night. Council members approved awarding the auditing bid for the next 4 years to Lively, Mathias, Hooper and Noblet; they directed Mayor Greg Brotherton to negotiate a repayment plan for the Transportation Enhancement Grant with the Illinois Department of Transportation; they OK'd waiving various city water fees for the Community Garden at Davis Memorial Christian Church; and they tabled further discussion on adjusting the Village of Owaneco's water rates with more study to take place as the city nears bonding its new water plant project.

Taylorville City Council members approved a motion Tuesday night that will affect lake lot lease holders. Aldermen voted unanimously that city code be changed to allow a name on the waiting list for a lake lot only one time, and if that person already has a Lake Lot or Campground site in their name, they may lease another only if they give up the current lease. The changes also state that city residents will be given priority on lake lot and campground waiting lists. And, storage shed sizes will now be changed on lake lot and campground leases, to mirror what's in existing City Code.

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Taylorville Park Board Approves Bond Issuance Ordinance

The Taylorville Park District Board approved the bond issuance ordinance at their meeting Monday night. Kevin Wills with First Midstate says while this is one of the final steps the Board needs to take, they are doing things a bit different from the normal routine:

[audio:willsbonds012814.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The money from the bonds will go towards a new irrigation system at Lakeshore Golf Course

Recreation Director Bailey Hancock told the Taylorville Park District Board at their meeting Monday night that the March of Dimes has contacted her about doing a 5k run at Manners Park. Hancock says normally she would just pass on the necessary forms but the organization wanted to do a different type of 5k run that she wanted to run by the board:

[audio:hancockcolorrun012814.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Board members had no objections to the 5k color run.

Representatives from the Red Bland Little League were at the meeting Monday night to ask the board if they had any problem with a plan to replace 4 scoreboards with digital ones. The Board says as long as Red Bland Little League is taking care of the cost, they have no problem with the plan.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.

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Taylorville City Council Recognizes Kevin Stitch for Service on Fire and Police Commission Board

The Taylorville City Council recognized Kevin Stitch at their meeting Monday night for his 32 years of service on the Fire and Police Commission Board. Mayor Greg Brotherton read what was written on the plaque that will be presented to Stitch:

[audio:brothertonplaque020414.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Stitch was unable to attend the meeting to accept the award.

The Taylorville City Council also heard an update on the Ahlstrom situation at their Monday meeting. Mayor Greg Brotherton says Ahlstrom has found the problem and is quickly working to remedy the situation:

[audio:brothertonahlstrom020414.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Again, the noise problem started when Ahlstrom installed EPA-mandated equipment.

Towards the end of the Taylorville City Council meeting Monday night, Alderman Shawn Burtle made a note in regards to a list of burned out street light bulbs throughout the city that was recently brought to the Council's attention. Burtle says he is now asking Taylorville residents for help in reporting burned out lights:

[audio:burtleburnedlights020414.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Mayor Brotherton noted that there are tags on the lights with a number that if you can write it down, it will help them better locate the light. If you do see a burned out light, call the Street Department at 824-2559.

The Taylorville City Council approved a resolution for improvements by municipality under the Illinois Highway Code in regards to Cherokee and Pawnee Streets. The Council approved an amendment to the City Code in regards to Lake Lot and Campground Site Leases. The Council approved a motion to allow the Junior Girl Scouts to set up a cookie booth in the City Parking Lot on the corner of Webster and Main Cross on February 15, 22, and March 1 from 9:30am to 1:30pm. The Council also approved the request of McDonalds to hold a charitable fund drive at the intersection of Webster and Main Cross on February 8 from 8:00am to 12:00pm. The Council approved the motion to allow Superintendent Dick Wiseman to contact Shelby Electric to place three new lights around the Lake on West Lake Shore and Westwood, Westwood and Sweeney Drive, and West Lake Shore Drive and Captains Lane.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

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Taylorville Park Board Hears Update on Lakeshore Golf Course

The Taylorville Park Board met Monday night and heard an update on the irrigation system at Lakeshore Golf Course. Jeff Boldig of J&D Golf Management tells the Board the latest:

[audio:boldiggolcourseupdate022514.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Boldig says they are working on different promotions to gain and maintain customers including a possible 3-year pass that would include access to Meadowview and Timberlake as well.

The Taylorville Park Board also approved the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 operating budget. Park Maintenance Superintendent Gary Brown informed the Board that they lost 3 trees over the weekend. The Board then went into executive session to end the meeting.

