

CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, ILLINOIS
NOVEMBER 10, 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 Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. The following Aldermen were present on roll call: Hayes, Fritch, Greene, Stevens, Brewer, Volkman and Waldrop. Absent: 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 October 14, 2021. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Waldrop made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 14, 2021. 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 October. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Waldrop made a motion to approve paying the bills for October. Fritch seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Brewer, Fritch, Stevens, Waldrop, Greene, Hayes and Volkman. Nays: None. Absent: Blacketer.

Mayor Courtney reported the City's accounts to the Council. The City working budget is on pace after 6 months of the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Mayor Wagner praised all City employees for their hard work and dedication to the city.

Curt Benson from Kemper CPA Group presented to the Council the audit report for fiscal year 2020-2021. Benson highlighted that due to COVID and Federal help, local residents shop locally increase all departments of the city from last year. Balances in: General Fund up \$64,000, Cemetery Perpetual up \$15,000, Motor Fuel Tax up \$105,000, T.I.F #2 up \$27,000, Water Fund Up \$218,000 and Sewer Fund up \$3,700. Benson said the City made consistent progress strides in the right direction.

Mayor Courtney presented Ordinance #1567, a proposal to approve the increase of connection fees to the City's waterworks system. Inside City: Applicants for water service inside the City shall pay a charge of **Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00)** per dwelling unit, and **One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)** per commercial unit. Each dwelling or commercial unit shall be assessed a connection charge. Outside City: Applicants for water service outside the City limits shall pay **One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)** per dwelling or commercial unit, plus the cost of labor and materials.

Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Fritch made a motion to approve Ordinance #1567. Waldrop seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Stevens, Fritch, Hayes, Brewer, Volkman, Greene and Waldrop. Nays: None. Absent: Blacketer.

Mayor Courtney presented Ordinance #1568 to the Council in respect to the Illinois Municipal League RMA Min/Max agreement. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Waldrop made a motion to approve Ordinance #1568, with payment of \$132,123.32 to Illinois Municipal League RMA. Greene seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Stevens, Hayes, Waldrop, Brewer, Fritch, Hayes and Volkman. Nays: None. Absent: Blacketer.

A professional services agreement conveyed to the Council. Burbach Aquatics of Wisconsin will center on an evaluation and the development of scope and cost to renovate the existing pool facility to a state of good repair and Code compliance. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Stevens made a motion to approve

Burbach aquatics to evaluate the pool facility. Waldrop seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Stevens, Hayes, Waldrop, Brewer, Fritch, Hayes and Volkman. Nays: None. Absent: Blacketer.

Chief White informed the Council that a current police vehicle is no longer dependable for police use. Chief White requested the Council to purchase a used Police vehicle from the Bridgeport Police Department. A 2014 Ford Interceptor, at a cost of \$8,000.00 will be purchased by the city. The police vehicle account fund will cover the amount. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Waldrop made a motion for purchasing new police vehicle for \$8,000.00. Stevens seconded the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote 7-0-1. Yeas: Stevens, Hayes, Waldrop, Brewer, Fritch, Hayes and Volkman. Nays: None. Absent: Blacketer.

Utilities Superintendent Tipsword informed the Council that HMG Engineering has indorsed several types of new air blowers for the city's sewer plant. Mayor Courtney recommended the Council to authorize the Utilities Committee to approved the purchase of new air blowers for the sewer plant when the time comes. Brewer made a motion to give the Utility Committee authorization to make the purchase. Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote

Chuck Mattingly communicated to the Council about creating a restaurant in the city. The mayor and the council thanked Mr. Mattingly for the presentation and reminded him that any restaurant must be up to the city code standards and accepted by the health department.

Lawrence County CEO program invited the public to a November 12th dinner, silent auction and trivia contest at 1005 Walnut St in Lawrenceville. Tickets are \$15.00 a person. The dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. and the trivia contest begins at 7:00 p.m.

The Party of the Roof "Hangar Party" at Mid-American Air Center is schedule on November 13th.

American Legion Auxiliary Lawrence Unit #28 is a Christmas auction on December 4th at 1 p.m. The auction benefits veterans plus children, youth programs and educational projects.

The City's "Lighted Christmas Parade" sponsored by Lawrenceville Elks will be on December 4th at 5:00 p.m.

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

Leaf pick up is currently under way in the city. For leaf pick up, call City Hall at 943-2116. The last day for yard waste pick-up from Republic Services will be November 29.

Greene motioned to adjourn. Hayes seconded. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Time: 7:58 p.m. The next meeting is December 09, 2021.

Rodney Nolan, City Clerk