

CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

JANUARY 11, 2024

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, January 11, 2024 at the hour of 7 p.m. The following Aldermen were present on roll call: Brewer, Cornwell, Greene, Stevens, Waldrop, Volkman, Fritch and Goins.

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

The Mayor reported the City's accounts to the Council. The city working budget is on line after 8 months of the 23-24 fiscal year.

Tara Davis reported to the Council a couple safety issues around the town. According to Davis, the sidewalk from the Lawrence County Senior Citizens Center to Emmons-Macey & Steffey Funeral Home needs inspection, and some abandoned homes along south side of 12th Street house squatters living.

Mayor Courtney informed the Council of the Zoning Board of Appeals' minutes from a Jan. 8 meeting to evaluate and make recommendations on four requests. Ordinance changes would have to be made concerning four addresses:

Ordinance 1597 would amend the zoning map of the City of Lawrenceville for the purpose of re-zoning a parcel of land in Section 1, Township 3 North, range 12 West from R-1 (Single Family Residence) to B-3 (Highway Business). Construction of a Dollar Tree store at 2415 West Haven Road is planned with a condition the construction of a solid fence with a minimum height of six feet along lot line adjacent to residential property. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Brewer made a motion to approve ordinance 1597. Goins seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Fritch, Stevens, Waldrop, Brewer, Greene, Cornwell, Goins and Volkman. Nays: None.

Ordinance 1598 would amend the zoning map for the purpose of re-zoning a parcel in Lewis Highland Subdivision from R-1 (Single Family Residence) to B-3 (Highway Business). Bud Pentell who owns the old Greenhouse building at 2415 State Street, plans for the possible sale of beauty products. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Greene made a motion to approve ordinance 1598. Volkman seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Fritch, Stevens, Waldrop, Brewer, Greene, Cornwell, Goins and Volkman. Nays: None.

Ordinance 1599 amending the zoning map for the purpose of re-zoning a parcel of land in Hennessy's 15th Street Addition from B-1 (Neighborhood Business) to M-1 (Industrial). Extreme Truck and Trailer Upfitters at 1300 15th at the former site of Citizens National Bank. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Waldrop made a motion to approve ordinance 1599. Brewer seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Fritch, Stevens, Waldrop, Brewer, Greene, Cornwell, Goins and Volkman. Nays: None.

Ordinance 1600 amending the zoning map for the purpose of re-zoning a parcel of land in Hall's Addition from R-1 (Single Family Residence) to B-3 (Highway Business). Application from Extreme Truck and Trailer Upfitters to change zoning at 1108 15th from neighborhood business to highway business. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Brewer made a motion to approve ordinance 1600. Stevens 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 council also used funds from motor fuel tax for the purchase of a dual tandem trailer used primarily by the Street Department. The trailer would allow for the safe and efficient transport of both city excavators, as well as other equipment, to job sites in Lawrenceville. The price quoted was \$18,827.61. Stevens motioned to approved purchasing a dual tandem trailer by the Street Department. Goins seconded. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Grene, Stevens, Brewer, Waldrop, Cornwell, Volkman, Fritch and Goins. Nays: None.

According to a Mayor's report, Kieffer Brothers Construction, of Mount Carmel, has completed the main line in the 10th Street water project. Kieffer crews will begin pressure testing the line and taking samples to ensure water quality. Once water has circulated through the lines and removed any debris or contaminants, quality tests will be completed before the 10th Street line becomes part of the City water distribution system. When those steps are cleared, Kieffer Brothers will begin water line tie-ins along 10th Street, resulting in a boost of water pressure to those homes. Kieffer Brothers submitted a bill for \$188,836.72. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Fritch made a motion to approve the pay request for Kieffer Brothers. Stevens 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 city has an engagement letter with a certified appraiser to begin the evaluation of parcels within the city for the possible future site of a new wastewater plant. Zoning information has been forwarded to the appraiser. HMG Engineers, from Breese, Il is assembling lists of possible visits to plants similar in scope to the proposed Lawrenceville project.

City Hall will be closed on January 15 for Martin Luther King. Jr. Day.

Brewer motioned to adjourn. Cornwell seconded. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Time: 7:25 p.m. The next meeting is February 8, 2024.

Rodney Nolan, City Clerk