

Mayor Sandie Peterson called the council meeting to order on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Lafayette Council Chambers, 791 Main Avenue, Lafayette. Present were: Mayor Sandie Peterson, Councilors: Dave Reed, Scott Portner, Tom Polich and Curt Tauber, Utility & Maintenance Superintendent Al Fox, Clerk/Treasurer Sandy Burger, and City Attorney Aaron Walton. Ambulance President Mark Dick and Fire Chief Nick Klingler were absent.

Guests present: Lee Zion – Lafayette Ledger, Marty Wacker – Resident 540 Main Avenue

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by Reed and seconded by Portner to approve the meeting Agenda; all ayes, motion carried.

Motioned by Polich and seconded by Reed to approve the Consent Agenda; all ayes, motion carried. Included in the consent agenda were: 8/9, 8/10, 8/16 minutes and bills totaling \$69,962.56

Reports:

Fox: Flag pole will be delivered soon. Due to regulations a separate gas line will be installed to the new generator. The city received a certificate of appreciation 50-year award from 1970 to 2020 from the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (astdd), American Dental Association (ADA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for contribution made on behalf of community water fluoridation. The second sampling for TTHM-HAA5 came back within limits and dropped by a half.

Burger: There is some interest in a community night at the community center, the undercarriage was sold for \$75, applied to the Energy Assistance Program for water and sewer payments for qualified residents. Sump waiver applications will go out in the next billing. Portner asked that the sale of the undercarriage be entered as a donation to culture, not a misc. income.

Peterson: Custodian Wenninger asked if a wage increase would be possible. She started at \$15 per hour and is at her 90-day probationary period. Council discussed how difficult it was to find a person for this position, **there was a motion by Portner and seconded by Tauber to raise her hourly pay by \$1.00, to \$16 per hour starting with the next pay period; all ayes, motion carried.**

Tauber: Met with Park & Rec, they will meet on October 10, 2021 to start the process to become a non-profit and 501-C3 entity. They organized with Kayla Campbell as the president, Heidi Portner - treasurer, Angie Hartmann- secretary. Tauber will meet with Fox for getting the water & sewer lines to the pop shack. Weeds along the fence and gravel on the field were also discussed.

Klingler: Was not present but shared with Fox, that the estimate came in for the city pumper at approximately \$6,000, plus travel and it would be about 4 weeks before they could schedule the repairs. There was discussion on which was more important for this year's budget, the bay doors or the pumper repairs. **The item was tabled until October so the cost for doors and availability could be known.**

Unfinished Business:

Wastewater Permit: The proposal from SEH was discussed and there was a **motion by Reed and seconded by Polich to approve the Proposal for Preliminary Engineering on Water Treatment Improvements for \$29,400; all ayes, motion carried.**

Mini Park: Flag pole will be delivered soon. Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 6 pm in the council chambers.

Ord. 134 – Amending Code Title 9 Regulation of Nuisances: Walton described the two sections updated for repeat violators. There was a **motion by Polich and seconded Tauber by to approve the second reading and adopt Ordinance 134 Amending Code Title 9 Regulations of Nuisances, all ayes, motion carried.**

DNR Drought Designation: Fox explained that nothing had changed and that the DNR suggested holding of on fall hydrant flushing for now.

Amending Code 33.05 Fee Schedule: many items were discussed, and will be revisited in October.

New Business:

Approve Purchase Order #388627: The air packs and cylinders expire every fifteen years; the current ones are expired. **Motioned by Reed and seconded by Portner to approve the purchase order #388627 for the four air packs and eight cylinders for the city pumper that have expired, for a cost of \$31,324.00; all ayes, motion carried.**

Ord. 135 Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code: Supplement 2021-5 has been completed. ***There was a motion by Polich and seconded by Portner to waive the first reading and approve the second reading and adopt Ord. 135 Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code: All ayes, motion carried.***

Resolution 2021-16 Accepting Donations to the City of Lafayette:

Lafayette Park & Rec \$3874 – repay the city for the scoreboard purchase, NU Schell's Fast Pitch \$160 for use of the fields, Dave Nelson - \$75 donation for the undercarriage of the bandstand, all going to the culture donations, and John Luepke for donating a Minnesota map from an 1899 Atlas to be hung in the city building. ***There was a motion by Portner and seconded by Tauber to approve all Resolution 2021-16 Donations to the City of Lafayette. All ayes, motion carried.***

Resolution 2021-17 Adopting the 2022 Preliminary Levy:

General Fund:	\$154,652.00
Debt Service RS Fiber:	\$ 35,488.00
New Ambulance:	<u>\$ 6,600.00</u>
Total	\$ 196,740.00

There was a motion by Polich and seconded by Reed to approve all Resolution 2021-17 Adopting the 2022 Preliminary Levy. All ayes, motion carried.

LMC MemberLearn: The League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) has developed a selection of online trainings for council members including: Data Practices, Elected Leaders Foundations, Open Meeting Law, Personnel Management for Elected Officials, Finance Essentials, Risks and Legal Obligations, Social Media for Elected Officials and Structure and Function of cities. The series is eleven hours and a cost of \$204 per council member. The sessions could be taken at any time and are accessible to them for an unlimited time. LMC has also updated the Respectful Workplace for employees and supervisors. There was a discussion on why these trainings should be forced upon volunteers, but all volunteers are actually employees of the city and council can mandate the training if they choose. The discussion continued on the Respectful Workplace for all city employees, some council members willing to go with it and others against. Burger will contact LMC for direction. The mayor asked for a motion on the council trainings, ***Reed motioned to have Burger set up the council trainings and Polich seconded. Peterson, Polich and Reed were ayes, Portner and Tauber were nays. Motion passed.*** Reed suggested only setting up the council training for the three members for now.

Motioned by Reed and seconded by Polich to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm; all ayes, motion carried. The next council meeting will be held on Monday, October 11, 2021 at the Lafayette City Council Chambers at 791 Main Avenue, Lafayette at 7:00 pm.

Sandie Peterson – Mayor

Sandy Burger – City Clerk- Treasurer