

**CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, ILLINOIS**  
**DECEMBER 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, December 14, 2023 at the hour of 7 p.m. The following Aldermen were present on roll call: Brewer, Cornwell, Greene, Stevens, Waldrop, Volkman and Goins. Absent: Fritch.

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

According to Mayor Courtney, the City's working budget is on line after 7 months of the 23-24 fiscal year.

Mayor Courtney presented Ordinance 1595, which would authorize revised codification manuals and code of ordinances for the City. Waldrop motioned to pass Ordinance 1595 for the revised codification manuals. Stevens seconded. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Greene, Stevens, Brewer, Waldrop, Cornwell, Volkman and Goins. Nays: None. Absent: Fritch.

Mayor Courtney presented the Council with Ordinance 1596, which would establish sewer rates for the City of Lawrenceville. Curt Benson, of Kemper CPA, provided a template for new sewer rates necessary to keep the City eligible to receive federal money and grants for major projects, such as the planned new wastewater treatment plant. The City has not raised sewer rates since 2007. All residential, commercial, industrial and other establishments connected to the City sewer or having private water supplies metered shall be billed for sewer service based upon water consumed, as shown by the meter readings. The sewer rate increase would raise the average bill somewhere between \$3 to \$5 per month. Stevens motioned to pass Ordinance 1596. Brewer seconded. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Greene, Stevens, Brewer, Waldrop, Cornwell, Volkman and Goins. Nays: None. Absent: Fritch.

Mayor Courtney reported a new furnace has been installed in the Tee Pee building. Courtney updated the progress on the armory concerning new appliances, tables, chairs and pickleball equipment. The armory remains open from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. for public use. Courtney noted the city will be transferring grant duties from Drew Lane consultants to Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission.

Utilities Superintendent Tipsword reported Kieffer Bros. Construction on 10<sup>th</sup> Street waterline project is about one-third completed with only a few minor incidents. Tipsword said K&M Pump completed the installation of a second pump at Toyota Boshoku. The Controller for the sewer lift station at Yost apartments needs replaced with a cost estimated at \$1,000. City purchased a wet well pump for the sewer plant. The liquid-cooled, under-water pump is being rewired to operate at 230 phase III.

Tammy Eccles addressed the Council about a neglected neighbor's dog and trash piling up at 1502 15<sup>th</sup> Street. She is concerned going in the winter months about the dog with no shelter. Chief White said the LPD will investigate the area and step up with nuisance violations.

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet January 8 at 9:30 a.m. to evaluate three requests: Extreme Trucking on 15th Street; the old Greenhouse building; and a proposed Dollar Tree retail store on West Haven Road. The trucking company wants an industrial zone while the other requests are to change from residential to highway business. The City Council will act on the Zoning Board's recommendations at the January meeting.

Courtney read a thank you note from VFW for painting the flagpole.

On December 16, Wreaths Across America will be placing wreaths in the Lawrenceville City Cemetery.

City Hall will be closed on December 22 and 25 for Christmas, December 29 at noon for New Year's Eve and closed for January 1 for New Year's Day.

Waldrop motioned to adjourn. Brewer seconded. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Time: 7:30 p.m. The next meeting is January 11, 2024.

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Rodney Nolan, City Clerk