

CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

OCTOBER 10, 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, October 10, 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.

Annette Akers, on the behalf of Lawrence County Teen Center, asked to speak to the Council.

The Council had earlier received copies of the minutes of the regular Council meeting of September 12, 2024. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Dunn made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of September, 2024. Goins seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.

The Council had earlier received copies of the minutes of a special Council meeting of August 28, 2024. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Greene made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 28, 2024. 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 September. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Brewer made a motion to approve paying the bills for September, 2024. Greene 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 6 months of the 24-25 fiscal year.

Mayor Courtney presented resolution 10-10-2024 to appropriate \$62,364.62 to Wagler Construction to build new park maintenance building with American Rescue Plan Act funds used to cover the project. Brewer motioned to appropriate \$62,364.64 to Wagler Construction. Stevens seconded. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Fritch, Stevens, Brewer, Waldrop, Dunn, Greene, Volkman and Goins. Nays: None.

Mayor Courtney presented the Council with Ordinance 1606, which would set levy and assessments for corporate purposes of the City of Lawrenceville for the fiscal year from May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025. The total appropriation would be \$6,319,390.00.00 with \$616,490.00 from the total amount collected from the tax levy. That amount is 4.6 percent higher than a year ago. Waldrop motioned to pass Ordinance 1606. Dunn seconded. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Fritch, Stevens, Brewer, Waldrop, Greene, Dunn, Volkman and Goins. Nays: None.

Courtney presented Ordinance 1607, which would authorize the execution of the Illinois Municipal League/Risk Management Association minimum/maximum agreement in the pursuit of liability insurance for the City from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2026. Fritch motioned to pass Ordinance 1607 for the IML/RMA program. Goins seconded. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Fritch, Stevens, Brewer, Waldrop, Dunn, Greene, Volkman and Goins. Nays: None.

Lawrence County Teen Center is requesting a stipend for 2024. Brewer made a motion for a \$1,000.00 stipend to Lawrence County Teen Center. Greene seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Volkman, Goins, Dunn, Fritch, Waldrop, Brewer, Stevens and Greene. Nays: None.

Mayor presented the Council the option of renewing the investor participation in the Lawrence County CEO program. The Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities program is the connection between local entrepreneurs and high school students to form an entrepreneurship class based on real world opportunities. Mayor asked for questions or comments. Dunn made a motion for a \$3,000.00 stipend to Lawrence County CEO. Goins seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Volkman, Goins, Dunn, Fritch, Stevens, Greene and Waldrop. Nays: None. Abstain: Brewer.

The city has been a loyal supporter of the Capital Classic Basketball tournament by annually providing \$500.00 for being a “Gold Sponsor” for the basketball tournament. Mayor asked for questions or comments. Waldrop made a motion to approve a \$500.00 stipend for the basketball tournament. Dunn seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Goins, Waldrop, Dunn, Volkman, Fritch, Brewer, Greene and Stevens. Nays: None.

Christmas in the Park is requesting a stipend for 2024. Brewer made a motion for a \$1,000.00 stipend to Christmas in the Park. Greene seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Volkman, Goins, Dunn, Fritch, Waldrop, Brewer, Stevens and Greene. Nays: None.

City of Lawrenceville and the Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce will host a Halloween trunk or treat at the square on October 28 from 5-7 p.m.

Chief White noted the city scheduled Halloween trick or treat hours on October 31 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Police Department encourages participating residents to go to houses with lights on for the event.

The second annual Legacy Gala for the Lawrence County Memorial Hospital (LCMH) Endowment and Development Foundation on November 2. The gala goal to raise money for the Master Facilities Upgrade Project being undertaken by the medical facility located in Lawrenceville. The evening will feature dinner, dancing, a silent auction of items and a cash bar with music by the Detroit band, “Intrigue.”

City Hall will be closed on Monday, October 14 for Columbus Day and November 11 for Veterans Day.

Stevens motioned to adjourn. Dunn seconded. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Time: 7:31 p.m. The next meeting is November 14, 2024.

Rodney Nolan, City Clerk