

CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

JULY 08, 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, July 08, 2020 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. The following Aldermen were present on roll call: Fritch, Hayes, Greene, Brewer, Waldrop, Volkman and Blacketer. Absent: Stevens.

Mayor Courtney called the meeting to order. Holcomb gave the prayer. All present then recited the Pledge of Allegiance while facing the flag.

Don Wagner, interim director of Lawrence County Industrial Development Council (LCIDC) talked to the Council. Lawrence County Industrial Development Council enjoys a strong alliance of county, city and state organizations where public and private sectors work together. The Lawrence County Industrial Development Council was formed over 30 years ago to serve as the primary point of contact to work closely with primary lenders to assure that a supporting role is helpful to local projects business and industry inquiries. The LCIDC provides county businesses with financial support for approved startup, expansion plans and accepts applications and explains lending policies, rates and terms.

The Council had earlier received copies of the minutes of the regular Council meeting of June 10, 2021. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Waldrop made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 10, 2021. Blacketer 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 June. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Brewer made a motion to approve paying the bills for June. Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Hayes, Brewer, Greene, Fritch, Waldrop, Volkman and Blacketer. Absent: Stevens.

Mayor Courtney reported the City's accounts to the Council. The city working budget stood at 15.5%, 1.2% under budget after 2 months of the 21-22 fiscal year. Mayor Courtney praised all City employees for their hard work and dedication.

Mayor Courtney presented the second reading of Ordinance #1559 to the Council. Ordinance #1559 purposed the approval of the Annual Appropriation for 2021-2022. Mayor stated the Annual Appropriation will be a 2.3% increase 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.

Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Brewer made a motion to approve Ordinance #1559. Fritch seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Blacketer, Volkman, Waldrop, Fritch, Hayes, Brewer and Greene. Absent: Stevens.

Mayor Courtney informed the Council that the Street Committee has received a bid from Diamond Equipment for a 2021 Case Loader / Backhoe. The best bid came in at \$88,800.00 with the city trading in 2002 Case L/B and 2008 Volvo L/B.

Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Fritch made a motion to purchase a 2021 Case L/B for \$88,800.00. Greene seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Fritch, Hayes, Greene, Brewer, Waldrop, Volkman and Blacketer. Absent: Stevens.

Aaron Mefford presented the M.F.T. program to the Council. Mefford asked for the sum of \$30,705.00 of Motor Fuel Tax funds to repave 4 City streets and \$12,463.00 in Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund to repave 3 roads in City Cemetery this year. Mayor asked for questions or comments. Waldrop made a motion to approve supporting the summer M.F.T. program. Brewer seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Hayes, Volkman, Fritch, Greene, Brewer, Blacketer and Waldrop. Absent: Stevens.

With the recommendation from the Liquor Commission, Mayor Courtney presented Ordinance #1560 to the Council. Ordinance #1560 purposed to reduce the annual license fee for the operation and maintenance of billiard, bagatelle, pigeonhole, pool or any other tables open to the public. The license annual fee will reduce from \$25.00 to \$5.00. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Volkman made a motion to approve Ordinance #1560. Blacketer seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Blacketer, Brewer, Waldrop, Hayes, Greene, Volkman and Fritch. Nays: None. Absent: Stevens.

Mayor Courtney presented Ordinance #1561 to the Council. Ordinance #1561 purposed to reduce the annual license fee for the operation of coin operated amusement devices. The license annual fee will reduce from \$25.00 to \$5.00. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Volkman made a motion to approve Ordinance #1561. Blacketer seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Blacketer, Brewer, Waldrop, Hayes, Greene, Volkman and Fritch. Nays: None. Absent: Stevens.

Fritch, Utilities committee chairperson reported Ordinance #1562 to the Council. Ordinance #1562 purposed an increase the reconnection fee to the city's waterworks system. Once utility services have been disconnected the same shall not be again connected or used until all delinquent accounts and bills of service are paid in full, including a fee of **Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)** for each reconnection of such utility services, plus expenses incurred in the reconnection of said services. For utility services which have been disconnected three or more times at the same property because of non-payment by the same customer, the reconnection fee shall be **Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00)**.

Mayor asked for questions or comments. Brewer made a motion to approve Ordinance #1562 an increase the reconnection fee to the city's waterworks system. Greene seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Blacketer, Waldrop, Greene, Volkman, Brewer, Hayes and Fritch. Nays: None. Absent: Stevens.

With recommendation from the Legislation Committee, Mayor Courtney presented Ordinance #1563 to the Council. Ordinance #1563 purposed amending the definition of "Dwelling, Single-Family" within the city limits of the city code. "DWELLING, SINGLE-FAMILY" means a detached dwelling **having a minimum living area of not less than nine hundred (900) square feet** and containing one dwelling unit and intended for the occupancy of one family built to comply with the adopted building codes of the City. It does not include a mobile home. Mayor asked for questions or comments. Volkman made a motion to approve Ordinance #1563. Brewer seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Blacketer, Volkman, Waldrop, Hayes, Brewer, Greene and Fritch. Nays: None. Absent: Stevens.

With recommendation from the Legislation Committee, Mayor Courtney read Ordinance #1564 to the Council. Ordinance #1564 purposed amending the definition of "Mobile Home" within the city limits of the city code. "MOBILE HOME" means a structure designed for permanent habitation **having a minimum living area of not less than nine hundred (900) square feet**, and so constructed as to permit its transport on wheels, temporarily or permanently attached to its frame, from the place of its construction to the location or subsequent location at which it is intended to be a permanent habitation and designed to permit the occupancy thereof as a dwelling place for **one (1)** or more persons. The term "**mobile home**" shall only include homes constructed prior to **June 30, 1976**, not in accordance with the Federal "**National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974**."

Mayor asked for questions or comments. Fritch made a motion to approve Ordinance #1564. Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Blacketer, Volkman, Waldrop, Hayes, Brewer, Greene and Fritch. Nays: None. Absent: Stevens.

Aaron Tipsword, Utilities superintendent informed the Council that water wells 12 and 13 need to have an iron treatment maintenance plan. Estimated cost \$24,000.00 per well and the work will be completed by Brotcke Well & Pump Service from Fenton, Missouri. Mayor asked for questions or comments. Fritch made a motion to approve the iron treatment maintenance plan. Waldrop seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Blacketer, Volkman, Waldrop, Hayes, Brewer, Greene and Fritch. Nays: None. Absent: Stevens.

Mayor Courtney read a letter that was retrieved from the July 4, 1971 time capsule which was recently dug up by the Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce in conjunction of the 200th birthday of Lawrence County. The letter was addressed to the mayor and council of the year "2021" A.D. from Mayor Francis M. Perkins. The letter reads: "As this is our sesqui-centennial period and we are celebrating this fact, it was the thought that maybe you would be interested in the names of the city officials at this period in time. We have a small but very nice and friendly community of which we are all very proud. We also want to wish you much success in your administration and hope and pray that you will continue to prosper and grow."

Courtney asked the Utility Committee to meet to discuss some specific issues.

Greene made a motion to adjourn. Waldrop seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote. Time: 7:57 p.m. The next city council meeting is August 12, 2021.

Rodney Nolan, City Clerk