

CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

DECEMBER 8, 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, December 08, 2022 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. The following Aldermen were present on roll call: Hayes, Fritch, Greene, Brewer, Waldrop, Volkman, Stevens and 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, 2022. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Brewer made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 10, 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 November. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Waldrop made a motion to approve paying the bills for October. Stevens seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Fritch, Waldrop, Blacketer, Brewer, Greene, Hayes, Stevens and Volkman. Nays: None.

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

Mayor Courtney presented Ordinance #1587 to the Council, an ordinance to regulate the operation of cannabis dispensaries within the city. Some communities have not established the rules of operation. However, the City is recommending restrictions regarding the compliance of all State laws, minimizing and addressing exterior display, signage content and style, and also content on site. There will be no use of cannabis on site, no outdoor seating, no loitering and there will not be any drive-through service. There must be continuous video surveillance. No employee may be under the age of 21. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Brewer made a motion to approve Ordinance #1587. Blacketer seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Brewer, Blacketer, Fritch, Stevens, Hayes, Volkman, Greene and Waldrop. Nays: None.

Mayor Courtney presented Ordinance #1588 to the Council, an ordinance to allow cannabis dispensaries as a permitted use in B-2 and B-3 Business districts within the city limits. Cannabis dispensaries may not locate in those areas zoned residential or in areas zoned residential business. Mayor asked for questions or comments. Waldrop made a motion to approve Ordinance #1588. Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Blacketer, Hayes, Waldrop, Brewer, Fritch, Stevens, Hayes and Volkman. Nays: None.

Utilities superintendent Aaron Tipsword informed the Council that a new lift station pump is scheduled to be installed at the Toyota Boshoku plant on December 21 or 22. Air blowers and variable final drives for the city's sewer plant will be installed at the end of December.

Eight properties were on the list for remediation. City workers have cleaned up four properties, one property was cleaned up by the owner, and one property was torn down by owner but has not been cleaned up. The City was also waiting for some professional input on how to address the remaining two properties.

The Utilities Committee met to discuss how to notify the public regarding the water department's policy of water shut-off services such as: placing a notification on water bills, giving public notice with an ad in the Daily Record to inform the public that copies of the ordinance are available at City Hall; giving a copy to water customers when they sign up for water services; and not allowing extensions on utility bills for residents throughout the city.

Burbach Aquatics will meet the Park Committee on December 15 at 10:00 a.m.

City Hall will be closed on December 23 and 25 for Christmas, December 30 at noon for New Year's Eve and closed for January 2 for New Year's Day

Meeting adjourned by a voice vote. Time: 7:25 p.m. The next meeting is January 12, 2023.

Rodney Nolan, City Clerk