

Acting Mayor Polich called the council meeting to order on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 6:30 pm at the Lafayette City Council Chambers, 791 Main Avenue, Lafayette. Present were Acting Mayor Tom Polich, Councilors: Dave Reed, Scott Portner, and Curt Tauber; Mayor Sandie Peterson was absent. 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: Shana Jackson and Erin Wachtel – Nicollet County Assessor's office, Resident Laura Hacker – 1040 Skyview Avenue and Doug Hanson – Winthrop Publications.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Acting Mayor Polich suspended the council meeting and opened the public hearing at 6:30. Nicollet County Assessor Shana Jackson informed council that there were no appeals requested for the city. She introduced Erin Wachtel and suggested leaving the hearing open for fifteen minutes. ***The council resumed the regular meeting until 6:47pm and then closed the hearing with a motion by Portner and a second by Tauber.***

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

Motioned by Reed and seconded by Tauber to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; all ayes, motion carried. Included in the consent agenda were the 3/11 council minutes and 3/19 MPCA New Limits Notification WWTF Permit minutes, bills totaling \$52,726.75, the treasurer's report including the bank reconciliation for March, receipts totaling \$32,987.03, and 2024 payrolls 6 & 7.

Reports:

Fox: Submitted his written report and highlighted that the playground build will begin in May, WWTF UV tank will be completed and operational by May 1st, issues with water facility filter, and samples will be collected this month. The fire station has two remaining doors to be replaced and there is \$10,000 in the budget he would like to complete them, **Portner motioned to complete the remaining two doors in the fire hall, seconded by Tauber, all ayes, motion carried.**

Burger: Submitted a written report and added that there was an additional permit besides the Park & Recreation's shed and it was submitted and approved for J. Bieraugel to remove an existing deck and build a three-season porch. Created a city cleanup and tri-county collections flyer that will go out in the next billing. Highlighted that the recap of the 125th planning was attached.

Klingler: The new rural fire truck was delivered today. The consensus of the council was for Fox and Klingler to look into the feasibility of the city paying a stipend to rural for having that truck be considered the city pumper as well. Klingler will meet with Polich and Reed to set a date for the liability policy meeting.

Unfinished Business:

1. **Utility Updates:** Highlighted what is going on with the State Bonding, EPA grant and PFA application. Wastewater permit information for the limits imposed by the MPCA and what options the city has for compliance. He has asked for a 30-day extension and has set up a second meeting with the MPCA on April 29, 2024 at 1pm. He will again set it up in the council chambers for all council members that are available to attend. There is a correlation between stormwater affects and permit limits as the permits are calculated on flow and concentration. The grant is to see where potential excess water is getting into the sanitary system causing issues and flooding. This study should give a good view of what needs to be completed for reduction in the flow to the WWTF.

New Business:

1. Resolution 2024 – 07 – April Donations ***Motioned by Reed to approve Resolution 2024-07 as presented, seconded by Tauber, all ayes, motion carried.*** Donations included: Electronic tips and donations from Dave's Place Steak fundraiser \$1,000, Fillmeup Donation bucket \$30 to the 125th Celebration.

2. **Ord. 147: *Motioned by Portner and seconded by Reed to approved the first reading of Ord. 147 - removing the words 'gardening' and 'landscaping', all ayes, motion carried.***

3. **Ambulance 2024 Officers: *Motioned by Portner and seconded by Tauber to approve the 2024 Ambulance officers. President: Dick, Vice-president: Uhde, Secretary: Griebel, Data reporting & Active 911: Beranek, Maintenance and supplies: C Goblirsch, Training: R Helling- Goblirsch, Infectious control: Gieseke; all ayes, motion carried.***

Adjourn: Motioned by Portner and seconded by Tauber to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm; all ayes, motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next council meeting will be on May 13, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Lafayette Council Chambers, 791 Main Avenue, Lafayette. Please notify the clerk if you are unable to attend the meeting.

Tom Polich – Acting Mayor

Sandy Burger – City Clerk- Treasurer