

CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, ILLINOIS
SEPTEMBER 12, 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, September 12, 2024 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. The following Aldermen were present on roll call: Brewer, Dunn, 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.

The Council had earlier received copies of the minutes of the regular Council meeting of August 8, 2024. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of August, 2024. Dunn 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, 2024. Fritch seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Fritch, Stevens, Brewer, Greene, Waldrop, Dunn, Volkman and Goins. Nays: None.

Mayor Courtney reported the City's accounts to the Council. The city working budget is on line after 5 months of the 24-25 fiscal year.

The Mayor informed the Council the City has an agreement with Wagler Construction to build a new 42 x 60 maintenance building in the city park after Columbus Day, October 14. Courtney asked for questions or comments. Volkman made a motion to approve a new maintenance building for the City Park. Stevens seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Fritch, Stevens, Brewer, Greene, Waldrop, Dunn, Volkman and Goins. Nays: None.

LAG Solar Farm, owner of the solar energy field located south of the old UMW properties, failed to construct the required barrier fence. City Attorney Mike Neal was advised to communicate with the property owner about constructing the fence. No other action was taken.

The Illinois Municipal League created a model ordinance to deal with vagrants camping in communities. This is becoming more common and creating issues for police. Courtney suggested Neal should evaluate this information for the council's consideration. No other action was taken.

Street Superintendent Mark Griggs and department personnel began remediating houses by tearing down two properties on Dubois and another property on Fifth streets, Courtney said. The City has five more houses on the current remediation list, Courtney said. A house on north 11th is too large for City equipment, so the City will likely contract with Weger Backhoe to level the property. A residence on Devonshire Drive was also considered for mediation, but it's been decided to let the lender to work with the delinquent owner.

The Mayor informed the council that Chief White and Assistant Seitzinger initiated training with body cameras. White has communicated with Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission concerning the grant to assist with the cost for the equipment. Also, work on a procedure manual is ongoing. The policy manual and training for the cameras need to be completed prior to using those cameras.

Courtney said Jeff Vaughn, of Greater Wabash, is working to get the necessary documents and support items for the 16th Street water grant.

The City Council will hold a special meeting at City Hall on September 18, at 1:00 pm. The meeting is to discuss economic development opportunities with Moran Economic Development.

State Senator Chapin Rose will hold regional office hours at City Hall on September 19 at 1:00 pm.

City Hall will be closed on Monday, October 14 for Columbus Day.

Dunn motioned to adjourn. Greene seconded. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Time: 7:29 p.m. The next meeting is October 10, 2024.

James Rodney Nolan, City Clerk