

Mayor Peterson called the council meeting to order on Monday, December 3, 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, Fire Chief Nick Klingler, Ambulance President Mark Dick was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests present: Brennan Moldan – Staff, Residents Jessica Moldan – 551 5th Street, Logan VanDeest – 631 10th Street, Logan VanDeest - 631 10th Street, and Andrew Hartley – 551 Main Avenue

Mayor Peterson opened the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing, no one was present, and moved on to the budget workshop.

Mayor Peterson asked if there were any discussion of the budget. Burger explained the process of the budget to VanDeest and Hartley, the incoming council members.

There was a discussion on when to start looking to hire a clerk replacement and the amount of time for training and working together; currently two months are in the budget, if council decides on a longer time frame the cost would need to be adjust out of other general fund items.

The council felt that the work done at the August budget workshop and approved in September, should stand. Factors being as mentioned above and items that maybe needed for the 125th, etc.

The council will hold the second Truth in Taxation hearing prior to the December 9th council meeting and then approve the 2025 budget and 2025 tax levy during the meeting.

Adjourn: *Motioned by Reed and seconded by Polich to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 pm; all ayes, motion carried.*

Next Meeting: The next council meeting and second Truth-In-Taxation hearing will be on Monday, December 9, 2024 at 7pm, and will be held at 791 Main Avenue, Lafayette.

Sandra Peterson – Mayor

Sandy Burger – City Clerk- Treasurer