

CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, ILLINOIS
OCTOBER 14, 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, October 14, 2021 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. The following Aldermen were present on roll call: Hayes, Fritch, Greene, Stevens, Volkman and Waldrop. Absent: Brewer and Blacketer.

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 September 09, 2021. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 09, 2021. 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. Waldrop made a motion to approve paying the bills for September. Fritch seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 6-0-2. Yeas: Fritch, Stevens, Waldrop, Greene, Hayes and Volkman. Nays: None. Absent: Blacketer and Brewer.

Mayor Courtney reported the City's accounts to the Council. The city working budget stood at 33.1%, 8.6% under budget after 5 months of the 21-22 fiscal year. Mayor Courtney praised all City employees for their hard work and dedication.

Mayor Courtney presented Ordinance #1566, a proposal to approve the Annual Levy of \$535,6000 for 2021-2022. This is a 4% raise. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Waldrop made a motion to approve Ordinance #1552. Fritch seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 6-0-2. Yeas: Stevens, Fritch, Hayes, Volkman, Greene and Waldrop. Nays: None. Absent: Brewer and Blacketer.

Mayor Courtney informed the Council that the Street Committee has approved a purchase from Victory Lane Ford in Litchfield, IL for a 2022 Ford F550 pickup at \$47,742.00 with accessories in converting to a dump truck at \$34,855.50. Total price at \$82,627.50, the city will be reimbursed through Motor Fuel Tax.

Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Volkman made a motion to purchase a 2022 Ford F550 pickup for \$82,627.50. Greene seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 6-0-2. Yeas: Fritch, Hayes, Greene, Waldrop and Volkman. Absent: Blacketer and Brewer.

The city has been a loyal supporter of the Capital Classic Basketball tournament. the Chamber of Commerce requesting \$400.00 for being a "Gold Sponsor" for the basketball tournament. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Waldrop made a motion to approve a \$400.00 stipend for the basketball tournament. Greene seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 6-0-2. Yeas: Hayes, Waldrop, Volkman, Fritch, Greene and Stevens. Nays: None. Absent: Blacketer and Brewer.

LPD reported vandalism occurred in the past month (spray painting around downtown square, bike theft in the city). LPD is looking into the vandalism.

Chief White informed the Council that Bosso's Bar and Grill has closed.

Burbach Aquatics, has been in contact with the mayor concerning ideas on how to improve the city pool. Burbach Aquatics specialize in evaluating, updating and constructing swimming pools.

The city has received the first installment of the ARPA money. (\$299,008.00) Essentially this money is to invest in drinking water, to support wastewater and stormwater infrastructure and access to broadband internet.

HMG Engineering will visit the city on Tuesday, October 19th, to inspect the sewer plant and accessory equipment.

Mayor Courtney reported there is a Halloween display on the 1700 block of Christy Avenue, the Street department will put up barricade around that block so that kids and families can walk without any traffic interfering on Saturday, October 30th.

The city will hold the Trunk or Treat program at the courthouse square on Thursday, October 28, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Chief White noted the city scheduled Halloween trick or treat hours on Saturday, October 30th 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 of the Roof “Hangar Party” at Mid-American Air Center is schedule on November 13th.

City Hall will be closed on November 11 for Veterans Day and November 25th and 26th for Thanksgiving.

Fritch motioned to adjourn. Greene seconded. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Time: 7:41 p.m. The next meeting is October 11, 2021.

Rodney Nolan, City Clerk