

CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

MARCH 10, 2022

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 10, 2022 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. The following Aldermen were present on roll call: Fritch, Stevens, Brewer, Greene, Blacketer, Waldrop, Volkman and Hayes.

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 10, 2022. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Waldrop made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 10, 2022. Brewer 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 February. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Brewer made a motion to approve paying the bills for February. Fritch seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Waldrop, Fritch, Blacketer, Stevens, Hayes, Greene, Volkman and Brewer. Nays: None.

Mayor Courtney reported the City's accounts to the Council. The city working budget stood at 83.3%, 3.2% over budget after 10 months of the 21-22 fiscal year.

Mayor Courtney reported to the Council the only bid for the city audit from Kemper CPA Group for \$21,875.00. with \$19,500.00 for the City's audit, \$1,625.00 for the Police Pension audit, and \$750.00 for the TIF #2 audit. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Waldrop made a motion to accept the bid for the City's audit. Fritch seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Blacketer, Brewer, Greene, Waldrop, Volkman, Fritch, Hayes and Stevens. Nays: None.

Mayor Courtney reported that representatives of Allison Township have expressed interest in a parcel at the Lawrenceville Industrial Park and made an offer on a 3.1-acre tract. The offer is \$10,000.00 and paper work is necessary to consummate this transaction. The Council has tabled the offer deal until the necessary documents have been completed.

Members of the Illinois Department of Military Affairs, James Smith Jr. Chief of Staff and Willie Cobetto Legislative Liaison, have contacted Mayor Courtney to discuss the future of the National Guard Armory in Lawrenceville. The armory no longer meets the needs of the modern Army, and the said facility will be deemed surplus property. Maintenance history has been given to the Council. The State is offering to give the property to the City at no charge; however, the city may not transfer the Armory to anyone else other than back to the State. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Council asked to have a tour of the Armory. Stevens made a motion to accept the transfer of property forward. Brewer seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Blacketer, Brewer, Greene, Waldrop, Volkman, Fritch, Hayes and Stevens. Nays: None.

After a background check by LPD and nothing in the public records that shows any reason that the ownership of BP Service station request for a class "H" liquor license should be denied. Mayor asked for questions or comments. Brewer made a motion to give a class H" liquor license to BP Service station. Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Blacketer, Brewer, Greene, Waldrop, Volkman, Fritch, Hayes and Stevens. Nays: None.

Mayor presented the Council a five-year solid waste contract with Republic Services for weekly residential trash pickup; the contract effective April 1st 2022 through March 31st 2027. A monthly fee of \$12.60 will be added to the customers water bill. The agreement will bring changes, but easy implement and follow. Republic

will continue to trash and yard waste each Friday. Republic will begin hauling bulk items, Residents must call City Hall to have Republic haul off bulk items. Council will vote on a new sanitation contract in a next meeting.

Insurance Committee met to discuss taking bids for the city's health insurance. Ad will be in the paper, bid packets will available at City Hall and bids will be due on July 8th.

Mayor asks the Council to look at streets and alleys within each ward to be repaved.

Applications for summer jobs are up at Cill Hall.

City Hall is closed on April 15, 2022, for Good Friday.

Greene made a motion to adjourn. Hayes seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote. Time: 8:26 p.m. The next city council meeting is April 14, 2022.

Rodney Nolan, City Clerk