

**CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, ILLINOIS**  
**SEPTEMBER 14, 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, September 14, 2023 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. The following Aldermen were present on roll call: Brewer, Cornwell, Fritch, Greene, Stevens, Waldrop, Volkman and Goins. Absent: None.

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

Tara Davis asked to speak to the Council.

The Council had earlier received copies of the minutes of the regular Council meeting of August 10, 2023. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of August, 2023. Cornwell 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 August. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Brewer made a motion to approve paying the bills for August, 2023. Cornwell seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Fritch, Stevens, Brewer, Greene, Waldrop, Cornwell, Volkman and Goins. Nays: None.

Mayor Courtney reported the City's accounts to the Council. The city working budget is on line after 4 months of the 23-24 fiscal year.

Mayor Courtney presented to the Council Ordinance #1592 Illinois Gas Company assigns a public Franchise to use the streets, alleys, and other public places of the city to operate and maintain an artificial or natural gas plant together with distributive system for the same, and to sell to customers for the period of 10 years. In consideration, Illinois Gas Company will furnish the city free of charge, up to 10,500 therms of gas annually to 8 city own locations. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Cornwell made a motion to approve the franchise agreement with Illinois Gas Company. Greene seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Fritch, Stevens, Waldrop, Brewer, Greene, Cornwell, Goins and Volkman. Nays: None.

The official transfer of the Illinois National Guard Armory to the City of Lawrenceville will be held on September 27 at noon. State Senator Chapin Rose is the master of ceremonies, along with the Department of Military Affairs and State Representative Adam Niemberg. The ceremony is open to the public.

Mayor Courtney informed the Council the 10<sup>th</sup> Street waterline project will not begin before November, at the earliest. Supply chain issues regarding meter settings are causing the delay. The 10<sup>th</sup> Street waterline project appears likely to begin in early spring of 2024.

IDOT bid letting for the Lexington Avenue project is September 22. IDOT will let the city know officially of the award and the project's status and timeline.

City is looking to get internet service to the park stone shelter house. The Lawrence Township Park Board will be using some of their funds to install cameras that will improve security within the park. The city will be installing internet service at the armory.

Lawrence County Emergency Management Agency made a request to use some at the armory space to store cots and blankets in the event of a disaster.

On September 24, the Lawrence County Crop Hunger walk starts at the city park.

On October 6th, a fish fry benefiting Wreaths Across America is scheduled from 5-8 p.m. at the American Legion Post #28. On October 7th, Lawrence County Memorial Hospital 2<sup>nd</sup> annual One Vision – One Future 5k run//walk event fundraiser at Red Hills State Park.

The City of Lawrenceville, Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce, Lawrence County Memorial Hospital and the Lawrence County Health Department will host a Halloween truck or treat at the square on October 30 from 5-7 p.m. Chief White noted the city scheduled Halloween trick or treat hours on October 31 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Police Department encourages participating residents to go to houses with porch lights on for the event.

City Hall will be closed on Monday, October 9 for Columbus Day.

Stevens motioned to adjourn. Greene seconded. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Time: 7:46 p.m. The next meeting is October 12, 2023.

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Rodney Nolan, City Clerk