

CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE, ILLINOIS
APRIL 9, 2026
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, April 9, 2026 at the hour of 7 p.m. The following Aldermen were present on roll call: Fritch, Volkman, Dunn, Goins, Greene, Hedge. Absent: Waldrop, Brewer.

Mayor Courtney called the meeting to order. Greene gave the prayer. All present then recited the Pledge of Allegiance while facing the flag. Louie Campbell and Keith Bellinger requested to speak to the Council.

The Council had earlier received copies of the minutes of the regular Council meeting of March, 2026. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Dunn made a motion to approve the minutes. Goins seconded. Motion passed on a voice vote

The Council had earlier received copies of the bills of the Sewer and Water Departments for March, 2026. Mayor Courtney asked for questions or comments. Greene motioned to approve paying the bills for March, 2026. Hedge seconded. Motion passed on a roll call vote 6-0-2. Yeas: Hedge, Volkman, Greene, Goins, Fritch, Dunn. Nays: None. Absent: Waldrop, Brewer.

Treasurer White informed the Council five CD's come due in June.

The Mayor brought to the Council the audit proposal from Kemper Financial, consisting of preparations for the state comptroller financial report (\$27,750), police pension report (\$3,500) and a single audit for any program (\$8,000). Goins motioned to accept the proposal. Dunn seconded. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 6-0-2. Yeas: Volkman, Hedge, Greene, Goins, Fritch, Dunn. Nays: none. Absent: Brewer, Waldrop.

From ADG, the Mayor learned the lone bid for Armory roof repair is \$30,880 and \$42,526 above the storage through Martinsville Roofing. Base bid amount was right at estimated amount. ADG contacted nearly half-dozen contractors. Goins motioned to accept the bid from Martinsville Roofing for a total of \$73,406. Volkman seconded. It passed on a roll-call vote, 6-0-2. Yeas: Volkman, Hedge, Greene, Goins, Fritch, Dunn. Nays: None. Absent: Brewer, Waldrop.

Utilities Superintendent Tipsword said City water is tested daily and samples go to IEPA every month. Lawrenceville drinking water is safe to drink, Tipsword said.

Mayor Courtney furnished the Council with information about potential increases to sewer rates. Following reviews by HMG Engineering and Kemper, the proposed rates would accommodate loans and grants in the construction of a \$20-million wastewater treatment plant mandated by the state.

Discussion continued about a Citywide cleanup similar to last year, when the City paid roughly \$28,000. The Mayor also heard requests to hold a Citywide garage sale on the Saturday immediately previous to the cleanup dates. Republic Services crews would hit each of three zones to start the week, then make one more pass through town to end the week.

Greene motioned Citywide cleanup starting June 1 with a Citywide garage sale May 30. Hedge seconded. Motion passed on roll-call vote, 6-0-2. Yeas: Volkman, Hedge, Greene, Goins, Fritch, Dunn. Nays: None. Absent: Brewer, Waldrop.

The Street and Alley Committee will look into the possibility of adding side-by-sides to the golf cart program for use with city limits.

The search for a jet-vac truck continues through more than one dealership. When one is located, the City must be ready to purchase, the Mayor said, because of high demand for quality used equipment. Local lenders are still interested in offering financing, and the City applied for grant through Sen. Tammy Duckworth's office.

Administrative assistant John Supinie spoke about the increasing workload concerning FOIA requests in the seven months since he began working with the material and asked the Council to consider adding staff to City Hall.

Campbell said Tipsword shouldn't be employed by City and mentioned an internet petition that secured nearly 200 signatures. Bellinger spoke about leadership, goals and accountability.

Volkman spoke about late payment by the City on a utility bill, water deposit refunds, overtime pay for Tipsword and information about a property tax sale. Counsel informed it must be declared surplus property and be put up for auction. Volkman announced a group will pick up trash on April 22 after meeting at Wishnick Park.

Greene voiced concern of vehicles with expired tags and residents discarding trash on their property. Hedge was also concerned about trash and dilapidated houses in his ward.

Courtney noted a meeting with IEPA officials on April 14 in Springfield.

Goins motioned to adjourn.

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Time: 8:03 p.m.

Rodney Nolan, City Clerk