

**CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, ILLINOIS**  
**FEBRUARY 9, 2023**  
**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, February 9, 2023 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. The following Aldermen were present on roll call: Fritch, Stevens, Brewer, Greene, Blacketer, Waldrop, Volkman and Hayes.

Mayor Courtney called the meeting to order. Waldrop gave the prayer and a remembrance for Crystal Wimberly, the newspaper editor who died suddenly. 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 January 12, 2023. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Brewer made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 12, 2023. Stevens 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 January. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Waldrop made a motion to approve paying the bills for January. Blacketer seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Waldrop, Fritch, Blacketer, Stevens, Volkman, Hayes, Greene and Brewer. Nays: None.

Mayor Courtney reported the City's accounts to the Council. The city working budget stood at 75% after 9 months of the 22-23 fiscal year.

Mayor Courtney presented to the Council Ordinance #1589 concerning an option amending the zoning classification of a lot from residential single family to business highway, after the Zoning Board of Appeals approved of the change. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Brewer made a motion to approve the zoning reclassification from R-1 to B-3. Greene seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Fritch, Stevens, Brewer, Greene, Waldrop, Hayes, Volkman and Blacketer.

Mayor Courtney presented to the Council the Southern Illinois Aggregate Partnership – Electrical Municipal Aggregation Services Agreement and Municipality Power of Attorney. Electric Municipal Aggregation Services Agreement for Electric Municipal Aggregation Services is made between Satori Enterprises, LLC ("SIAP") which includes AGE and the City of Lawrenceville. SIAP agrees to assist the City in exclusively evaluating electric supply options available in the marketplace with the intent of contracting with a competitive electric supplier to provide price stability through the procurement process. The City of Lawrenceville hereby appoints Satori Enterprises, LLC ("SIAP") which includes AGE as Attorney-In-Fact for purposes herein and authorizes SIAP to execute a Power Supply Agreement with the selected electric supply bidder on behalf of the City of Lawrenceville as a member of the Southern Illinois Aggregation Partnership. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Fritch made a motion to approve. Blacketer seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.

From the original list of eight properties for building remediation, some lot clean up remained at 1612 8<sup>th</sup> Street. The house at 904 8<sup>th</sup> Street has been torn down and cleared. The house at 1206 12<sup>th</sup> Street will be demolished and the lot cleared whenever there is a dry period within the contractor's schedule. The City will move forward with liens. From the second list of nine properties for building remediation, title searches have been completed and notifications sent to those that have liens or ownership claims. A house at 612 16<sup>th</sup> Street was torn down and the lot cleared. About a month after the last notification is published, the City can begin the remediation process for those properties.

Council is awaiting action by the Illinois General Assembly to transfer the former Illinois National Guard armory to the City of Lawrenceville. The city has sent letters to both State Representative Adam Niemerg and State Senator Chapin Rose asking them to support the transfer.

The Park/Pool Committee met with Burbach Aquatics on February 8 and were given some options to consider regarding updates to the city pool. Burbach Aquatics will return to meet with the Park/Pool Committee on March 8 at 10:00 a.m.

A meeting with the City and the Lawrence-Allison Fire Department was held for the purpose of reinforcing a good working relationship between the Lawrenceville Police Department and the Lawrence-Allison Fire Department. Both groups recognize the difficulties of being first responders and will strive to enhance continued teamwork to protect the public.

City Hall will be closed on February 12 for Lincoln's Birthday and February 20 for President's Day.

Fritch made a motion to adjourn. Hayes seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote. Time: 7:30 p.m. The next city council meeting is March 9, 2023.

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Rodney Nolan, City Clerk