

CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

OCTOBER 13, 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, October 13, 2022 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. The following Aldermen were present on roll call: Hayes, Fritch, Greene, Brewer, Stevens, Volkman and Blacketer. Absent: Waldrop.

Mayor Courtney called the meeting to order. Greene 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 September 08, 2022. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Brewer made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 08, 2022. Hayes 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 September. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Stevens made a motion to approve paying the bills for September. Blacketer seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Fritch, Stevens, Blacketer, Brewer, Greene, Hayes and Volkman. Nays: None. Absent: Waldrop.

Mayor Courtney reported the City's accounts to the Council. The city working budget stood at 41.7%, 5 months of the 22-23 fiscal year.

Curt Benson from Kemper CPA Group presented to the Council the audit report for fiscal year 2021-2022. Benson stated the general fund showed a lower balance from 2021 but showed an increase in the motor fuel tax fund as well as the water and sewer funds. Benson said the City made strides in the right direction and consistent progress over the last couple of years. The police pension fund is always a fund that needs attention.

Burbach Aquatics has completed phase one of the step two process and has recommended conceptual upgrades to the existing pool facility that are required to meet the American with Disabilities Act compliance. Burbach has evaluated the upgrades to the existing pool vessel including the pump and filter system at the cost of \$3,200.00. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Stevens made a motion to phase one – step two with Burbach Aquatics. Volkman seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Fritch, Stevens, Blacketer, Brewer, Greene, Hayes and Volkman. Nays: None. Absent: Waldrop.

Mayor Courtney handed out the Council a professional services agreement (PSA) with Drew Lane Consultants to aid the city with grant research, application writing and application management. The city will provide a "need list" of projects and upgrades desirable around the city and Drew Lane will gather opportunities and options for the city. the mayor recommends option 3 (high-impact funding needs) at the cost of \$4,500.00 per month for 12 months.

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

Mayor Courtney presented to the Council Ordinance #1582 concerning an option amending the zoning classification of a lot from residential single family and residential multi-family to light industrial, the Zoning Board of Appeals approved of the change. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Fritch made a motion to approve the zoning reclassification from R-1 and R-3 to M-1. Greene seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Fritch, Stevens, Brewer, Greene, Hayes, Volkman and Blacketer. Absent: Waldrop

Mayor Courtney presented to the Council Ordinance #1583 concerning a request from IAG Investments LLC for a special use permit to construct a small building to house equipment for a solar panel project. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Brewer made a motion to approve a special use permit. Volkman seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Fritch, Stevens, Brewer, Greene, Hayes, Volkman and Blacketer. Absent: Waldrop.

Mayor Courtney continued, detailed two blowers for the sewer plant have arrived at the cost of \$62,220.00. Variable drive for the blowers will be purchase around \$50,000.00. Tracy Electric will provide an estimate for installation and electric upgrades to be \$40,000.00.

Mayor Courtney gave the Council an appropriation to the Wreaths Across America organization. Wreaths Across America committed to providing a wreath for over 1,000 veterans buried in the Lawrenceville City Cemetery. The mayor asked for questions or comments. Fritch made a motion for a \$1,000.00 to Wreaths Across America organization. Stevens seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Volkman, Brewer, Greene, Hayes, Fritch, Stevens, Blacketer. Absent: Waldrop.

City residents interested in running for Council Alderman in wards I, II, III and IV can pick up registration packets beginning Sept. 22.

Mayor Courtney noted that Mary Francis Enloe had been appointed to the Police Commission.

Mayor Courtney read a thank you note from Lawrence County C.E.O.

The chamber of commerce will hold the Trunk or Treat program at the city's parking garage on Monday, October 31st from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Chief White noted the city scheduled Halloween trick or treat hours on Monday, 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 Party on the Roof "Hangar Party" at Mid-American Air Center is schedule on October 22nd.

City Hall will be closed on November 11th (Friday)for Veterans Day and November 24th and 25th for Thanksgiving.

Brewer motioned to adjourn. Greene seconded. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Time: 7:40 p.m. The next meeting is November 10, 2022.

Rodney Nolan, City Clerk