

**CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, ILLINOIS**  
**NOVEMBER 10, 2022**  
**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, November 10, 2022 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. The following Aldermen were present on roll call: Hayes, Fritch, Greene, Brewer, Waldrop, Volkman and Blacketer. Absent: Stevens.

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 October 13, 2022. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Fritch made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 13, 2022. Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.

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

Mayor Courtney reported the City's accounts to the Council. The city working budget stood at 50.0%, 6 months into the 22-23 fiscal year.

Mayor Courtney presented Ordinance #1584 to the Council, Annual Levy of \$535,6000 for 2022-2023. This is a 4.9% raise. The increase of \$26,000.00 will be directed go to the unfunded mandated Police Pension fund. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Waldrop made a motion to approve Ordinance #1584. Blacketer seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Brewer, Blacketer, Fritch, Hayes, Volkman, Greene and Waldrop. Nays: None. Absent: Stevens.

Mayor Courtney presented Ordinance #1585 to the Council the Illinois Municipal League RMA Min/Max agreement. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Brewer made a motion to approve Ordinance #1585, with payment of \$134,096.30 to Illinois Municipal League RMA. Fritch seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Blacketer, Hayes, Waldrop, Brewer, Fritch, Hayes and Volkman. Nays: None. Absent: Stevens.

Mayor Courtney presented Ordinance #1586, an ordinance to transfer property at 308 Lexington and 310 Lexington, owned by Lawrence County, to the City of Lawrenceville. The City is purchasing the properties from lien holders and plans to demolish the existing structures as well as clean up the lots. The demolition comes as part of the City's continued efforts to beautify the city. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Waldrop made a motion to approve Ordinance #1586. Greene seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Blacketer, Brewer, Fritch, Hayes, Volkman, Greene and Waldrop. Nays: Stevens.

City workers began demolition on houses located at 308 Lexington, 309 Lexington and 910 Ash. The owner of the lot at 1612 8<sup>th</sup> Street contacted the city and will have a contracted company proceed with the demolition.

Resident Avalon Bennett addressed the Council regarding the water department's policy of disconnecting services and not allowing extensions on utility bills for residents throughout the City. A petition was circulated and attained 154 signatures. No action was taken, but the Council agreed to take the matter under review and a solution will be revisited at a later date.

City residents interested in running for Council Alderman in wards I, II, III and IV can pick up registration packets at City Hall.

“Christmas at the Park” is sponsored by The Christmas in the Park Committee at the Lawrenceville City Park pavilion on December 3. Call City Hall at 943-2116 for hours. The City’s “Lighted Christmas Parade” sponsored by Lawrenceville Elks will be on December 3 at 5:00 p.m.

Waldrop motioned to adjourn. Greene seconded. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Time: 7:33 p.m. The next meeting is December 08, 2022.

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Rodney Nolan, City Clerk