

CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, ILLINOIS
NOVEMBER 13, 2025
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, November 13, 2025 at the hour of 7 p.m. The following Aldermen were present on roll call: Brewer, Volkman, Waldrop, Goins, Lewis, Greene. Absent: Dunn, Fritch.

Mayor Courtney called the meeting to order. Waldrop gave the prayer. All present then recited the Pledge of Allegiance while facing the flag. Louie Campbell, Scott Durrant, Hannah Durrant, Bill Horn, Janet Horn, Matt Brough, Walter Mickiewicz, Jennifer Rodriguez and David White asked to address the Council.

The Council had earlier received copies of the minutes of the regular Council meeting of October, 2025. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Waldrop made a motion to approve the minutes. Brewer seconded. Motion passed on a voice vote.

The Council had earlier received copies of the bills of the Sewer and Water Departments for September. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Goins motioned to approve paying the bills for October, 2025. Greene seconded. Motion passed on a roll call vote 6-0-2. Yeas: Brewer, Volkman, Waldrop, Goins, Lewis, Greene. Nays: None. Absent: Fritch, Dunn.

Mayor Courtney read the Treasurer's Report, indicating the City has three certificates of deposit at Casey State Bank with a rate of 4.25 percent with \$77,968.95 in each account.

Volkman asked for a list of certificates of deposit each month and their allocations. Treasurer White informed the Council a collection of six CD's matured at \$441,831, and he found a rate of 3.75 percent at Casey State Bank.

Mayor Courtney held the second reading of the annual levy with a total of \$644,013.90.

Curt Benson of Kemper Associates confirmed numbers on the annual audit from those given in October. At the end of fiscal 2025, the City had \$8.7 million in holdings.

The Mayor asked for a motion to pass the Ordinance 1618 for the annual levy. Waldrop motioned to pass the ordinance. Brewer second. Motion passed on a roll call vote 6-0-2. Yeas: Brewer, Volkman, Waldrop, Goins, Lewis, Greene. Nays: None. Absent: Fritch, Dunn.

The Mayor presented Ordinance 1619 for the passage of the Minimum/Maximum contribution agreement, in agreement with Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association. This would allow for insurance coverage for the City. The bill for the year is \$147,716.72. Brewer motioned to pass the ordinance. Goins Seconded. Motion passed on a roll call vote 6-0-2. Yeas: Brewer, Volkman, Waldrop, Goins, Lewis, Greene. Nays: None. Absent: Fritch, Dunn.

Resolution 11-13-25 was presented by the Mayor for the purpose of advertising for sale residential lots owned by the City at 902 12th Street, 1005 13th Street, 1007 13th Street and 1510 13th. The City would sell the lots by sealed bids opened at the January meeting of the City Council. Volkman motioned for the sale. Lewis seconded. Motion passed on a roll call vote 6-0-2. Yeas: Brewer, Volkman, Waldrop, Goins, Lewis, Greene. Nays: None. Absent: Fritch, Dunn.

Recycling wagons returned to Wishnick Park from Crawford County Recycling, which services also two other counties. With wages up and profits down, Lawrence and Crawford counties have already appropriated money to the company. Brewer motioned for the City to spend \$5,000 on the recycling service through 2026. Goins seconded. Motion passed on a roll call vote 6-0-2. Yeas: Brewer, Volkman, Waldrop, Goins, Lewis, Greene. Nays: None. Absent: Fritch, Dunn.

The Mayor said the City had yet to receive written notification from the IEPA concerning potential violations at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The City has moved forward with previous IEPA recommendations.

Concerning payroll questions and the possibility of time clocks, other area towns and county governments use similar timekeeping systems for employee payroll as the City of Lawrenceville, Mayor Courtney said. The Finance Committee also discussed time clocks in a meeting.

Volkman questioned the policy concerning the 2-hour call out overtime pay for City employees and requested the Mayor to confirm supervisor overtime on paysheets. In a written statement, Lewis said she was concerned about the sewer plant's discharge into the river.

Greene said a fundraiser for Wreaths Across America is Nov. 15 at the Moose. The Lawrence County CEO sent a thank you letter after holding an event at the Armory.

Scott Durrant said he was disturbed by the behavior of union representative Eddie Caumiant at the October 2025 meeting. He felt Caumiant should have been warned about the actions. Hannah Durrant wanted to know about any results from recent sewer work on Springfield Avenue and details about a proactive maintenance plan.

Janet Horn felt the City treated her loss following a sewer overflow as inconsequential. Bill Horn thanked Volkman for making calls to the RMA and felt the issue shouldn't be about taking sides.

Matt Brough is a City resident who said he works in wastewater management in Indiana. He admitted workplace burnout in sewer management but felt somebody should be held accountable with the City's system.

Walter Mickiewicz asked for Mayor Courtney's resignation. David White said there's too much hateful rhetoric from people with ulterior motives. Campbell said a problem exists with accountability with the sewer plant.

Rodriguez asked the City Council if it's working for the residents of the City.

Christmas in the Park is December 6, 2025. The Mayor has spoken to the owner of a building on State Street about falling bricks and repairing the problem.

The Mayor appointed Goins and Volkman to represent the City on a Labor-Management board.

Greene motioned to adjourn. Lewis seconded. Time: 8.33 p.m.