

CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, ILLINOIS
FEBRUARY 13, 2025
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, February 13, 2025 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. Everyone standing recognized the passing of former Alderman Jep Blacketer.

The Council had earlier received copies of the minutes of the regular Council meeting of January, 2025. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Brewer made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of January, 2025. Greene 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 January, 2025. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Dunn made a motion to approve paying the bills for January, 2025. Goins 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 10 months of the 24-25 fiscal year.

Austin Ridgley of HLR Engineers reported to the Council the permit was approved for lead service waterline replacement on 16th Street. HLR will meet Aaron Tipword concerning future lead lines to be replaced.

Taegan Garner of GWRPC updated the Council on grant applications, including one to help fund the construction of a pool house/storm.

Mayor Courtney introduced a memorandum of understanding with the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police regarding the K9 Police Officer position the city recently acquired from the county. The Police Officer in charge of handling the canine will receive a \$0.50 hourly raise while handling the dog. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Dunn made a motion to approve. Goins 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 presented Ordinance #1610 to the Council, which would change the City liquor code to give the Mayor authority to issue a Class "F" or Class "G" license without prior approval of the Council. A Class "F" Special Events: It shall be unlawful for any holder of a Class "F" Special Events license to sell or distribute alcoholic liquors, spirits, beer and wine on Sunday, except during the hours from 12:01 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Brewer made a motion to approve Ordinance #1610. Volkman seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-1. Yeas: Goins, Stevens, Brewer, Greene, Dunn, Volkman and Fritch. Nays: Waldrop.

A discussion centered on the city investments and who oversees researching the best opportunities for the City's money. According to code book, the City Treasurer is responsible for Certificates of Deposit and Time Deposits, following direction from the City Council. City Treasurer will report on a regular basis to the Council on the city investments

City Council agreed it would only consider granting access to City streets to golf carts and not side-by-sides, after reviewing ordinances from other communities. Mayor Courtney also advised the City should seek feedback from other area communities for best practices considering their experiences with golf carts. After

feedback, all Council members will prepare a written plan that will best suit the City of Lawrenceville to allow golf carts on city streets. IDOT will be involved since crossing State Street is a state highway. Once the approval is received from IDOT, the City will vote on the conditions of having golf carts and what roads can be driven on in the city. Other questions, such as age requirements, would also be evaluated. The Street & Alley committee would meet again to further discuss all options.

City Council continue its research regarding the possible reinstatement City-wide Cleanup. The contract with Republic Services runs into 2027, and there was little support among the Council to use City employees as bulk trash collectors. Council heard a plan with Republic Services for a dumpster being placed near the sewer plant on the east side the City. The dumpster will allow City residents to dispose of bulk trash that weekly trash service is unable to take. The City will work with Republic Services on setting a date for when the dumpster will be delivered and how long it will be set up for residents to use at a later time. The area where the dumpster will be placed will be monitored by camera surveillance. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Volkman made a motion to approve city wide clean-up option. Dunn seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Waldrop, Goins, Stevens, Brewer, Greene, Dunn, Volkman and Fritch. Nays: none.

Stevens made a motion to go to executive secession to discuss personnel issues. Brewer seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote. Time: 7:47 p.m.

.....

Brewer made a motion to back to regular session. Stevens seconded the motion. The following Aldermen were present on roll call: Fritch, Stevens, Brewer, Greene, Goins, Waldrop, Volkman and Dunn. Time: 8:29 p.m.

Volkman motioned to adjourn. Stevens seconded. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Time: 8:34 p.m. The next meeting is March 13, 2025.

James Rodney Nolan, City Clerk