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November 2025

3 – Fire meeting – Fire hall - 7:30pm

10 – City Council – 7pm Council Chambers

11 – Veterans Day - City office closed

11 – Lions Meeting - Community Center 6:45pm

18 – Legion Post #300 – Community Center

22 – Legion Turkey Bingo – Fire hall

24 – Ambulance Meeting Fire Hall

27 – Happy Thanksgiving - Office closed

28 – Office Closed

December 2025

1 – Fire meeting – Fire hall - 7:30pm

2 – 1st Truth in Taxation hearing and Workshop

8 – City Council – 7pm Council Chambers

9 – Lions Santa Day

16 – Legion Post #300 – Community Center

24 – Christmas Eve - office close at noon

25 – Merry Christmas – Office Closed

29 – Ambulance Meeting Fire Hall

31 – New Years Eve – office closed at noon

January 2026

1 – Happy New Year Office closed

Other City Information:

Recycling Dates: November 16, 20. November 28 is a Friday Holiday collection for garbage only. December 11, December 26 – holiday schedule both garbage and recycling.

String Lights: Recycle holiday string lights and extension cords year-round; drop them at the office during office hours.

Bookmobile Dates: Fall hours are 10:30 to 11:00 am. Fall dates: November 13, December 11. No card, no problem – bring a photo ID and register for a Library card!

Register your cat and dog. There are many dogs and cats in the city that are not registered or registration updated – December 1 the 2026 tags will be available.

Lost & Found: There are still a few items left from the 125th a few keys, sunglasses with case & the red scooter it still here! Guessing someone is missing it!

The Perfect Gift! Start your Christmas shopping early and give the gift of Lafayette History! The Next 125 Years is available now! Only \$30 each, get one for each family member! Ruth will be set up at the Turkey Bingo to sign your book! There are also a few grey 125th t-shirts only size XXL are left; regularly \$24, now \$20 each.

DEED SURVEY: We have about 30% of the surveys returned as of 10/27, but we need as many as possible! If you have not, PLEASE return the survey that was previously mailed to each household, ASAP! This will help enable the city to use certain funding and possibly qualify for grants to help fund our Reverse Osmosis addition.

Xcel: Here is the first of monthly notes from Xcel for the huge project they will be undertaking over the next year or so. We will meet monthly with them and post an update in the newsletter of what will be happening in the project for the next month.

Upcoming Xcel Energy Project: Electric System Upgrades:

Xcel Energy is committed to delivering safe, reliable, and affordable energy. Xcel Energy will begin an important project to upgrade the electric distribution system throughout the entire Lafayette community. These improvements are designed to increase system capacity and enhance reliability for all customers.

What to Expect:

- Crews will install new poles, conductors, and transformers where needed.
- Work is scheduled to start the week of November 24 and may continue for up to nine months.

Thank you for your patience as Xcel Energy works to strengthen Lafayette's electric infrastructure

Fall/Winter Reminders:

Winter Parking: Is in effect from November 15 through April 30, no vehicle can be parked on the street in excess of 24 hours. Those residents or businesses in a designated "no parking zone" will receive letters in this packet.

Snow removal: The city will start snow removal within 24 hours of a snow event (3 inches or more, unless the wind conditions prompt an event.) If you know it is going to snow, move your vehicle off the street. If you see the plows out and you are parked on the street - move your vehicle to a plowed area. The city will do a final cleanup after an event. Some events are continuous due to drifting or continued snow. The city could have a vehicle towed if not moved. Per State Statute 169.42 you cannot plow, dump, blow, or shovel snow into any roadway.

Hydrants, etc.: If you have a hydrant in your neighborhood, please help to keep it cleared. It not only protects the property on which it is located, but the entire neighborhood. Do not park in front of driveways or mailboxes.

Sump Waivers: Sump Pump waivers are included. Please return them along with the annual fee, if you turn the sump to discharge into the sewer drain from November 1 to April 1 2024. Council will approve at the next meeting.

Compost: Check with the office as to when the compost is closed for the year. Once it is cleaned out and the weather changes, it closed as it is prepared to receive the truckloads of snow from Main street and can no longer accept yard waste.

Tree Trimming: Trim your trees to 13-feet over streets and 9-feet over sidewalks.

Red Cross Bloodmobile:

The next bloodmobile is on Monday, November 17, 2025, from 1pm to 7 pm at the Community Center. If interested in volunteering, contact Lori Dick or Traci Abrahamson.

Santa's Closet: Community Insurance Agency is once again a drop off for Santa's Closet donations. Drop off your donations of toys, books, gloves, mittens, etc. for children from the area who are in need, up to age 12 years old. Donations can be dropped off during CIA's office hours of 8am to 4pm M – F before the December 10th pick up date.

Green Light a Vet

A green porch light is a symbol of appreciation and support for veterans. Green Light a Vet is a campaign sponsored by Walmart and other military support organizations to raise awareness for veterans, service members and their families. So light up your porch during the month of November!! We have green bulbs at the city office.

2026 Pet tags:

Watch for your 2026 application in the November billing. If you added a pet or one of your furry family members crossed the rainbow bridge - let me know by 11/24, so I can include the proper number of applications. Reminder that all cats and dogs need to be registered with the city. To make it easier on your pocket book, council has lowered the price to \$2 per pet from 12/1/2025 through 1/31/2026. If you have updated vaccination records, drop them off when you take your pet to the vet!