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Mayor Brotherton: Census to Hire Locally

If you're looking for a temporary job that pays a reasonably good salary, you may be in luck. Taylorville Mayor Greg Brotherton says he was contacted last week about some hiring by the U.S. Census:

[audio:mayorcensusjobs032414.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Again, the jobs will pay from \$13.55 to \$14.84 an hour. The number to call once again is 1-800-865-6384, extension 15.

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County Gov't	1/22/14	10:22am	1:30	County Board
County Gov't	2/6/14	12:21pm	1:30	County Clerk
County Gov't	2/18/14	2:21pm	2:00	County Board
County Gov't	3/19/14	4:22pm	1:00	County Election

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Christian County Deputy Resigns

Christian County Sheriff's Deputy Jonathan W. Albright has resigned from the department. Sheriff Bruce Kettelkamp tells Regional Radio News about the situation:

[audio:sheriffalbrightresign010414.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Albright cited personal reasons as why he was resigning.

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Christian County Board Approves Re-arrangement of Circuit Clerk Offices

The Christian County Board was presented with a proposal at their meeting Tuesday night for Circuit Clerk Julie Mayer to rearrange the layout of her offices. Board member Greg Hager tells the Board what the move entails:

[audio:hagercircuitclerk012214.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The Board approved the move unanimously.

The Christian County Board was also updated on the noise situation at Ahlstrom's. Board member Fred Curtin tells the Board what was discussed at the Committee level:

[audio:curtinahlstrom012214.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The noise is coming from EPA mandated equipment that Ahlstrom had to install.

The Christian County Board approved a resolution for a new transportation infrastructure construction program. The resolution urges state legislators to look at transportation funding and try to find a more equitable way to fund it. The County Board approved another resolution for participation in the State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program. The Board also approved the purchase of a mowing tractor.

The meeting adjourned at 6:54pm.

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Christian County Clerk's Office Open for Absentee Voting Today

The Christian County Clerk's Office will be open today for Absentee Voting. Optical Scan, paper ballot, will be available. The Touch Screen system will be available at a later date and the Clerk's Office will make an announcement as soon as the voter's second option is up and running. Call the Office if you have any questions about voting or your voter's registration at 824-4969. The Clerk's Office is open Monday thru Friday 8:00 am until 4:00 pm and located on the second floor of the Christian County Courthouse.

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County Board Delays Decision on Private Club for Indoor Handgun Range

Upon recommendation of State's Attorney Mike Havera, the Christian County Board voted unanimously to send back to committee a decision on the request for a Private Club for indoor handgun and long gun range with an outdoor archery range and fishing pond. The request had been made by Taylorville resident Joshua Assad. It was recommended by Havera that the committee review the request for evidentiary and safety issues. It was suggested that perhaps Mr. Assad could put together a presentation that would answer many of the concerns. Many residents were on hand to hear a final decision but will need to come back in order to get that decision.

The board also approved an ordinance to address the issue of wild dogs and slaughtered sheep. In May of last year, wild dogs had attacked and slaughtered 22 sheep. The State of Illinois requires counties to be responsible for the actions of wild dogs under the Animal Control Act. It was determined that the value of the sheep was approximately \$1964. There were also charges of \$500 for burial and \$302 in vet fees. The ordinance demands that a line item be set aside to disburse funds with a cap of \$3000 for reimbursement to the owner of slain livestock by wild dogs by providing the fair market value of the type of animal slain as well as damages incurred.

In other business, the board approved the renewal of liquor licenses for 7 establishments and 2 fair grounds. The board also approved an amendment to the current liquor ordinance requiring that required BASSETT training certifications for all employees serving alcohol be submitted along with the annual application.

Minutes of the previous meeting, as well as claims for payment were approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

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Mense Wins Democratic Primary for Christian County Clerk

Laurie Mense beat out Greg Hager in the democratic primary for Christian County Clerk. Mense, who finished with 67% of the votes, tells Regional Radio News that she didn't expect to win by a large margin:

[audio:menseprimarywin031814.mp3]comment here[/audio]

At this point, Mense will run unopposed in the November election.

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Econ Development	1/2/14	6:22am	0:20	Bridge Construction
Econ Development	1/16/14	9:21am	1:30	New Business
Econ Development	2/3/14	11:20am	1:00	Small Business Seminar
Econ Development	2/11/14	1:22pm	1:00	Business Closing
Econ Development	3/6/14	3:21pm	1:45	Business Expansion

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Spillway Currently being Rebuilt

The spillway at Lake Taylorville is currently under construction, and the intersection there is closed until the work is done. Taylorville Mayor Greg Brotherton says the timetable for the work's completion is dependent on the weather:

[audio:mayorspilway010214.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The annual Optimist Club 4th of July Celebration takes place at the marina.

