

CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

JUNE 10, 2021

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, June 10, 2021 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. The following Aldermen were present on roll call: Fritch, Hayes, Greene, Brewer, Volkman, Waldrop, Blacketer and Stevens. Absent: Stevens.

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 recognize the passing of former Alderman William Carrithers.

The Council had earlier received copies of the minutes of the regular Council meeting of May 13, 2021. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Waldrop made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 13, 2021. Brewer seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Waldrop, Finance committee chairperson asked the Council about the copies of the bills of the City, Sewer and Water Departments for May. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Waldrop made a motion to approve paying the bills for May. Fritch seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Hayes, Brewer, Waldrop, Fritch, Greene, Volkman and Blacketer. Nays: None. Absent: Stevens.

Mayor Courtney reported the City's accounts to the Council. The city working budget stood at 8.3% after 1 month of the 21-22 fiscal year. Mayor Courtney praised all City employees for their hard work and dedication.

Mayor Courtney presented the first reading of Annual Appropriation for 2021-2022. Mayor Courtney stated the Annual Appropriation for 2021-2022 did not increase from 2020-2021 which was a 2.3% increase over 2019-2020, with a projected amount of \$6,191,000.00. Mayor Courtney explained this is the most that the city could spend. It does not mean the City has to spend it all, but the City needs to have the amount high if the City faces an unplanned issue.

There will be an appropriation public hearing at 6:45 p.m. prior to the Council meeting on July 08th at City Hall.

Mayor Courtney reported that Cannon's Furniture Inc. has receive a \$25,000 grant through the Downstate Business Stabilization Program to recover income loss due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Volkman, Cemetery, Parks and Pool committee chairperson reported to the Council that Cemetery and Park Departments each purchase new mowers. Parks Department purchase a 72" mower for \$13,750.00 and the Cemetery Department purchase a 60" mower for \$10,999.00. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Blacketer made a motion to approve purchases of mowers for the city. Waldrop seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Hayes, Brewer, Waldrop, Fritch, Greene, Volkman and Blacketer. Nays: None. Absent: Stevens.

Mayor Courtney presented to the Council a stipend from Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce for Lawrence County 200th year celebration. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Waldrop made a motion to approve to spend \$800.00 towards Lawrence County 200th year celebration. Volkman seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Brewer, Blacketer, Fritch, Waldrop, Volkman, Hayes and Greene. Nays: None. Absent: Stevens.

Mayor Courtney notified the Council the city trash service schedule will change. Republic will service the entire City of Lawrenceville each Friday; residential trash pickup will start on Friday June 11th for all of the city residents.

IDOT will work on Route 1 through town, repaving the road from the northern entrance of the city to the Lawrence/Wabash County line. After replacing stop lights at Lexington Avenue, IDOT will delay the repaving until Spring of 2022.

Crews at the Cemetery and Park Departments are getting ready for the Pool opening. The City Pool will open on June 7th from 12 to 6, with swimming lessons on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for \$5.00.

Mayor Courtney read thank you card from Parkside Elementary.

Chief White noted the Police department will adhere to all City and local ordinances towards illegal private fireworks within the city limits.

Fireworks will be held on July 2nd, at the new high school. Fireworks will be paid from gambling proceeds.

City Hall will be closed on July 5 for Independence Day.

Brewer made a motion to adjourn. Greene seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote. Time: 7:25 p.m. The next city council meeting is July 08, 2021.

Rodney Nolan, City Clerk