TREX Plastics Recycling for Benches:

By the time you read this the garden club will have hit our 1,000#s of plastic for the Trex bench! The Lion's group will continue this endeavor. Please be sure your plastic is clean, dry and the proper plastics; the office has a list if you are not sure!

Lafayette Area Lions:

Check out Thursday night meat raffle weekly and horseracing every other week, Bingo is every Saturday. <https://www.facebook.com/Lafayette-Area-Lions-1815080668713552>. The Lions are making donations to the city to pay the equipment bond payments for the playground. They are doing fundraising and using gambling proceeds to make these donations. Help them by participating in the Lions events or making a donation to the Lions directly for this project – see Taylor at the bank, if you wish to donate directly to the Lions.

Lafayette Park & Recreation:

Is fundraising for the new fences at the ball parks, watch for details here, on their Facebook and website. **Remember to recycle your cans in the trailer at the C-Store.

<http://lafayetteparkandre.wixsite.com/minn>

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Lafayette-Park-and-Recreation/61556096219153/>

Legion Post #300

Turkey bingo is 11/22, in the fire hall. Watch for posters with the details. Paver orders are ongoing. Reach out to the Legion or stop into the city office for an order form.

<https://www.facebook.com/LafMNAmLeg300>

Fields of Grace:

Community Thanksgiving service, Tuesday, November 25, at Bernadotte Lutheran, at 7pm.

Park Holiday Decorations:

Thank you to Brooklyn Peterson, Grace Moldan and Samantha Miller, who have volunteered to decorate the Memorial park band stand for the holidays.

Lafayette Study Club:

This is our local book club and has been around for over 100 years! As written in the 2000 centennial book, it was first started in 1920, and most members were also part of the W.C.T.U Women's Christian Temperance Union. It has come a long way, and much more relaxed! Contact a member if interested in learning more!

Are you Musical & play an instrument?

The Lafayette band is always looking for members!

Council Briefs:

10/13/2025 – Polich attended via interactive technology. **Guests:** Doug Hanson – Winthrop Publications, Residents Jessica Tauber – 551 5th Street, Aimee Altmann 391 8th Street, Nick Klingler - Fire Chief, Mark Dick – Ambulance President.

Public Hearing: No one attended, Tauber had one reply of being against. Burger had no calls or notes.

Approved: Agenda and Consent Agenda including the 9/15, minutes Bills totaling \$57,220.92, the receipts totaling \$48,313.78. The treasurer's report including the bank reconciliation for September, the 2025 payrolls 19 & 20 and Donations Resolution 2025-23A correcting a donation coded to fire instead of ambulance. Resolution 2025-25 donations of \$1,895 including: \$100 to fire, \$1320 to ambulance, \$10,000 to the Lion's playground fund, \$475 to the 125th celebration; also approved the 2026 Dave's Place liquor license.

Reports: **Fox:** submitted his report and the 2nd quote for the skating rink was \$5,000, Excavating was \$3,270. Tauber and VanDeest said they would volunteer to do the work at no cost. It would need to be done before frost. MDH deems the THM, HAA5 as an ongoing violation, even though we have only had one higher than the maximum. Lead & Copper samples had 4 of 20 test high for copper, so the notification will be sent this month. Hydrants were flushed; one leak will repair this week. **Tauber/Fox:** A complaint sent via the city website, by Aimee Altmann, who attended, the first - concrete at the pavilion, after discussion council asked Fox to price mud jacking the bad spots. The second is sump water in the street. The infrastructure project fixed the leaks in the sewer lines, so the water no longer flows to be treated at the sewer plant. The city has no storm water infrastructure, so there is nowhere for the sump water to flow other than in the curb line. The city has been working on a grant to study the issue and the second phase is looking for solutions without spending \$10-15 million dollars. **Burger:** Submitted report. Property /Casualty was less than projected, may be able to lower the 2026 budgeted amount. Is working with Deed for utilizing SCDP funding, the RO project qualifies, but we need to send a survey to every household, asking how many live there and total household income, council approved the survey to be sent. **Klingler:** will attend the chiefs conference. Have had retired fire member pass away, also a retired fire fighter in New Ulm passed - they will take a truck.

Unfinished Business: **RO:** CDS/EPA received grant agreement and award notification 10/2, for construction costs only. PFA – 12 projects ahead of us - not likely we would be funded. One-year-Short Term Bond will cost us \$10,237.50 to update. MDH has issues of the well # 1 being within the project build. **STREAMS:** Council approved the SEH proposal and alternative analysis cost of \$46,100 this cost would be needed whether the city continues with STREAMS or not. Next meeting with the House Capital Investment Committee on October 22. .

New Business: **Rezone:** Approved Resolution 2025-24 Denying the request to rezone from industrial to agriculture, due to the findings of fact. **Surplus:** approved Resolution 2025-26 deeming the city pumper surplus and post to sell. **Bingo:** Approved the Legion Turkey Bingo in the fire hall with the Lions off-site gambling permit. **Retired Ambulance member:** Approved C. Portner's retirement. Utilities: Utility rates were reviewed and a fee schedule update ordinance will be brought to the next meeting. Past due accounts were brought up; Burger will send notices and will bring a list to certify to the next meeting. A letter would be sent of a December public hearing, if a balance continues, council could certify the balance to the 2026 tax rolls. Mayor Tauber asked council to review the civics duties to come up with what these duties entail for the council member assigned; discussion will continue in November.

The next council meeting will be held Monday, October 13, 2025 , 2025, at 7:00 pm in the council chambers 791 Main Avenue.