

Mayor Peterson called the council meeting to order on Monday, January 8, 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; council member Dave Reed was absent. Also, attending was Clerk/Treasurer Sandy Burger, Utility & Maintenance Superintendent Al Fox, City Attorney Aaron Walton; Fire Chief Nick Klingler and Ambulance President Mark Dick were absent.

Guests present: Doug Hanson – Winthrop Publications, Adam Prochinak – AP Lawn Service

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motioned by Portner and seconded by Polich to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; all ayes, motion carried. Included in the consent agenda were: 12/11 council minutes and 1/3 recap from the STREAMS informational meeting, bills totaling \$274,131.66, the treasurer's report including the December bank reconciliation and receipts totaling \$215,580.50, payrolls 25,26 & year end PTO payout.

Reports:

Fox: Submitted written report and added he had a water plant inspection today, ice rink pipe froze – was able to correct, Park & Rec association to meeting on 1/28 at 7pm in the community center, January safety meeting will be rescheduled, hosting February's meeting,

Burger: Submitted a written report and added that the final draft of the ordinances to be added to the code will be completed soon, LMC webinar on 2024 legislative updates on 2/6, the 2024 City to Hill is all day 3/7, reminder to let her know if they intend to go to conference, before 2/2/24.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

1. Resolution 2024 – 01 – Civic Duties – no changes. **Motioned by Portner to approve Resolution 2024-01 as presented and seconded by Tauber, all ayes, motion carried.**
2. Resolution 2024 – 02 – Authorized signers– no changes. **Motioned by Tauber to approve Resolution 2024-02 as presented and seconded by Polich, all ayes, motion carried.**
3. Resolution 2024 – 03 – January Donations **Motioned by Tauber to approve Resolution 2024-03 as amended to correct amount listed error and seconded by Polich, all ayes, motion carried.** Donations included: White family and anonymous donations to the ambulance of \$100 and \$1,018.36, Fillmeup Donation bucket \$48 to the 125th Celebration, J Bieraugel & J Clobes donation of vintage band uniforms, Troy & Linda Havemeier a lighted tree for the holiday park \$100 value
4. 2024 Council Meeting Schedule – **Motioned by Polich and seconded by Tauber to approve the 2024 City Council meeting schedule as amended, all ayes, motion carried.** Amended to schedule the November meeting to the 12th due to Veterans Day Holiday and the first Truth in Taxation
5. 2024 Fee Schedule Review – **Polich motion to make no changes to the fee schedule, Tauber seconded, all ayes, motion carried.**
6. 2024 Mowing Bids – Three bids were received by the cut-off date: River Valley \$500 per mow, Prochinak \$450 per mow and Helget Lawn Service at \$600 per mow. After a question to Prochinak on spraying, which he stated three sprays were included and he would be sub-contracting those, **Portner motioned to approve the Prochinak bid of \$450 per mow, with Portner, Polich and Peterson voting aye, and Tauber nay, motion carried.**
7. STREAMS – Council discussed what their feelings were after the STREAMS informational meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2024. Some of the items discussed: it is a regulated facility, our WWTF is aging, with new mandates coming our facility is not built for them, cooperative for staffing, increasingly hard to find knowledgeable help for small cities, it feels rushed to which Fox explained that bonding bills are only every other year on even years, they have an opportunity to be amended into the currently passed bonding bill. **There was a motioned by Portner to approve participating in the Phase 1A of the STREAMS project (as presented at the January 3, meeting), seconded by Polich, all ayes, motion carried.** Full details of the STREAMS Phase 1A are listed below.

STREAMS LETTER OF INTENT: PHASE IA

1. Scope of Work: The District will oversee the preliminary engineering phase necessary for the establishment of the wastewater management system. This phase includes but is not limited to feasibility studies, conceptual design, and engineering plans.
2. Financial Contribution: Each Participant agrees to contribute \$25,000 towards the design and engineering phase. Payment shall be made to the District within thirty days of the Effective Date.
3. Project Oversight: The District shall provide regular progress reports and updates to the Participants regarding the design and engineering process. Participants may nominate a representative to liaise with the District for necessary information and updates. The engineering staff from Kimley-Horn will update the District.
4. Confidentiality: All information shared between the District and Participants during the design and engineering phase shall be considered confidential and shall not be disclosed to any third party without prior written consent.
5. Termination: Participants acknowledge that Phase 1A is independent of Phases 1B and 2. At the completion of Phase 1A, Participants reserve the right to evaluate their continued participation in subsequent phases.
6. Governing Law: This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Minnesota.
7. Signed Commitment: Participating entities will notify The District of their intent to participate on or before January 15, 2024.

The next STREAMS meeting will be held on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at the Winthrop city hall at 5:00pm.

Adjourn: Motioned by Tauber and seconded by Portner to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm; all ayes, motion carried.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 12, 2024 at 7pm 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