

CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

AUGUST 12, 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, August 12, 2021 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. The following Aldermen were present on roll call: Fritch, Hayes, Brewer, Greene, Volkman, Waldrop, Stevens 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.

The Council had earlier received copies of the minutes of the regular Council meeting of July 8, 2021. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Waldrop made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 8, 2021. 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 July. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Greene made a motion to approve paying the bills for July. Fritch seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Hayes, Fritch, Greene, Brewer, Waldrop, Volkman, Stevens and Blacketer. Absent: None.

Mayor Courtney reported the City's accounts to the Council. The city working budget stood at 25%, 4.6% over budget after 3 months of the 21-22 fiscal year. Mayor Courtney praised all City employees for their hard work and dedication.

Mayor Courtney presented Ordinance #1565 to the Council. Ordinance #1565 purposed an amendment to Schedule F of the Motor vehicle Code (Chapter 23) of City of Lawrenceville City Code for the designation of Porter Avenue as a no parking zone. Mayor noted that Porter Avenue has become a busier street in the last 15 years, due to the schools located and higher traffic on the west side. The city has put stop signs at certain points on Porter Avenue to slow down traffic.

Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Brewer made a motion to approve Ordinance #1565. Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Blacketer, Fritch, Brewer, Hayes, Volkman, Waldrop, Greene and Stevens. Nays: None.

Connie Pachowski of the Lawrence County United Fund addressed the Council. The Lawrence County United Fund is a 501C3 Organization. LCUF is a purely local organization with no administrative costs with committee of volunteers who fundraise to donate their proceeds to local charities or groups needing funds. 100% of the money raised stays in Lawrence County. Year 2020 was hit hard due to COVID, LCUF could not fundraise proceeds for local groups last year. LCUF is requesting a stipend from the city.

Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Waldrop made a motion to give LCUF a \$3,000 stipend. Brewer seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Blacketer, Fritch, Brewer, Hayes, Volkman, Waldrop, Greene and Stevens. Nays: None.

Police Chief White conveyed to the Council the Police Department been active due to couple drug cases been cleared. Schools are reopening, traffic going to and from and will be monitored. Leading into the fall, ordinances will be enforced. Police Chief White notified to the Council that an officer on their shift, was in a vehicle accident. Quotes from body shops for getting the police vehicle repaired will be collected and the Mayor and the Police Committee will be informed of further action.

David Ridgley communicated to the Council. Ridgley stated that nearby towns (Bridgeport, Sumner, Mt. Carmel and Vincennes, IN) all have regulation in allow golf carts within city limits. Ridgley would like to see if

Lawrenceville would allow golf carts on city streets. Mayor Courtney and all committees will do research on the topic and have an answer next meeting.

Mayor noted the city had 3 OSHA inspections: the Street and Water Departments are in compliant. The minor issue at the Sewer Department has been remedied. The bid for M.F.T. program to repaved City streets went to Ambrow Asphalt for \$30,750.61.

The Police Department will act on a request from Greene to go around the city and locate and list the dilapidated houses around town; the city will try to tear down a limited number of condemned houses down year by year.

Mayor read thank you cards from the Carrither's family and Farm Bureau.

City Hall will be closed on September 6 for Labor Day.

Lawrence County's Fall Festival will be held on September 15 to 18.

Fritch made a motion to adjourn. Volkman seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote. Time: 7:35 p.m. The next city council meeting is September 09, 2021.

Rodney Nolan, City Clerk