

**CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, ILLINOIS**

**AUGUST 8, 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, August 8, 2024 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. The following Aldermen were present on roll call: Stevens, Fritch, Dunn, Greene, Brewer, Waldrop, Volkman 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 July 11, 2024. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Waldrop made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of July, 2024. Dunn 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 July. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Brewer made a motion to approve paying the bills for July. Fritch seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Dunn, Brewer, Greene, Fritch, Stevens, Waldrop, Volkman and Goins.

Mayor Courtney reported the City's accounts to the Council. The city working budget stood at 25 percent. Mayor Courtney praised all City employees for their hard work and dedication.

Mayor Courtney presented Resolution #08-08-2024 to the Council. Resolution #08-08-2024 purposed approval towards a \$3,000,000.00 city sidewalk project within the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP). Mitch Hardiek, a representative from Milano & Grunloh Engineers, said the firm is providing the city some engineering assistance toward a city sidewalk project within the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP). ITEP funding for project is at \$3,000,000, and the ITEP application is scored upon a 100-point system. Each project will be graded based upon its score, and ITEP awards each project at 80 percent funding with a local match of 20 percent. In 2022, the selected route in the City of Lawrenceville would have a community score of 62.5, which would have awarded the city 100 percent funding. Milano & Grunloh will provide the grant application and begin phase one engineering. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Dunn made a motion to approve resolution #08-0-2024. Brewer seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Dunn, Brewer, Greene, Fritch, Stevens, Waldrop, Volkman and Goins.

Potential buyers contacted Mayor Courtney concerning lots in the River Run Estates subdivision. They are interested in lots 41, 42, and 43 along the north side of the northern most street, River Run Road, just east of the Seminole Lane. The price of each lot is \$14,625. This price is taken from the ordinance that created the subdivision, and no other action that changed those prices. The consul states in River Run Estates subdivision that if a buyer purchased a lot and built a house within 1 year of that purchase, a \$10,000 rebate was given for that lot. The buyers have shown plans of a modular type home (Cochran house and the house that Sandi Diggs lives in are of the same modular type), that once completed, would likely be in the \$300,000 range. They also plan extensive landscaping and an in-ground pool. The finished improvements would likely boost value to roughly \$400,000. The buyers want a better deal than the \$10,000 rebate, and would likely agree to a \$12,000 per lot. Even if we gave a complete rebate of the purchase price, the city would have a house to tax and also show life in the development of that subdivision. The lots along the northern boundary of River Run Road sit low in proximity to a flood zone and are difficult to sell. The mayor will ask the city's attorney Neal to draft an ordinance for the city to negotiate a purchase agreement with the potential buyer at the next council meeting.

Mayor Courtney reported the city and the Lawrence Township Park Board met to discuss the possibility of constructing a new service and storage building. The proposed structure is a 30-foot by 60-foot building with a 20-foot by 60-foot lean-to addition. The building will have two insulated garage doors, a concrete floor and attic

storage. The estimate for the project is \$85,000.00. Financing for the structure is dependent on the City's ARPA funds of \$48,625.00 and \$30,000.00 from the Lawrence Township Park Board. Following the building's construction, the city work force would complete improvements such as electric service, interior wiring, plumbing and fixtures, insulation, heating and cooling. No decision has been made regarding the future of the current building. Mayor Courtney will have the city and the Lawrence Township Park Board met again to discuss the possibility of bidding of a new service and storage building.

Farm Credit official ground breaking is Sept. 3 at 11:00 am.

The Lawrence County Fall Festival will be held Sept.11-14.

Brewer made a motion to adjourn. Greene seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote. Time: 7:44 p.m. The next city council meeting is September 12, 2024.

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Rodney Nolan, City Clerk