

Mayor Peterson called the council meeting to order on Monday, February 12, 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.

Guests present: Doug Hanson – Winthrop Publications, Fire Department Members: Tom Larson, Savanna Clemon, Logan VanDeest, Mark Voges, Scott VanDeest, Gary Griebel, Doug Hoffmann. Retired FD Members, Keith Schuelke, Tim Schneider, Dwight DeBoer, Corey Langhoff. Rural Fire Members Marv Gieseke, Rick Grommel, Bruce Platz. Five Star Towing Eric Platz. Ambulance member Marti Uhde. Foggy Youth Director Mark Haler and Residents: Jessica Tauber 660 10th Street, Brennan Moldan 1091 Lafayette Avenue, Bradley Moldan 540 Lafayette Avenue.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motioned by Reed and seconded by Portner to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; all ayes, motion carried. Included in the consent agenda were: 1/8 council minutes bills totaling \$69,987.35, the treasurer's report including the February bank reconciliation and receipts totaling \$48,876.68, and 2024 payrolls 1, 2, & 3.

Reports:

Fox: Submitted written report and updated that budget items are being worked on for the parks, the playground company and Lions will meet this week. Generator for the city building was ordered. Asked council to approve a heater for the front entry of the city office as there is a 10-to-20-degree difference on cold days. **Reed motioned to approve the purchase of a heater for \$1,592.67, Polich seconded, all ayes, motion carried.** Health inspection - no deficiencies.

Burger: Submitted a written report and added that the Dave's Place ambulance fundraiser received \$1,706.92 in tips and donations deposited into the ambulance fund.

Unfinished Business:

1. RO Update: Bill will be presented for the RO project. Mayor and Fox will attend City Day on the Hill and has scheduled meetings with Representative Brand and Senator Frentz. The Senate Capital Investment Committee requested an update to the October 2023 presentation. The EPA grant waiver was approved saving \$250,000, working a Build American Buy American (BABA) waiver. Also working on the PFA & PSIG applications and submittals. He is working on the Categorical Exclusion and Extraordinary Circumstance Review Form (CHATEX).
2. Resolution 2023-20: Approved adding a removal date of the outdoor furnace to April 1, 2024. Burger will send a letter including the code for non-compliance of the directive, along with another copy of the denial resolution.

New Business:

1. 2023 Audit: City Auditor Sara Oberloh presented the 2023 audit to the council and gave a walk through of the different reports, giving a clean audit opinion. **Portner motioned to approve the audit as presented and Polich seconded; All ayes, motion carried.**
2. Ordinance 145 – Enacting and Adopting Supplement S-7 of the Lafayette City Code - Included in the update were all ordinances passed since the last update; ordinance 139 through ordinance 144. **Motioned by Reed to approve Ordinance 145 as presented and seconded by Portner; all ayes, motion carried.**
3. Ordinance 146 – Amending the City Fee Schedule - Ambulance Fees **Motioned by Polich to approve the first reading of Ord. 146 as presented, seconded by Tauber; all ayes, motion carried.**
4. Resolution 2024 – 04 – February Donations **Motioned by Reed to approve Resolution 2024-04 as presented, seconded by Tauber, all ayes, motion carried.** Donations included: Donations and Tips from the ambulance fundraiser of \$1703.92, Fillmeup Donation bucket \$35 to the 125th Celebration, Sibley and Nicollet county corn & soybean growers' donation of \$100 to the community center.
5. Foggy Youth Ham dinner request – **Motioned by Reed and seconded by Tauber to approve the use of the fire hall for ham bingo and the gambling application to hold it; all ayes, motion carried.**

6. 2024 Summer Street Closures– ***Portner motioned to approve the summer street closures for the 2024 summer events as presented, Polich seconded; all ayes, motion carried. , Tauber seconded, all ayes, motion carried.***
7. Discussion: The city council and members of the fire department, fire relief, fire auxiliary and residents discussed city liability and alcohol in the fire department. No action was taken.

Adjourn: Motioned by Polich and seconded by Portner to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm; all ayes, motion carried.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 11, 2024 at 7pm in the Lafayette Council Chambers, 791 Main Avenue, Lafayette. Please notify the clerk if you are unable to attend the meeting.

Sandra Peterson – Mayor

Sandy Burger – City Clerk- Treasurer