

CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

MAY 12, 2022

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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, May 12, 2022 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. The following Aldermen were present on roll call: Hayes, Fritch, Greene, Stevens, Brewer, Volkman, Waldrop and Blacketer. 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.

Lucas Greene was added to the agenda.

The Council had earlier received copies of the minutes of the regular Council meeting of April 14, 2022. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Brewer made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 14, 2022. Stevens seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Council had earlier received copies of the bills of the City, Sewer and Water Departments for April. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Waldrop made a motion to approve paying the bills for April. Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Greene, Stevens, Waldrop, Fritch, Brewer, Volkman, Hayes and Blacketer. Nays: None.

Mayor Courtney reported the City's accounts to the Council. The city working budget stood at 98.5%, after 12 months of the 21-22 fiscal year. Mayor praised all City employees for their hard work and dedication to the city.

Mayor Courtney announces the city has hire a new employee, Jason Lyle as the city's electrician.

Jordan Haarmann, VP of Affordable Gas and Electric (AGE) goes out to energy markets and negotiates the best electric rate for communities in Southern Illinois. The city's current contract is with Homefield Energy at \$0.04967 and ends in June 2022. AGE showed a bid sheet with 4 suppliers that will offer a fixed price for 12, 24, 36 or 48 months of electric supply for the residents of Lawrenceville. Mayor asked for questions or comments. Brewer made a motion to approve Constellation NewEnergy as the new electric supplier to the city for 48 months at the rate of \$0.096250. Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Hayes, Volkman, Fritch, Greene, Brewer, Stevens, Blacketer and Waldrop. Nays: None.

Aaron Mefford presented the M.F.T. program to the Council. Mefford asked for the sum of \$250,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the M.F.T program for the 2022 year. Mefford asked for the sum of \$9,447.40 to repaved two parking lots by the city park. Mayor asked for questions or comments. Waldrop made a motion to approve supporting the M.F.T. program and repaving parking lots by the city park. Greene seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Hayes, Volkman, Fritch, Greene, Brewer, Stevens, Blacketer and Waldrop. Nays: None.

Aaron Tipsword, Utilities superintendent informed the Council that the water billing software the city chose last July 2021; Locis, has not connected to the city's water meter software and has cause persistent problems with the billing process. The other water billing software is called Jayhawk and other municipalities have said that Jayhawk does work well with the water meter software that the city has. Tipsword asked the council for \$10,950.00 to install Jayhawk water billing software. Mayor asked for questions or comments. Waldrop made a motion to approve \$10,950.00 for new water billing software. Brewer seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Blacketer, Volkman, Waldrop, Hayes, Stevens, Brewer, Greene and Fritch. Nays: None.

Chief White reported to the Council that May was a busy month. LPD was involved in several meth raids in the community. Chief White and the ordinance officers are compiling a list of properties that need to be demolished and also targeting junk up properties and also tall grass. Chief White informed that LPD has purchased a new '22 Ford Explorer interceptor Utility SUV for the department.

IDOT will work on the bridge on US 50 near the Central Christian Church on Buchanan Drive. IDOT requested the Ladner Lane that passes below the bridge be closed, the road will be closed to traffic for 90 days beginning May 9th.

Mid-American airport has forwarded a lease agreement to the city to allow City Police officers to use the rifle range.

The goal is to have the city pool open Memorial Day weekend. Starting date for summer help is June 6th, new hires will be notified.

The Christmas tree in front of the city hall building will be replaced by the local garden club.

United Health Care is back to using their building downtown. UH have asked for only 50 parking spots from 240 parking spots.

C.E.O will have their "Trade show" on May 11th from 4:30 to 7:00 at the Barn at Coco's.

Chevron will have tours and a picnic at the old refinery and ball park on May 9th at 4:30.

Fireworks will be held on July 3rd (rain date July 9th) at the new high school. Fireworks will be paid from gambling proceeds. Chief White noted the police department will adhere to all City and local ordinances towards illegal private fireworks within the City limits.

On May 11th Mayor Courtney declared a proclamation with the American Legion Auxiliary proclaiming Poppy Distribution Days for May 27th and 28th.

Veteran Administration along with Wabash River Valley Illinois Chapter will have "Heroes on the Water" event at the Red Hills State Park on May 21st at 6:00 to 7:00.

Mayor read a thank you note from George Wells family

City Hall will be closed on May 31 for Memorial Day.

Waldrop made a motion to adjourn. Blacketer seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote. Time: 7:48 p.m. The next city council meeting is June 09, 2022.

Rodney Nolan, City Clerk