

CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, ILLINOIS
DECEMBER 9, 2021
MINUTES

The Council of the City of Lawrenceville, Lawrence County, Illinois met in regular session in the City Council Chambers of the City Hall Building on Thursday, December 9, 2021 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. The following Aldermen were present on roll call: Fritch, Stevens, Brewer, Greene, Volkman, Waldrop and Hayes. Absent: Blacketer.

Mayor Courtney called the meeting to order. Waldrop gave the prayer. All present then recited the Pledge of Allegiance while facing the flag.

The Council had earlier received copies of the minutes of the regular Council meeting of November 10, 2021. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Brewer made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 10, 2021. Waldrop seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.

The Council had earlier received copies of the bills of the City, Sewer and Water Departments for November. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Waldrop made a motion to approve paying the bills for November. Waldrop seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Waldrop, Fritch, Volkman, Stevens, Hayes, Greene and Brewer. Nays: None. Absent: Blacketer.

Mayor Courtney reported the City's accounts to the Council. The city working budget stood at 46.2%, finishing at 12.1% under budget after 7 months of the 2021-22 fiscal year.

Mayor Courtney presented Ordinance #1569 to the Council. Ordinance #1569 requests the transfer of property from the County of Lawrence. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Fritch made a motion to approve Ordinance #1569. Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Waldrop, Volkman, Stevens, Brewer, Greene, Hayes and Fritch. Nays: None. Absent: Blacketer.

Austin Ridgley, from HLR Engineering, addressed the Council and brought a professional services agreement (PSA) to do studies on two street projects on Lexington Avenue. Both projects would rebuild curbs, sidewalks, storm sewer basins with the possibility of widening the street. The two sites are on Lexington Avenue between 15th Street (Route 1) and 19th Street and also between 12th Street and 15th street (Route 1).

Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Brewer made a motion to approve the street PSA for HLR Engineering. Waldrop seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Stevens, Hayes, Waldrop, Brewer, Fritch, Hayes and Volkman. Nays: None. Absent: Blacketer.

Ridgley also brought a professional services agreement (PSA) to study on the sewer lines and lift station on south 12th Street. Utility Superintendent Tipword informed the Council the sewer lines and lift station are antiquated and need upgrading. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Fritch made a motion to approve the sewer PSA for HLR Engineering. Brewer seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Stevens, Hayes, Waldrop, Brewer, Fritch, Hayes and Volkman. Nays: None. Absent: Blacketer.

Tipword notified the Council HMG Engineering, from Breese, brought a professional services agreement (PSA) to do study on wastewater treatment plant phosphorus and how to remove it. IEPA requires a phosphorus discharge optimization plan that evaluates the plant's ability to meet specific potential future phosphorus limits. The city's current phosphorus level is 3.5 and 5.5, must be down to 0.5 by 2030. The cost of the study is \$38,500.00. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Fritch made a motion to approve the phosphorus PSA for HMG Engineering. Greene seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Stevens, Hayes, Waldrop, Brewer, Fritch, Hayes and Volkman. Nays: None. Absent: Blacketer.

Utilities Superintendent Tipsword informed the Council HMG Engineering endorsed several types of new air blowers for the city's sewer plant. One bid came from Universal Blower Pac, Noblesville, IN: (3) air blowers, 75 hp, 230 phase – total \$83,524.00; with (3) variable final drives – total \$148,971.00. Second bid from Municipal Equipment, Earth City, MO: (3) air blowers, 75 hp, 230 phase – total \$99,272.00; with 3 variable final drives - total \$131,537.00. The Council gave the Utility Committee authorization to make the purchase during the December meeting.

The city's beautification committee along with the Downtown Revitalization Group and Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission are applying for a State of Illinois grant for beautification projects in downtown or Main Street areas. These grants are intended to improve the appearance of the heart areas of cities while also providing places for people to gather in outside spaces. The grant application consists of an architectural sketch, price estimate and letters of support. The deadline is Jan. 10, 2022. The cost estimate is \$496,800.00 and if the grant is awarded, the city is required to pay a 7% administrative fee to GWRPC. Mayor Courtney recommended the Council to authorize the administrative fee for the grant when the time comes. Brewer made a motion. Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote

Leaf pick up is currently under way in the city. For leaf pick up, call City Hall at 943-2116.

Mayor read thank you cards from the Senior Citizens Center and American Legion Auxiliary.

City Hall will be closed on December 24 and 26 for Christmas, December 31 at noon for New Year's Eve and closed for January 3 for New Year's.

Stevens made a motion to adjourn. Hayes seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote. Time: 8:12 p.m. The next city council meeting is January 13, 2022.

Rodney Nolan, City Clerk