

CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

MAY 9, 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, May 9, 2024 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. The following Aldermen were present on roll call: Stevens, Brewer, Greene, Goins, Volkman, Waldrop, Fritch and Dunn.

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 11, 2024. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Dunn made a motion to approve the minutes of April meeting. Stevens 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, Dunn, Greene and Brewer. Nays: None.

Mayor Courtney reported the City's accounts to the Council. The city working budget stood at 88.4%, after 12 months of the 23-24 fiscal year. Mayor praised all City employees for their hard work and dedication to the city.

Mayor Courtney presented ordinance #1603 to the Council. Ordinance #1603 would ensure grease interceptors meet the minimum requirements set by the Illinois Plumbing Code. The goal is to protect the city's sanitary system. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Stevens made a motion to accept ordinance #1603. Dunn seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Dunn, Brewer, Waldrop, Stevens, Volkman, Fritch, Greene and Goins. Nays: None.

Mayor Courtney presented ordinance #1604 to the Council. Ordinance #1604 would prohibit any person under the age of twenty-one (21) years to attend any bar or to sell, draw, pour or mix any alcoholic liquor at any licensed premises or event. In a Class "C" or "D" licensed business, a person may serve alcoholic liquor with meals to restaurant customers only if he/she is eighteen (18) years of age or older. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Goins made a motion to accept ordinance #1604. Waldrop seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Goins, Brewer, Waldrop, Stevens, Volkman, Fritch, Greene and Dunn. Nays: None.

Aaron Mefford presented the M.F.T. program to the Council. Mefford asked for the sum of \$250,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the M.F.T program for the 2024 year. Mefford asked for the sum of \$150,000.00 to repave streets and alleys within the City, and \$100,000.00 for City equipment rental. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Dunn made a motion to approve supporting the M.F.T. program and repaving parking lots by the Lawrenceville City Park. Goins seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Goins, Volkman, Fritch, Greene, Brewer, Stevens, Dunn and Waldrop. Nays: None.

The Farm Credit project will be accepting bids until the middle of June. Farm Credit will begin construction on the project on August 12.

A list of 13 properties for building remediation/demolition was given to Council. Seven houses were involved in fires. The city will move forward with liens, title searches and ownership claims. This information will be provided to Mike Neal, City attorney, to move forward.

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

Applications for summer work are available at City Hall.

Lawrenceville City Pool will open on May 25, and summer workers will start on May 28.

Chevron had tours and a picnic at the old refinery and ball park on May 13.

Fireworks are scheduled on July 5 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. The Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce is planning a parade and a tailgate event to coincide with the celebration.

LHS cheerleaders will host a pickleball tournament at the City Park on July 13.

City Hall will be closed on May 27 for Memorial Day.

Greene made a motion to adjourn. Dunn seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote. Time: 7:29 p.m. The next city council meeting is June 13, 2024.

James Rodney Nolan, City Clerk