

. CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

AUGUST 10, 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, August 10, 2023 at the hour of 7 p.m. The following Aldermen were present on roll call: Cornwell, Fritch, Greene, Stevens, Volkman, Goins and Waldrop. Absent: Brewer.

Mayor Courtney called the meeting to order. Waldrop gave the prayer. All present then recited the Pledge of Allegiance while facing the flag.

Michael Lewsader asked to speak to the Council.

The Council had earlier received copies of the minutes of the regular Council meeting of July 13, 2023. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Cornwell made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 13, 2023. Goins 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 July. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Fritch made a motion to approve paying the bills for July, 2023. Cornwell seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Fritch, Stevens, Greene, Cornwell, Volkman, Goins and Waldrop. Absent: Brewer.

Mayor Courtney reported the City's accounts to the Council. The city working budget is on line after 3 months of the 2023-24 fiscal year.

Mayor Courtney presented Ordinance #1591 to the Council. Ordinance #1591 purposed the creation of a class "I" liquor license to the city code book. A class "I" liquor license, which shall authorize the city to issue a liquor license to any duly-incorporated, not-for-profit organization for the retail sale of alcoholic liquor for consumption only within a theater and provided shall only for the retail sale of alcoholic liquor during periods of time when patrons are assembled on the licensed premises for events included in the definition of a theater. According to the ordinance, the definition of a theater means a building or structure whose principal use is the presentation of live musical, comedic and dramatic performances.

Mayor asked for questions or comments. Goins made a motion to approved ordinance #1591, a class "I" liquor license to the city code book. Cornwell seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Goins, Greene, Waldrop, Volkman, Fritch, Cornwell and Stevens. Absent: Brewer.

Tipsword, Utilities Superintendent, reported to the Council the SCADA system is outdated. This system is a category of software applications and telemetry for controlling industrial processes and the gathering of data in real time from remote locations in order to control equipment and conditions, and it alerts personnel of slight changes at the water plant. The software and parts for the current system are no longer available. The Council and the Utility Committee authorized Tipsword to get bids for a SCADA system for the water plant.

Tipsword advised the Council that MB Softwash LLC out of Bloomfield, Ind., put in a bid to power wash the city's water tower for \$10,550.00. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Waldrop made a motion to approve MB Softwash LLC to clean the water tower for \$10,550.00. Cornwell seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Fritch, Stevens, Greene, Cornwell, Volkman, Goins and Waldrop. Absent: Brewer.

City's Park pool last day of operation is August 15.

The City's health insurance plan for employees will increase by 4.87%. The City chose to retain its plan with Blue Cross Blue Shield Illinois through Cochran Insurance of Lawrenceville.

Mayor Courtney informed the Council the Department of Military Affairs forwarded a quit claim deed to the City. The mayor signed and recorded the deed. City employees have started cleaning the interior and evaluating the interior and exterior camera security system. The City is planning to staff the armory from 7 to 10 a.m. for walkers and tourists in an effort to turn the building into a community recreational facility.

City employees made some upgrades to the Teepee building.

On August 22, a fish fry benefiting Wreaths Across America is scheduled from 5-8 p.m. at the Towne House Bar and Grill.

Mayor Courtney read notes from the Elk's, Tamara Gher, and Kids Shopping Day of Lawrence County offering thanks for the City's help.

City Hall will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4 for Labor Day.

Waldrop motioned to adjourn. Fritch seconded. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Time: 7:38 p.m. The next meeting is September 14, 2023.

Rodney Nolan, City Clerk