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## Taylorville Elected Officials Meet to Update City Strategic Plan

Each year Taylorville elected officials and staff members meet to discuss the city's 10-year Strategic Plan. Saturday morning, the annual meeting was held at City Hall and elected officials and staff named their number one priority for 2012: Economic Development.

"Part of attracting good businesses to the city includes plans to revitalize existing neighborhoods," community development director Mark McGrath stated. "We have a great city and keeping up our neighborhoods will show new businesses the kind of city we are." McGrath and other senior staff members expressed desire to improve infrastructure and aesthetics throughout the city.

City Engineer John Taylor agreed. "We have put off many projects that will need our attention in coming years. If we don't reinvest in the city now, road projects will only get more expensive."

Newly hired economic development director Donald Adams is thrilled about the commitment to economic development efforts by elected officials. "We have some exciting things happening in Taylorville, but they will need commitments by our leaders to make them happen," said Adams. "It is great to have our elected officials unified in supporting and funding our efforts to revitalize our shopping and employment districts." Earlier this year the city council approved a \$10 million bond for economic development incentives.

"All around we had some great discussions and are excited for the new year," said Mayor Russ Wall. Wall said the public will be invited to participate in the strategic plan process in January.

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