

Mayor Peterson called the council meeting to order on Monday, October 14, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Lafayette City Council Chambers, 791 Main Avenue, Lafayette. Present were Mayor Sandie Peterson, Councilors: Dave Reed, Scott Portner, Tom Polich, and Curt Tauber. Also attending were Clerk/Treasurer Sandy Burger, Utility & Maintenance Superintendent Al Fox, City Attorney Aaron Walton and Fire Chief Nick Klingler; Ambulance President Mark Dick was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests present: Doug Hanson – Winthrop Publications, residents Dave Burger – 580 Main Avenue and Marty Wacker – 540 Main Avenue.

Motioned by Reed and seconded by Tauber to approve the agenda as presented; all ayes, motion carried.

Motioned by Portner and seconded by Polich to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; all ayes, motion carried. Included in the consent agenda were the 9/9 council minutes, bills totaling \$130,104.46, the treasurer's report including the bank reconciliation for September, receipts totaling \$68,988.42, the 2024 payrolls 19 & 20 and thirteen 2024-2025 sump pump waivers for Aalid, Abrahamson, Ahl, Burger, A DeBoer, Dunham, Klimes, Maffioli, Messerli, Saffert, Schmitt, Wacker and Woods.

Reports:

Fox: Submitted his written report and highlighted Memorial park weed & seed is contracted and final sidewalk completed, Lund park spillway completed, Lion fountain to be installed, rink hydrant repaired, water main break on the 400 block of Lafayette Avenue on 10/10 and repaired on 10/11, replaced the air dryer unit on the city fire truck and the last two garage doors are scheduled for installation.

Burger: Submitted a written report and highlighted that Nicollet County is working on a county-wide community health assessment and will meet November 7 and 21st, her and council member Reed will attend. Mentioned the new reporting has started for the MN Family Medical leave, similar to quarterly unemployment wage reporting, will check into the council wage reporting. gWorks onboarding has started, there will be times the office door will be locked during calls or webinars.

Peterson: Food trucks were a really big hit this summer, attended 9/25 joint powers RS Fiber meeting - there has been a letter of intent to buy from HBC. There are many concerns of this and the JPB will meet again on 10/15 to discuss retaining an attorney.

Polich: Also attended the 9/25 RS Fiber meeting and will attend the 10/15 special meeting.

Klingler: He and assistant chief Voges will attend the Chief's conference this week, he will be gone from October 23 through 31st, contact Voges if needed.

Unfinished Business:

- 1. Utility Updates: RO:** EPA grant submitted and waiting for final submissions and awards, PSIG are on hold due to no bonding bill. If a bonding bill is passed next session, possible June 2025 release? Estimated cost \$2,893,028. Eligible amount for PISG \$1,851,538, EPA Grant \$1,000,000 balance of \$41,490, possible WIF grant or loan, costs are estimates and may change when the bidding process is completed. **Streams:** They are holding tech meetings every Wednesday to work on the design, etc. **Stormwater:** Televising quotes reviewed and Hydro-Clean was awarded the project and will start work on televising and cleaning the mains and laterals this week, for approximately three weeks. **Lead Service Line Inventory:** MDH certified the LSL inventory for Lafayette and notification needs to be sent to the 21 unknowns and two galvanized line owners for potential exposure by November 6, 2024. Fox asked council if they were willing to offer sampling to these properties, which would be approximately \$650, if they all requested it, there was **a motion by Polich and seconded by Tauber to offer sample testing for those unknown and galvanized properties, all ayes, motion carried.**
- 2. Snow Removal:** Lafayette Excavating three-year agreement was presented again, after being tabled last month, Portner contacted a few other companies and they declined to offer a quote. There was **a motion by Polich and seconded by Reed to approve the Lafayette Excavating three-year snow removal contract, all ayes, motion carried**

New Business:

1. **Resolution 2024–19 –October Donations: *Motioned by Tauber to approve Resolution 2024-19 as presented, seconded by Reed; all ayes, motion carried.*** Donations totaling \$916.00, including \$26.00 to the 125th celebration from the FillMeUp bucket and \$300 from Central Region Cooperative, donations to the fire department from Messerli \$125, LeBrun \$125, Christensen Farms \$200, and \$20 N. Langhoff.
2. **Rezone: *Motioned by Reed and seconded by Portner to set a public hearing at the November 13, 2024 council meeting for the rezoning of the church property at 400 6th Street from commercial to residential, all ayes, motion carried.***
3. **Dave’s Place License: *Motioned by Portner and seconded by Polich to approve the Dave’s Place Liquor License for 2025, all ayes, motion carried***
4. **New Firefighters: Applicants Blake Voges and Billy Mount *Motioned by Tauber and seconded by Reed to approve the hiring of the two applicants pending passing the interview, physicals and State Fire background, all ayes motion carried.***

Adjourn: *Motioned by Tauber and seconded by Portner to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm; all ayes, motion carried.*

Next Meeting: The November meeting has been changed to Wednesday, November 13, 2024, due to the Monday holiday and Tuesday scheduling conflicts.

Sandra Peterson – Mayor

Sandy Burger – City Clerk- Treasurer