

CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, ILLINOIS
SEPTEMBER 08, 2022
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, September 08, 2022 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. The following Aldermen were present on roll call: Brewer, Hayes, Fritch, Greene, Stevens, Waldrop, Volkman 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 August 11, 2022. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Brewer made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of August, 2022. Stevens 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 August. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Waldrop made a motion to approve paying the bills for August, 2022. Blacketer seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Fritch, Stevens, Brewer, Greene, Waldrop, Hayes, Volkman and Blacketer. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Mayor Courtney reported the City's accounts to the Council. The city working budget is on line after 4 months of the 21-22 fiscal year.

Mayor Courtney read the minutes of the Zoning board hearing on August 30 to the Council. The zoning board recommended to amend the zoning classification of their lot from residential to business – 3, highway business. Recommended the Lawrence County Memorial Hospital's request for a special use permit to construct a medical specialty clinic. Recommended the request for a minimum setback variance.

Mayor Courtney presented to the Council Ordinance #1577 concerning an option amending the zoning classification of their lot from residential to business – 3, highway business for the LCMH. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Brewer made a motion to approve the zoning reclassification from R-1 to B-3. Greene seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Fritch, Stevens, Waldrop, Brewer, Greene, Hayes, Volkman and Blacketer. Nays: None.

Mayor Courtney presented to the Council Ordinance #1578 concerning a request from Lawrence County Memorial Hospital for a special use permit to construct a medical specialty clinic. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Brewer made a motion to approve a special use permit. Fritch seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Fritch, Stevens, Waldrop, Brewer, Greene, Hayes, Volkman and Blacketer. Nays: None.

Mayor Courtney presented to the Council Ordinance #1579 concerning an option amending a request from Lawrence County Memorial Hospital for a minimum setback variance. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Fritch made a motion to approve a minimum setback variance. Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Fritch, Stevens, Waldrop, Brewer, Greene, Hayes, Volkman and Blacketer. Nays: None.

Mayor Courtney presented to the Council Ordinance #1580 concerning an option agreement for the sale of a vacant lot sold by the city at auction and conveyance of real estate in the city. Bill Martin purchased Parcel #1 (502 Maple Street) for \$111. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Stevens made a motion to approve the sale of vacant lot. Blacketer seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Fritch, Stevens, Waldrop, Brewer, Greene, Hayes, Volkman and Blacketer. Nays: None.

Mayor Courtney presented to the Council Ordinance #1581 concerning an option agreement for the sale of a vacant lots sold by the city at auction and conveyance of real estate in the city. Parcel #8 (1605 4th Street) and parcel #9 (1603 4th Street) were purchased by Greg Dobbins for \$500 apiece. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Brewer made a motion to approve the sale of vacant lots. Stevens seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 8-0. Yeas: Fritch, Stevens, Waldrop, Brewer, Greene, Hayes, Volkman and Blacketer. Nays: None.

Mayor informed the Council that the City of Lawrenceville is scheduled to be in court Friday, September 9th, 2022. The city will be asking the authorization to demolish buildings 1107 State Street and 1109 State Street. If authorized, the city will contract with a competent company and proceed with safety removing the structures within the contractor's schedule.

Mayor Courtney reported the Illinois Department of Transportation general paving contractor concerning work on Route 1 (15th Street) through the city is Ambrow Asphalt. Some other contractors are providing assistance in other areas. Concrete patching of the road, and concrete work to improve intersections is ongoing. It is expected that milling work and some asphalt will be applied prior to December. Permanent markings re expected in the spring of 2023.

The Council discuss eight properties that were on the list for dangerous demolition, because prior damage due to fire or general decay, have had certified mailings sent to lien holders. Lien holders are being told that the city is pursuing legal means to have those buildings taken down. Also, there will be public notice of potential city action posted I the Daily Record.

Mayor Courtney announced the city had received a report from Burbach Aquatics, Inc., a construction firm that specializes in building municipal pools. After discussions with the Park / Pool committee have resulted in the desire to have more information regarding the Burbach Aquatics report. The Committee would like to communicate with local experts, the State of Illinois pool inspector, an also grant writers in order to become better educated on the subject. Burbach Aquatics, Inc will be in the area on September 20th at 9:30 a.m.

Chief White noted the city scheduled Halloween trick or treat hours on Saturday, October 31st from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Police Department encourages participating residents to go to houses with lights on for the event.

The Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce will be holding the Fall Festival in the Wishnick park area of town. The festival will be held from September 14 – 17. The Cit of Lawrenceville has helped support, and will continue to help support, their transition from the Lawrenceville town square. The city hoe that the community will enjoy and attend the festival.

The Party of the Roof "Hangar Party" at Mid-American Air Center on October 22nd from 3:00p.m. to 11:00p.m.

Stevens motioned to adjourn. Greene seconded. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Time: 7:36 p.m. The next meeting is October 13, 2022.

Rodney Nolan, City Clerk