

**CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, ILLINOIS**  
**MARCH 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, March 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.

The Council had earlier received copies of the minutes of the regular Council meeting of February, 2025. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Volkman had one question concerning an entry on discussion of golf carts, about aldermen bringing any possible changes to the meeting. Dunn made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of February, 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 February, 2025. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Goins made a motion to approve paying the bills for February, 2025. Brewer 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.

The Council recognized the Lawrence County CEO program, which teaches entrepreneurial theory to help create entrepreneurs who may someday operate businesses in Lawrenceville and Lawrence County. The CEO trade show is April 27 at the Lawrenceville Armory.

Curt Benson of Kemper and Associates updated the council concerning its assets and investments. According to Benson, the general fund operates with no sizeable surplus. Other departmental funds might have a surplus to handle upcoming projects but also some debt. The City has the same structure in its accounts as other communities. In regards to investing funds held by the City, Volkman asked if other communities invested in money markets. Benson found other communities often choose to place money in CDs through local institutions, which may also benefit local business growth.

Resident Louie Campbell requested the Council consider using money raised through the cannabis sales tax to improve the storm sewer system on the south side. Campbell was informed the City deposited roughly \$81,000 in less than a year after the cannabis dispensary opened. Campbell also asked for transparency in requesting to post the City budget numbers. Campbell was also interested in CD rates.

David Ridgely spoke to the Council about the prospect of James Street being restricted from use in any pending decision determining the possible use of golf carts within City limits. Ridgely purchased a street legal low-speed vehicle, he said, and had no issues while traveling James Street to the car wash where he works. Campbell asked if the permit for a golf cart is tied to the golf cart or the driver.

Kelly Lewis spoke to the Council about the City website, which she said was outdated, and asked who manages the website. She also wanted to know if the Council meetings could be live-streamed.

Tom Spencer was asked by Mayor Courtney to return to City Hall during business hours after Spencer wanted information concerning property that was formerly plotted as an alley near the dead end of Dubois Street west of 19<sup>th</sup> Street.

Avalan Maldonado requested stop signs to slow traffic in a neighborhood with lots of children. Upon hearing Maldonado, Volkman spoke about the corner of 13<sup>th</sup> and Jefferson, adjacent to his property. He wants to know how to correct the intersection that's of unusual dimensions.

Police officer Nick Earnst was expected to be certified as a K-9 officer by April 13. Officer Jim Lyle has tendered his resignation. His separation date is May 4.

On April 12, the 12<sup>th</sup> Street merchants will hold a block party from 3-7 p.m. The Easter Egg hunt at the City Park, organized by the Delts, is April 19. An Adam Warner concert also featuring The Singing Janitor is May 24 in a Downtown Revitalization event.

Brewer motioned to adjourn. Greene seconded. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Time: 8:15 p.m. The next meeting is April 10, 2025.

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James Rodney Nolan  
City Clerk