

Mayor Peterson called the council meeting to order on Monday, June 10, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Lafayette City Council Chambers, 791 Main Avenue, Lafayette. Present were Mayor Sandie Peterson, Councilors: Scott Portner, Tom Polich, Curt Tauber; Dave Reed 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: Doug Hanson – Winthrop Publications.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motioned by Tauber and seconded by Polich to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; all ayes, motion carried. Included in the consent agenda were the 5/13 council minutes, bills totaling \$78,426.02, the treasurer's report including the bank reconciliation for May, receipts totaling \$37,387.47, 2024 payrolls 10 & 11 and the first half council pay.

Reports:

Fox: Submitted his written report and recapped the information. The playground arrived today. Work will be done, weather permitting, by the end of the week. Due to the drainage issues, Fox proposed a spillway on the NE corner of the playground connecting to the rain garden spillway at a cost of \$4,870.00. **Motioned by Portner and seconded by Tauber to approve the spillway as presented; all ayes, motion carried.** All testing results are good, have not gotten the Lead & Copper results yet. Emergency generators are completed, WWTF alarms due to a power issue and storm event for high influent.

Burger: Submitted a written report and added the State legislature passed an exemption for Fire & Ambulance volunteers pertaining to ESST, will work on policy update when we know wording. Approved a shed for Hoffmann, SMIF will do a blog on our completed bandstand-park project. Informed council of the updated figures for small cities street payments for 2024. Discussed the two COVID payment plans and **Portner motioned to end the COVID payment plans and Polich seconded, all ayes, motion carried.** Burger will send council directed letters to the two accounts. The 125th will meet on June 17th.

Peterson: A few complaints of people not mowing.

Polich: Attended part of the last STREAMS via video

Unfinished Business:

- 1. Utility Updates:** State bonding did not pass, EPA historical review, PFA application was accepted. Being no Bonding bill Fox will be applying for a Point Source Implementation Grant (PSIG); it will be submitted by the July 31 deadline.
- 2. WWTF Permit;** The final review submittal was sent on May, 29, 2024.
- 3. MPCA Storm Water Grant:** Only a handful to be reviewed, SEH is working on the cleaning & televising bid packet and contract for the project, EPA contacted and explained what we wish to accomplish for WWTF reductions and storm sewer. They will be able to help with funding & grant opportunities when we are ready.
- 4. STREAMS:** A virtual meeting was conducted to discuss a proposal from Flaherty-Hood for services in the start-up and guidance of the Sanitary Sewer District. After discussion it was noted that Michael Looft would secure a Resolution from the City of Winthrop for authorization to pay for services until the district and board is completed.
Utility rates were discussed and it appears a tentative schedule will be compiled. The rates are only a best guess estimate and will change as things progress. A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 2, 2024 from 11am to 12pm, either virtual or in person at Winthrop. The purpose of the meeting is to further discuss Flaherty-Hood proposal and have questions answered from Daniel Marx of Flaherty-Hood, review tentative rate schedule, and meet with the industrial partners. It was noted that DFA has signed the letter of intent.
- 5. Ord 147: Amending the Zoning Code: Motioned by Polich and seconded by Tauber to approve the second reading and adopt Ordinance 147 Amending the Zoning Code; all ayes, motion carried.** Burger will post the approved ordinance on the website and publish it in the paper.

New Business:

1. **Resolution 2024-09 – June Donations:** *Motioned by Tauber to approve Resolution 2024-09 as presented, seconded by Portner, all ayes, motion carried.* Donations included \$545.86 from fire relief for half of the Fire-Ambulance bench. Donations of \$1350.00 to the 125th celebrations as follows \$50 Durham, \$250 L. Mages, \$250 Mages Land, \$200 Tauber Plumbing & Heating, \$500 Isenberg Electric, and \$100 from E. Rusch. A donation of coffee cups w/lids and soup bowls valued at approximately \$75.00 from S. Donnay to the community center.
2. **Ordinance 148 updating Code 33.04 Reimbursement for Computer and Computer Related equipment:** After a discussion, *Polich motioned to approve the first reading as presented and Tauber seconded; with all ayes, the motion carried.* Burger will post it on the website.
3. **Liability Policy Committee:** Polich reported that they are working on a few items before they present a policy to council.
4. **Fire Relief Liquor License:** *Motioned by Tauber to approve the one-day license for July 26, 2024 and was seconded by Polich, all ayes, motion carried.*
5. **Blight:** Properties were discussed and council directed letters will be sent to ten properties. One was deemed a city right of way and will be trimmed by the city.

Adjourn: *Motioned by Portner and seconded by Tauber to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm; all ayes, motion carried.*

Next Meeting: The next council meeting will be on Monday, July 8, 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.

Sandra Peterson – Mayor

Sandy Burger – City Clerk- Treasurer