

**CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, ILLINOIS**  
**APRIL 10, 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, April 10, 2025 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. The following Aldermen were present on roll call: Brewer, Dunn, Fritch, Greene, Waldrop and Goins. Absent: Stevens, Volkman.

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 March, 2025. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Dunn motioned to approve the minutes of the meeting of February, 2025. Goins 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 March, 2025. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Brewer made a motion to approve paying the bills for March, 2025. Greene seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 6-0. Yeas: Fritch, Brewer, Greene, Waldrop, Dunn and Goins. Nays: None. Absent: Stevens, Volkman.

Mayor Courtney reported the City's accounts to the Council. The city working budget is on line after 11 months of the 24-25 fiscal year.

Resident Louie Campbell wanted clarification following a conversation with Dunn concerning the proposed construction of a wastewater treatment plant. Campbell disputed observations made by Dunn, and Campbell felt the conversation highlighted a deeper concern over the proposed site. Campbell pushed the idea of a site northwest of the city on privately owned farm ground.

Resident Kelly Lewis stated she was aware of residents in Ward I who experienced significant issues with flooding in yards and storm sewer issues in basements. While she acknowledged this was a significant rainfall earlier this month, she said a problem also exists with moderate rainfall. Mayor Courtney indicated the City is preliminarily working on a project to line city sewer system in Lincoln Heights, which would help alleviate issues elsewhere in town.

In regards to canvassing the general election held April 1, the Mayor announced the following results while reminding everyone these results wouldn't be finalized until April 14:

Mayor  
Ryan Curtis 336, David Courtney 512  
Clerk  
Rodney Nolan 715  
Treasurer  
John White 707

Alderpersons

Ward I – Kelly Lewis 98, Mike Hedges 65

Ward II – Ron Waldrop 71

Ward III – Dawn Brewer 351

Ward IV – Louie Campbell 74, Theresa Greene 81

Ward IV – Paul Waller 50, Jim Dunn 92

Resident Victoria Shinkle is working with City officials to promote a community day, and she was in search of City representation on a board directing the effort. Brewer volunteered, and Lewis will also join after she's sworn in May.

The mayor asked for a motion to review executive session minutes from the previous year. Dunn motioned. Brewer seconded. Time: 7:16 p.m.

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The Council returned from Executive Session: 7:25 p.m.

Mayor Courtney advised the Council the owners of old Lawrenceville High School were ordered to remediate the site within 60 days in Lawrence County Circuit Court on March 21. It's unknown if they will ask for an extension. The Council has shown interest in the site as a future location for the state-mandated wastewater treatment plant, following advice from HMG Engineering Group.

After reviewing data and feedback from other Council members, the Street & Alley Committee recommended any consideration for the use of slow-speed vehicles (golf carts) within the city limits to not include ATVs, such as side by sides. The committee also recommended to allow golf carts to be used on James Street, if the proposal receives Council approval. Also suggested was the requirement for a driver's license, \$50 fee for first-time registration and \$25 renewal fee. The registration would be for the vehicle, not the driver. All potential drivers of a vehicle would have to be listed on the permit application for the vehicle with a signed liability release to exempt the City from any loss.

Chief White reported officer Nick Earnst completed K9 handling classes. K-9 officer Lucian isn't trained to locate cannabis, because it's a legal substance in Illinois. Body-worn cameras have been in operation since before the start of 2025. White said the formation of a search warrant team has been considered and would likely need additional medical training. The Police Commission sent recommendations for candidates to fill an opening for patrolman.

The Mayor met with Taegan Garner of Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission concerning the 16<sup>th</sup> Street waterline project. There's likely an update coming within 60 days. The City is also working with Greater Wabash concerning lining sanitary sewers in Lincoln Heights to curtail the flow of infiltration that overloads the rest of the City's system during hard rains.

The street department created a list for possible street improvements with a budget of roughly \$125,000 to \$140,00. The suggestions were: Sunny Lane from 23<sup>rd</sup> Street to Lincoln Drive; one

block of Third Street; a portion of Charles Street; Ladner Lane; an alley between State and Jefferson; and Christy from 17<sup>th</sup> Street to Porter Ave. Courtney asked the council members to submit a list of any other streets to consider.

Goins requested the City to inform residents of Ordinance 32-1-11, which requires the removal of election signage seven days following an election. Brewer indicated CDs came up for renewal in June. The Finance Committee will meet with White, the newly elected Treasurer. Waldrop thanked Shinkle for her effort with the community activity.

The target date for the teardown on the house at 503 11<sup>th</sup> is April 28. The high school fire science class will train in the building before the teardown.

Wreaths Across America will host a spaghetti fundraiser at Alphonso's on April 15. The Easter Egg Hunt is set for April 19 at the City Park. The Lawrence County CEO Trade Show is April 27 at The Armory. The Downtown Music Fest sponsored by Downtown Revitalization is May 24 on 12<sup>th</sup> Street, featuring Adam Warner and Richard Goodall.

The City received a note of thanks from Kids Shopping Day another note from the Lawrenceville Craft Club for fostering creativity within the community.

The next Council meeting is May 8, when new the Council will be sworn into office.

Brewer motioned to adjourn. Greene seconded. Time: 7:38.

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James Rodney Nolan, City Clerk

Louis Campbell congrats to TG and mayor.

