

**Mayor Sandie Peterson called the council meeting to order on Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Lafayette City Council Chambers at 791 Main Avenue, Lafayette.** Present were: Sandie Peterson, Councilors: Dave Reed, Scott Portner, Tom Polich, and Curt Tauber arrived at 7:07pm. Also present were: Utility & Maintenance Superintendent Al Fox, Clerk/Treasurer Sandy Burger, a City Attorney Aaron Walton and Fire Chief Nick Klingler; Ambulance President Mark Dick was absent.

**Guests present:** Doug Hanson – Winthrop Publications, Cassandra Postel – Lafayette Ledger, Jeff Ledin and Simon McCormack – Short Elliot Hendrickson, Inc. (SEH) , and Sara Oberloh – Oberloh & Oberloh, Ltd. arrived at 7:14 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**Motioned by Reed and seconded by Polich to approve the meeting Agenda as amended; all ayes, motion carried.**

**Motioned by Reed and seconded by Polich to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; all ayes, motion carried.** Included in the consent agenda were: 2/3/2022 minutes and bills totaling \$46,358.27.

### **Reports:**

**Fox:** The excavation site will be cleaned up as soon as the ground allows, the plow on the Chevy broke down, after assessing the repairs, a new center mount can be replaced – a new plow replacement is around \$10,000. Shared some preliminary funding information from SEH conversations for stormwater improvements. Serveline will be sending out letters to all residents for the Service Line Protection (from the city connection to the connection to the house), if someone inquires, it has been approved. The fire station furnace has been acting up again and replacement costs are \$3,784.40. **Motioned by Polich and seconded by Reed to go forward with the furnace replacement, ayes, Polich, Reed, Portner & Peterson. Tauber abstained as he supplied the replacement quote.**

**Klingler:** New firefighter will be voted on at the next fire meeting and presented to council in April. Lines were painted in the fire barn, door will be installed as soon as the weather is nicer, Pork Chop feed is on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Requested purchase of a tablet to keep in the fire truck for taking pictures at the scene; currently they are using personal cell phones. **There was a motion by Polich to approve the purchase of a tablet for the fire department to use for taking photos at scenes, seconded by Reed all ayes, motion carried.**

**Portner:** Attended LMC Leadership training, one point he shared was that it is a bonding year and the emphasis is on water projects.

**Tauber:** will submit the pop shack specs to the State for approval, usually a 2-to-6-week turnaround.

**Peterson:** Attended RS Fiber JPB, the city will be paying the bond payments a few more years. Attended the rural fire board meeting also the ambulance commission meeting; along with raising per household assessments, the commission raised the per call from \$15 to \$20 and some officer stipends. FYI: Night to Unite is August 2

**Burger:** Shared the solar savings for 2021 was \$2,046.04. RS Fiber sales are even with Mediacom based from franchise fees. Reminded council of the LBAE hearing will be held at the community center, in the case of higher attendance. Shared a copy of the mowing service ad, council wanted it in the Journal, Winthrop, Ledger, and also an email to local services.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**Wastewater Permit:** Representatives from Short Elliot Hendrickson, Inc. (SEH) Jeff Ledin and Simon McCormack presented the Task #1 Development of Design of Needed Treatment Equipment and Task #2 Preliminary Schematic Design of Revised Treatment Facility. They presented three options for the RO location. The options studied were first, building up on the mezzanine, due to issues in this option, it is not being pursued further. The second option to expand to the west of the existing building, this option can be done, but it would be built over Well # 1 and have setback constraints. Option #3 proposes constructing a new building across from the current facility, it would allow for future expansion and still meet set back requirements for a new future well. SEH's conclusion and recommendation: Although Option #2 is feasible and would provide sufficient spacing around the RO system by making use of existing water treatment plant property, the *SEH team's recommended design is Option #3*. Option #3 is recommended for the following reasons: City can purchase land for a future location for the drilling of a new well, allows the design of a building without any of the space constraints with the other options, satisfies all City setback ordinances and reduces construction impacts on neighboring residences, and it has similar estimated costs as Option #2.

After much discussion, Mr. Ledin suggested that council prepare to make a decision between Option #2 and Option #3 at the next council meeting, so the next step of funding can begin.

**Resolution 2022-05 - Reconveyance of the Tax-Forfeited Land:** Due to the land use change of the original deed, the city must reconvey the land back to the State and reapply for a new Conditional Use Deed with the use of it being a public park. ***Motioned by Portner to approve Resolution 2022-05 - Reconveyance of the Tax-Forfeited Land and seconded by Tauber, all ayes, motion carried.***

**Resolution 2022-04 - Supporting Housing and Local Decision-Making Authority –** ***Motioned by Polich and seconded by Tauber to approve Resolution 2022-04 Supporting Housing and Local Decision-Making Authority, all ayes, motion carried.***

**Ord. 138 – Amending Code 33.05 Fee Schedule:** With no further discussion there was a ***motion by Reed, seconded by Portner to approve the second reading and adoption of Ord. 138 Amending the Ambulance Fees; all ayes, motion carried.*** This will be in effect once published.

**New Business:**

**2021 Audit:** 2021 Audit: Sara Oberloh – Oberloh & Oberloh, Ltd, walked through the audit and answered questions from council ***there was a motion by Reed and second by Portner to approve the 2021 City of Lafayette Audit, all ayes, motion carried.***

**Resolution 2022-07 – To Elect the Standard Allowance under the Revenue Loss Provision of CLFRA Fund under ARPA:** ***Polich motioned to approve , Resolution 2022-07 – To Elect the Standard Allowance under the Revenue Loss Provision of CLFRA Fund under ARPA seconded by Reed; all ayes, motion carried.***

**Resolution 2022-06 – To Re-Establish Precincts and Polling Places for the Election Boundaries of the Voting Precincts:** ***Reed motioned to approve , Resolution 2022-06 – To Re-Establish Precincts and Polling Places for the Election Boundaries of the Voting Precincts seconded by Polich; all ayes, motion carried.***

**Firefighter Resignation:** ***Motioned by Reed and seconded by Portner to accept the resignation of Jason Armstrong from the fire department, all ayes, motion carried.***

**Rural Fire Agreement:** Mayor asked for a copy of the 5-year agreement and will contact the rural board to discuss a review and updated agreement.

**Personnel Policy:** Mayor asked that all review the personnel policy for discussion next month.

***Motioned by Portner and seconded by Polich to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm; all ayes, motion carried.***  
**\*\* Change of place and time\*\*** The next council meeting and Local Board of Appeals and Equalization hearing will be held on Thursday, April 7 ,2022 at the Lafayette Community Center at 540 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Lafayette at 6:30 pm.

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Sandie Peterson – Mayor

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Sandy Burger – City Clerk- Treasurer