

Mayor Peterson called the council meeting to order on Monday, August 15, 2023, 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 present were Clerk/Treasurer Sandy Burger, City Attorney Aaron Walton, and Fire Chief Nick Klingler; Utility & Maintenance Superintendent Al Fox and Ambulance President Mark Dick were absent.

Guests present: Doug Hanson – Winthrop Publications

Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing: No public attended the hearing or gave Clerk Burger written comments prior to the meeting.

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

Motioned by Reed and seconded by Polich to approve the Consent Agenda as amended; all ayes, motion carried. Included in the consent agenda were: 7/12, 7/24, 8/7/2023 council minutes, bills totaling \$72,759.84, the treasurer's report including the July bank reconciliation and receipts totaling \$113,361.84.

Reports:

Fox: was absent and Mayor gave updates: old grills, ***Portner motion to remove the old grills at Lund Park, Tauber seconded, all ayes, motion passed.*** NJK will install the new fire doors during the week of the 21st. Fox contacted M.R. Paving to correct the washout on the newly constructed curb line on East Pioneer. He checked into the Brown Field information, there is not a lot that can be done currently as property is not in default on taxes and the city cannot pay the asking price.

Peterson: P&R want to paint the bathrooms – ***Motion by Polich and seconded by Reed to allow P&R to paint the bathrooms at Lund Park; all ayes, motion carried.*** Shared letters from the League of MN Cities highlighting two area legislators Jeff Brand and Nick Frentz with the 2023 League of MN Cities Legislator of Distinction for their attentiveness to the needs of MN cities. The Bonding for the kiddie park will move forward once the Lion's complete the list of equipment needed.

Burger: discussed moving the Ledger archives to the city council chambers. Currently the guideline for spending the Public Safety Aid for Fire and Ambulance is vague, but the consensus of the council was to deposit the funds into the fire and ambulance equipment savings for future vehicles.

Klingler: Craft Beer event was successful with 264 attending. August 26 is just canned beer and music. Will be advertising for hiring new fire fighters.

Unfinished Business:

RO Water Project: Pilot shut down planned for August 16 including decommissioning and prep for shipment and collection of the membrane for autopsy. Engineers looking into size, without needing to update with a bathroom, being it is an unoccupied building. Fox submitted a waiver request along with the state bond bill application and the city may qualify for a waiver for the 20% match (\$250,000.00) for the EPA Grant.

Ord. 144 Adopt Ord. Amending the Zoning Code: The council tabled Ordinance 144 until the September council meeting needing further clarification. Burger and Walton will update Ordinance 144 to include the process to approve applications and clerk Burger will update the Civic Appointments resolution and Zoning application.

Emergency Management: Last month the council approved to move forward with the purchase of the generator at the fire hall but did not choose the option desired. The council tabled until the September council meeting for clarification due to the discrepancy of understanding the two quotes.

Fire SOG: Reed motioned to approve the updates to the Fire SOG Personnel section, Polich seconded. Ayes: Reed, Polich, Tauber and Peterson; Portner abstained. Motion passed.

New Business:

Resolution 2023- 10 August Donations: Cash and in-kind donations totaled \$23,616.00, of which \$206 to the ambulance, \$79.00 from the FillMeUp donations bucket for the mini park project, Nicollet/Sibley County Corn & Soybean producers – new tires and alignment for the ambulance valued at \$1,635.73, Evolve Landscaping LLC value of \$5,000 off the invoice for the volunteer help, L Mages plants for the raised beds, \$50 value, Legion Post #300 \$10,000 towards the sidewalk, Legion Post #300 paid the Landscaping Invoice of \$6,645.27. ***Motioned by***

Portner and seconded by Tauber to approve Resolution 2023-11 August donations; all ayes, motion carried.

Permits: Zone 2023-08 – T Hofstad fence at 640 Adolph Avenue, Motioned by Polich, seconded by Tauber to approve Zone 2023-08 – T Hofstad fence at 640 Adolph Avenue; all ayes, motion carried.

Annual Liability Waiver: Motioned by Reed that the council approve the Liability Waiver Form with the city 'does not waive' the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minn. Stat. 466.04, Tauber seconded; all ayes, motion carried.

DSI Mary Community Solar Garden Request: DSI recently completed and signed an agreement with Xcel Energy for the solar garden, but due to the utility team's equipment availability and construction work scheduled one year out, they requested an extension to the Conditional Use Permit to 2024, when Xcel Energy will be onsite. Motioned by Reed and Seconded by Portner to extend the CUP for the solar garden to 2024, all ayes, motion carried.

Copier Comparisons: After discussion of the copier comparisons, Tauber motioned to approve the quote from River Bend and Polich seconded; all ayes, motion carried.

Relief Temporary Liquor License: Motioned by Reed and seconded by Tauber to approve the Temporary Liquor License for the August 26 Hog and corn roast and Relief fundraiser event. Ayes: Reed, Tauber, Polich and Peterson; Portner abstained.

Motioned by Reed and seconded by Portner to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm; all ayes, motion carried.

The council will hold a budget workshop on Monday, August 21, 2023, at 7pm in the council chambers. The next regular council meeting is Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 7pm in the council chambers – note the change of the September council meeting date due to the holiday and scheduling conflicts with other organizations.

Sandie Peterson – Mayor

Sandy Burger – City Clerk- Treasurer

Approved: 9/12/2023