

Mayor Peterson called the council meeting to order on Monday, July 8, 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 and Ambulance President Mark Dick.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests present: Nicollet County Sheriff Dave Lange, Doug Hanson – Winthrop Publications, Attorney Jim Kuettnner and Glenn Hauser – Integrity Farms, Residents – Dave Burger 580 Main Avenue, Marty Wacker 540 Main Avenue and Stuart Hartley 1120 Esther Avenue.

Attorney Jim Kuettnner and Glenn Hauser were on hand to inform the council of their intent for the empty school building. They will submit an application for a state license to create a secure cannabis cultivation facility. The playground equipment was offered to the city, but was declined. The consensus of the council was that the city could find a place in Lund park for the exercise stations.

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 6/10 and 7/1 council minutes, bills totaling \$123,018.71, the treasurer's report including the bank reconciliation for June, receipts totaling \$214,28.98, 2024 payrolls 12 & 13.

Reports:

Fox: Submitted his written report and updated that the park is too muddy for completion of the playground. Other things being worked on: steps and rail to bandstand, benches are ready for install, street sweeping and spraying started. The last Lead & Copper samplings are within compliance thresholds, the next round is in September, if they are good, we will be on a three-year cycle.

Burger: Submitted a written report and updated on election information, LMC regional training on Artificial Intelligence, the Ditch 40A redetermination and the city share is over \$14,000.

Peterson: Food trucks are doing well, 125th committee met.

Klingler: Raffle and Craft Beer tasting coming up – one new application, recruitment flyers posted.

Dick: Four members wrapping up their training. Ambulance is working with Nicollet and Sibley Counties, Gaylord and Winthrop ambulance to link their systems together to help with daytime calls.

Unfinished Business:

- 1. Utility Updates:** Fox updated council on the progress of all the projects. RO: the EPA is reviewing the packet for any further submittals that may be required, the PSIG grant application needs a resolution and final engineer review to be submitted ahead of schedule. ***Portner motioned to approve Resolution 2024-13 Authorizing the City of Lafayette to submit a Point Source Implementation Grant (PSIG) to the MN Public Facilities Authority and to authorize city officials to execute a grant agreement on behalf of the city of Lafayette for the treatment plant addition, Polich seconded, all ayes, motion carried.***
- 2. STREAMS:** Fox gave a brief recap of the July 2 meeting. The next meeting will be July 18, 2024 at 9:00 am.
- 3. Ordinance 148 updating Code 33.04 Reimbursement for Computer and Computer Related equipment:** After a discussion, the council consensus was to strike the words 'The equipment must be purchased within the first six (6) months of the member's term to be eligible for reimbursement as provided in this section', and was tabled. Burger will post the update on the website.
- 4. Blight:** Properties were reviewed council was happy with how the city is looking, Burger will follow up send letters.
- 5. Liability Policy Committee:** Polich reported that they are working on a few items before they present a policy to council.

New Business:

1. **Resolution 2024–10 – July Donations:** *Motioned by Tauber to approve Resolution 2024-10 as presented, seconded by Polich, all ayes, motion carried.* Donations of \$13,277.00, included \$13,000 from the Lions and \$25 from Kolbinger for the new playground, Donations of \$\$252.00 to the 125th celebrations as follows \$200 from Winthrop news, \$52 from the FillMeUp bucket.
2. **Payment Plan:** A payment plan was submitted with a plan to be paid to current status within six-months. *Motion by Reed to approve the payment plan and seconded by Portner, all ayes, motion carried.*
3. **Resolution 2024–11– Establishing City Regulations Related to Counting Write-In Votes:** *Motioned by Scott to approve Resolution 2024-11 as presented, seconded by Polich, all ayes, motion carried.*
4. **ESST Policy Update:** *Motioned by Polich and seconded by Tauber to update the ESST Policy with the exemption for volunteer Fire and Ambulance members.*
5. **Bank CD:** *Motioned by Reed and seconded by Portner to roll-over the balance into a new 15-month CD, all ayes, motion carried.*

Adjourn: *Motioned by Tauber and seconded by Portner to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm; all ayes, motion carried.*

Next Meeting: The next council meeting will be on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Lafayette Council Chambers, 791 Main Avenue, Lafayette. There will be a budget workshop on Monday, August 19, 2024. Please notify the clerk if you are unable to attend the meeting.

Sandra Peterson – Mayor

Sandy Burger – City Clerk- Treasurer