

**CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, ILLINOIS**

**MAY 11, 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, May 11, 2023 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. The following Aldermen were present on roll call: Stevens, Brewer, Greene, Blacketer, Volkman, Waldrop, Fritch and Hayes.

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 April 13, 2023. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes of the April meeting. 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 April. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Brewer made a motion to approve paying the bills for April. Greene seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Waldrop, Blacketer, Volkman, Stevens, Fritch, Hayes, Greene and Brewer. Nays: None.

Mayor Courtney reported the City's accounts to the Council. The city working budget stood at 100% after 12 months; administration, park and street lighting departments being over budget within the 22-23 fiscal year.

Mayor Courtney informed the Council the City received two bids for the wastewater treatment project and the City's timeline for gaining compliance with EPA requirements. One bid came from HMG Engineers of Breese, Ill., and a second bid -was a combination from HLR of Mt. Carmel, Ill., and Milano and Grunloh Engineering of Effingham, Ill. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Brewer made a motion to accept bid from HMG Engineering to provide the engineering work for the planned wastewater treatment plant project. Blacketer seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Volkman, Waldrop, Blacketer, Stevens, Fritch, Hayes, Greene and Brewer. Nays: None.

Mayor Courtney presented Resolution #5-11-23-1 to the Council which would authorize the use of Rebuild Illinois funds or roughly \$160,000.00 through Illinois Department of Transportation. The plan calls for new curb, gutter and ADA sidewalks with a hot mix asphalt overlay on Lexington Avenue between 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> streets. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Waldrop made a motion to accept Resolution #5-11-23-1. Brewer seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Blacketer, Brewer, Waldrop, Stevens, Volkman, Fritch, Greene and Hayes. Nays: None.

Mayor Courtney presented Resolution #5-11-23-2 to the Council concerning the 10<sup>th</sup> Street waterline project. The only bid came from Kieffer Brothers of Mt. Carmel, Ill., for \$688,738.91. The 10<sup>th</sup> waterline grant, through Greater Wabash Regional Planning, was \$549,822.35 when the grant was awarded. The City will pay the balance with ARPA money. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Brewer made a motion to accept Resolution #5-11-23-2. Blacketer seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Blacketer, Brewer, Waldrop, Stevens, Volkman, Fritch, Greene and Hayes. Nays: None.

Tipsword, Utilities Superintendent, reported to the Council that Illinois Environmental Protection Agency mandated the city to convert the chlorine gas scrubber to a liquid chlorine scrubber. Tipsword stated liquid chlorine is safer handling and less expensive than gas chlorine. Tipsword requested \$24,000.00 to purchase a liquid chlorine scrubber. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Waldrop made a motion to \$24,000.00 to purchase a liquid chlorine scrubber. Brewer seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Blacketer, Brewer, Waldrop, Stevens, Volkman, Fritch, Greene and Hayes. Nays: None.

Council members sworn into office by Mayor Courtney were: Fritch, Volkman and Hayes, plus newly elected Goins.

Mayor Courtney congratulated and awarded a plaque to outgoing Council member Jeb Blacketer for his 12 years of service.

Mayor Courtney presented the “Key to the City” to former Mayor Don Wagner, longtime resident in the community. Don Wagner was recognized for the countless work as a teacher and police officer and years of public service as a Council member, City Clerk and Mayor to improve the community.

Senator Chapin Rose notified Mayor Courtney a resolution to transfer the National Guard Armory to the City of Lawrenceville passed both houses and was expected the Governor to sign the bill soon.

Legislative Committee met on May 9 to look over the ordinance book and to review the finances.

Park/Pool Committee met on May 10 to discuss the upgrades to the city pool. The Committee will meet with Burbach Aquatics on June 14.

Chevron held tours and a picnic at the old refinery and ball park on May 10.

On May 13, a dinner/bingo night fundraiser was scheduled for Wreaths Across America at the VFW.

The Downtown Revitalization group has insurance for its concert event with Adam Warner on June 3.

Mayor Courtney read a thank you note from Lawrence County C.E.O.

Applications for summer work are available through City Hall.

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

City Hall will be closed on May 29 for Memorial Day.

Greene made a motion to adjourn. Fritch seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote. Time: 7:31 p.m. The next city council meeting is June 8, 2023.

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Rodney Nolan, City Clerk