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New Bakery to Open in Taylorville

It didn't take long for a new bakery to move into Taylorville after A Piece O' Cake shut down at the end of the year. Lyndsey Shelton will be moving from Ohio and will be opening Little Bird Bakery in its place. Shelton tells Regional Radio News what led to the decision to move and open shop:

[audio:sheltonmoveddecision011614.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Shelton also tells what her bakery will offer:

[audio:sheltonservice011614.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Shelton says they have a target open date of February 11. Little Bird Bakery will be located at 115 West Poplar in Taylorville.

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Chamber Sponsors Seminar

If you've ever thought about starting your own business, the Greater Taylorville Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an event that may interest you. Chamber CEO Patty Hornbuckle says "How to Start a Small Business" will feature Kevin Lust:

[audio:pattykevinlust020314.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Call the Chamber at 824-4919 to find out more.

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Quizno's in Taylorville is Closing Shop

The Taylorville Quizno's will be closing down in a few weeks. Owner Don Broaddus (Brah-dus) tells Regional Radio News when their target closing date will be and why he is shutting things down:

[audio:broaddusquiznoclose021114.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The Taylorville Quizno's is located at 712 North Webster Street.

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New Banquet Hall at Kreiger's Now Open

The new banquet hall at Kreiger's Sports Grill in Taylorville is now open. General Manager Carrie Molohon tells Regional Radio News about the new banquet hall:

[audio:molohonnewhall030614.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Krieger's is located in the Grand Plaza Shopping Center on Bidwell Street in Taylorville. For more information, you can call Krieger's at 287-7677.

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Education	2/11/14	9:21am	1:30	Taylorville School Board
Education	2/22/14	11:20pm	1:30	LLCC
Education	3/11/14	1:22pm	1:00	Taylorville School Board

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Morrisonville-Panhandle Committee of Ten to Hold 3 Public Information Meetings

The Morrisonville-Panhandle Committee of Ten have secured times and dates for three upcoming public meetings to be held in January, February, and early March. The first meeting is this Sunday beginning at 1:00pm in the Farmersville Elementary School multi-purpose room. Co-chairman Dale Brockamp tells Regional Radio News what will be discussed:

[audio:brockampfirstmeeting010814.mp3]comment here[/audio]

For information regarding the proposed consolidation, go to www.mp-c10.info or visit their Facebook page.

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Shelby County Schools Hope for Sales Tax Approval

Voters in Shelby County have a chance again this year to help out the county school districts by approving a 1-percent sales tax for educational facilities that will be on the March 18th ballot. Shelbyville Superintendent Denise Bence tells Regional Radio News how it will benefit her school district:

[audio:benceshelbyville011714.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Central A&M Superintendent Kyle VonSchnase (Von-shneezy) says they would use it to continue to improve their buildings:

[audio:vonschnasecentralam012014.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Windsor Superintendent Geoff Schoonover says they could use the money for upgrades:

[audio:schoonoverwindsor012014.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Stewardson-Strausburg Superintendent Michele Lindenmeyer tells what they would do with the sales tax revenue:

[audio:lindenmeyerstewstras012014.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Last year's vote to approve the sales tax failed by fewer than 250 votes.

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Taylorville School Board Discusses Future Fiscal Budgets

The Taylorville School Board discussed future fiscal budgets at their meeting Monday night. Superintendent Dr. Gregg Fuerstenau pointed out some facts in regard to these budgets:

[audio:fuerstenaubudgetfacts021114.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Fuerstenau says the Board will need to start discussions on FY16 as the education fund is predicted to run out of money at that point.

The Taylorville School Board was also presented with 2 student incentives that will be implemented next school year with the goals of improving student attendance and grades. Taylorville High School Assistant Principal Matt Hutchison tells the Board one of those will be the Early Dismissal Incentive:

[audio:hutchionincentive021114.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The other incentive is semester exam exemption which would only apply to juniors and seniors.

The Taylorville School Board approved a contract renewal with Bushue Human Resources Inc. The Board also approved the purchase of Skyward Business Suite Software for the District.

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LLCC to host 12th annual Education Career Day Monday

Lincoln Land Community College is hosting its 12th annual Education Career Day Monday, Feb. 24 from 9 a.m. to noon. The event is being held in the A. Lincoln Commons at LLCC-Springfield, 5250 Shepherd Road. The public is invited to attend.

