

CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

APRIL 13, 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, April 13, 2023 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. The following Aldermen were present on roll call: Stevens, Brewer, Greene, Blacketer, Waldrop, Fritch and Hayes. Absent: Volkman.

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 March, 2023. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Waldrop made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 9, 2023. Brewer 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 March. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Waldrop made a motion to approve paying the bills for March. Brewer seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Waldrop, Blacketer, Stevens, Fritch, Hayes, Greene and Brewer. Nays: None. Absent: Volkman.

Mayor Courtney reported the City's accounts to the Council. The city working budget stood at 89.1% after 11 months of the 22-23 fiscal year.

Brian Buchheit, from HMG Engineers, addressed the Council to explain the waste water treatment project and the city's timeline for gaining compliance with EPA requirements. A statement of qualifications (SOQ) is a mechanism for obtaining an applicant's qualifications and experience in job-related areas. Submittals of SOQ must be received to City Hall at 4:00 p.m. on May 4, 2023. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Brewer made a motion to authorize advertising and accepting SOQ. Waldrop seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Waldrop, Blacketer, Stevens, Fritch, Hayes, Greene and Brewer. Nays: None. Absent: Volkman.

Mayor Courtney reported to the Council the only bid for the city audit from Kemper CPA Group for \$25,000.00 with \$22,500.00 for the City's audit and \$2,500.00 for the Police Pension audit. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Waldrop made a motion to accept the bid for the City's audit. Stevens seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Blacketer, Brewer, Greene, Waldrop, Fritch, Hayes and Stevens. Nays: None. Absent: Volkman.

The 10th street Water line project bids will be opened on April 27 and be presented at next meeting.

Bids will be let for the Lexington Avenue street, sidewalk and curb project at an undetermined date and will likely be awarded at the July meeting.

IDOT is on schedule for repaving 15th Street.

The Street and Alley Committee met to discuss purchasing two excavators, one each for Cemetery and Street departments. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Brewer made a motion to authorize the Street and Alley Committee to spend up to \$150,000.00. Fritch seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Blacketer, Brewer, Greene, Waldrop, Fritch, Hayes and Stevens. Nays: None. Absent: Volkman.

Chief White reported that felony charges increased in city limits with the help in using the Lawrence County K-9 dog. Chief White proposed giving the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department \$500.00 toward training.

Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Brewer made a motion to approve \$500.00 to Lawrence County Sheriff's Department. Stevens seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Blacketer, Brewer, Greene, Waldrop, Fritch, Hayes and Stevens. Nays: None. Absent: Volkman.

Utilities Department replaced the water meter at the Lawrence County Library.

Legislative Committee will meet on May 9.

Park/Pool Committee will meet on May 10.

On April 18, a spaghetti dinner fundraiser is scheduled for Wreaths Across America at Alfonso's Pizza Palace.

The first annual Legacy Gala for the Lawrence County Memorial Hospital (LCMH) Endowment and Development Foundation will be hosted at the Mid-American Air Center on April 22. The goal was to raise money for the Master Facilities Upgrade Project being undertaken by the medical facility located in Lawrenceville. The evening will feature dinner, dancing, a silent auction of items and a cash bar with music by the Detroit Michigan band "Intrigue."

Lawrence County C.E.O will have their "Trade Show" on April 26 at the high school in Bridgeport.

Applications for summer work are available through City Hall.

Fireworks will be held on July 3 at Lawrenceville High School. Chief White noted the police department will adhere to all City and local ordinances towards illegal private fireworks within city limits.

Greene made a motion to adjourn. Fritch seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote. Time: 7:41 p.m. The next city council meeting is May 11, 2023.

Rodney Nolan, City Clerk