Regarding water treatment plant for old HS site. During covid, new facility would not be discharge to river, not sewage plant, similar to water treatment plant. With respect all those statements are incorrect. Effluent discharged into Embarras river. Clarify. Not same type of facility of water treatment plant. Like and respect the council member spoke.

Convo highlight deeper concern. Preliminary research uses online resources for possible alternative options. NW farmland site. This site could offer greater distance residential areas, Professional 3<sup>rd</sup> party research.

Sewage and discharge. River. Yes. Feasibility study yes.

Kelly Lewis

Sworn next month. Councilwoman ward 1. Aware residents in ward, experienced significant issues in flooding in yards and storm sewer into basement. Whole recognize considerable amount rain, problem also happen with moderate rainfall. Our resident depends

Support city wide clean up. Allowance golf carts in streets. Its time to address infrastructure in community. Storm water backup.

Last year ending April 14

With few votes still out, Courtney read the results of the general election. Canvas election results  
Mayor

Curtis 336, country 512

Clerk

715 rod

Reasy

White 707

Alders

Ward

Lewis 98, hedges 65

2

Waldrop 71 votes

3

Brewer

351

4

Campbell 74, Greene 81

Waller

50

Dunn 92

Unless changes come thru clerk, those are you elected candidates

The Council returned from Executive Session Community day. Press and member of community Shiulkle

Committee planning community day. Join fellowship and service to Lawrenceville. Service project morning, skills in afternoon, large meal in evening.

Lawrenceville comm day with govt from groundup. Council member to join committee and act as liaison to comm. Brewer and Lewis.

Previous executive session minutes ask for motion

Stevens mov. Brewer second. 6-0 Stevens and Volkman absent

## EXECUTIVE

July 25

Bankruptcy pursued by owners. New Jersey.

Keep all executive session minutes closed except for July 11, 2024

6-0. Volkman and Stevens absent.

March 21, owners of old LHS ordered to remediate the site in 60 days. Unknown is asked for extensions. This council. Shown interest in the site for future location of wastewater plant proposed by HMG engineering group.

Status hearing in late May on whether ask for extension.,

## Golf car discussion

committee met on April 8. Original document. Council members opp to review. Changes made to that document. Russ, Victor, Neal, Wendell unavailable from surgery. Jim participant as citizen. Reviewed the info and feedback from other council members. Stay with golf carts only, not include other vehicles. Allow use on James street. Driver's license be sufficient. 50 fee and renewal 25. Permitting vehicle and not operator. Require person to list all approved operators on application. All people have to sign release of liability to exempt city from any loss.

Waldrop asked about crossing 50 and 1. No answer from IDOT. Cross 15 or state in direct line, then state will decide if it's appropriate or not.

Nick finished active training, officially K9 handler. One employee retiring first of May, then make decision on replacement. Canine and handler prohibited from detecting cannibals, white said in question from Waldrop. Does detect everything else.

Cameras been running since Nov/Dec of last year. Helped out on couple cases we missed stuff.

Search warrant team, probably more medical training.

Ordinance 32-1-11. Put something out to remind people to pick them. Up 32-1-11.

Tuesday, April 15 5-8 pm wreaths across America, spaghetti fundraiser at Alfonso's. 12 for spaghetti, beer and drink. Call the vets. November. We put out wreaths first sat December in Iville cemetery. Over 1k vets in the cemetery. I come from military family. It's part of my heart. I feel like these vets need to be honored.

Saturday, April 19, Easter egg hunt at park

CDs come up in June. New treasury and finance committee will meet with them.

April 27 CEO trade show. 2-4.30 p.m.

Waldrop thank VS for community activity.

Grant, Loeb, Lori Cunningham, Dawn, Kelly

Thank you note from kids shopping day. Invite to armory for CEO program.

Thank you note from Iville craft club. Thanks for fostering creativity in our community.

Target date to address house at 503 11<sup>th</sup> April 28. Work with LHS fire science class will train before we tear it down.

Met Greg Wabash. Taegan Garner help with waterline project on 16<sup>th</sup>. Sidewalk grant throughout the city. That info should return 30-60 days. Hardie thought doing well. GWRP contact Boston about other federal opps. FEMA getting jammed up. Might not be best source until FEMA gets reorganized. Block grant to line sanitary sewers to help entire town from water infiltrating sewer system up the hill. Most are already, not LH.

12<sup>th</sup> street merchants 4-7. Alfonso's, townhouse, Lydia's car show.

Downtown revitalization May 24 Richard Goodall and Adam Warner.

Police commission recommendations for officer candidate.

Griggis has list for possible street improvements. 125-140K. sunny land 23<sup>rd</sup> to Lincoln. 1 block 3<sup>rd</sup>. Charles 20-12. Ladner lane. Ed Adams boulevard. Alley between State and Jeff. 12-13. Water line work. Christy 17-porter. Require milling. Feel like street needs addressed. Let us know and get to Aaron Mefford.

Smolke sewers. Not done it recently. Didn't back in 2000s. lot fire dept calls. Fairly confident not gutters tied into sanitary. Last one 6 years ago on Monroe. Other than that I think we got them all.

Next meeting may 8  
New council sworn after meeting.

Taking applications for summer part-time employment

Brewer. Green second