Students and community members interested in education as a career, including individuals who already have a bachelor's degree, are encouraged to attend the event. The event provides participants the opportunity to compare programs, obtain in-depth information and ask questions of representatives from various four-year institutions.

At least eight senior institutions with teacher education/training programs will participate in the event. They include: Blackburn College, Illinois College, Eastern Illinois University, MacMurray College, Millikin University, Quincy University, University of Illinois-Springfield and Western Illinois University.

For more information about the event, contact Victor Broderick, Ph.D., dean of social sciences, at 217.786.2414.

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Taylorville School Board Approves Bass Fishing Club at High School

The Taylorville School Board approved a request to institute a Bass Fishing Club at the High School. Matt Morrison, who was on hand to make the request, tells the Board about the Club:

[audio:morrisonbassclub031114.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Morrison says the Club will be self-funded and will be of no cost to the District.

The Taylorville School Board recognized North Elementary Principal Brandi Bruley for being awarded the Horace Mann 2014-2015 Elementary School Principal of the Year. President Steve Milling congratulated her on the award:

[audio:millingcongratulate031114.mp3]comment here[/audio]

The award is based on a member's outstanding contributions to his or her students and learning community. Bruley is also eligible to compete for the National Distinguished Principal of the Year award.

The Taylorville School Board approved the District Master Calendar for the 2014-15 school year and approved their Illinois High School Association Membership. The Board also approved the Taylorville High School Early Dismissal Incentive. The Board approved to move the pre-school program that is currently at Memorial School to Central School and to move all 4th grade classes to Memorial.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21pm

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Health	2/1/14	9:21pm	1:30	St. Louis Dairy Council
Health	2/17/14	11:22pm	1:00	PCH
Health	3/13/14	2:21pm	1:30	Sarah Bush Health Center

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Christian County Health Department Offers Free Assistance with Health Insurance Enrollment

The Christian County Health Department is offering free assistance with health insurance enrollment. The Christian County Health Department is certified and has a licensed counselor, Patricia Buechele, to assist with the free application process. If you sign up before January 15, you will have coverage starting February 1. Residents in Christian County can enroll for health insurance until March 31.

Illinoisans can apply for Healthcare Marketplace coverage the following three ways: 1) Online, 2) By telephone, or 3) In-person with the help of a trained counselor.

Residents in Christian County can learn more about their health coverage by visiting www.GetCoveredIllinois.gov or www.Heathcare.gov. You can get free assistance from a trained counselor at the Christian County Health Department at 902 West Springfield Road in Taylorville by calling Patty for an appointment at 824-4113 extensions 112 or 111.

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Sarah Bush Offers Weight Management Program

Many Americans are trying to lose weight this time of year. Standards applied to obesity have been changed in recent years. If you need some help, Christina Adams of the Sarah Bush Health Center in Mattoon says they are sponsoring a weight management program. She says it's sometimes hard to know if you have a problem:

[audio:adamssarabush012114.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Call Sarah Bush Health Center in Mattoon to find out more. The number is 238-4774.

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Fikri: MyPlate Has Replaced Food Pyramid

Many people will remember growing up with the food pyramid but now it is no longer the guide to go by for healthy eating. Joyce Fikri tells Regional Radio News about the new guide known as MyPlate:

[audio:fikrimyplate020114.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Again that website is myplate.gov.

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Alexander: How Pana Community Hospital Rehab Wellness Started

While the Pana Community Hospital is turning 100 years old this year, one of its more popular facilities is much younger. Nancy Alexander, Fitness Wellness Coordinator, tells Regional Radio News that the Rehab Wellness Center is only 4-years-old and explains how it was started:

[audio:alexandercenterstart021714.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Alexander says that in celebration of the Hospital's 100th anniversary, they are running a special \$100 2-month membership for the Wellness Center throughout the year. For more information about the Wellness Center, call 562-6231.

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Sarah Bush Lincoln Offers Sleep Study

The Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon is offering a sleep study for those with a variety of disorders. One common source of sleep disturbance is restless leg syndrome. Sleep Study Supervisor Rochelle Hendrickson says it can be caused by several different things:

[audio:rochellesarahbush031214.mp3]comment here[/audio]

Hendrickson says the most common sleep disorder is sleep apnea. There are treatments available for all types of sleep disorders. Call Sarah Bush Health Center in Mattoon for more info at (217) 238-4908.