

Mayor Tauber called the council meeting to order at 7:00pm on Monday, November 10, 2025, at the Lafayette City Council Chambers, 791 Main Avenue, Lafayette. Present were Mayor Curt Tauber, Councilors: Dave Reed, Tom Polich, Andrew Hartley and Logan VanDeest; Also attending were Clerk/Treasurer Sandy Burger, Utility & Maintenance Superintendent Al Fox, and City Attorney Aaron Walton.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests present: Nick Klingler – Fire Chief, Doug Hanson – Winthrop News, Residents Jessica Tauber – 551 5th Street, Dave Trebelhorn - Dave's Place, Rachell Welsch pending owner Dave's Place, and Corina Reinhart, newly hired city clerk/treasurer.

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

Motioned by Reed and seconded by VanDeest to approve the Consent Agenda as amended; all ayes, motion carried. Included in the consent agenda were the 10/13 and 10/27. Bills totaling \$43,907.71, and receipts totaling \$45,488.30 The treasurer's report including the bank reconciliation for October, and the 2025 payrolls 21 & 22. Donations Resolution 2025-27 – Lions \$1,500 to the Lafayette Band, anonymous donation of \$1,201.00 to Culture, \$200 to Fire, \$50 to ambulance a priceless list of historical items donated from the 125th Celebration a full list is attached to the resolution. Approved the 2025-26 sump waivers Abrahamson, Aalid, Ahl, Barber, Broste, Burger, Dunham, H. Hacker, Krueger, Maidl, Messerli, Naumann, J. Portner, Saffert, Schmitt, Wacker, Weisensel, Woods, Youngblom.

Reports:

Fox: Submitted his written report and highlighted, the estimate to level the concrete at the shelter is \$1,400, some sections will need to be cut and replaced and not included in the estimate, consensus was to table it and revisit it in the spring, they are working on seasonal items, the compost will be closed by the end of the month. Will send the THM – HAA5 public notices with the November billing. Request from Tanya Hoffmann to put two snow fences on the city property just west of their land to prevent garbage from blowing into the ditch over the winter, the consensus of the council was they were fine with it.

Burger: Submitted a written report and reported the survey results are coming in and almost to the lowest needed, approved a Lafayette Lift permit to add on to the lean-to, introduced the new clerk, Corina Reinhart. Shared with council that many items were donated for the 125th historical display and that a case is needed to store them she found a locked case with adjustable shelves for a list price of 2,023.99 plus shipping, and also needed is a frame for the flag and certificate that it was flown over the Nation's Capital for around \$100 and would like to get a matching frame for the Congressional Recognition of celebrating 125 years and the photo of it being presented. Council was fine with the frames but wanted her to look further for a cabinet and to get a more defined cost for the cabinet presented. Burger shared that there is around \$14,000 in the 125th fund and being a historical event, some of these funds should be used to preserve the historical aspect, and there would still be plenty of funds to put toward a requested park project.

Unfinished Business:

1. **Utility Updates: RO Project:** Due to government shut-down no update on the BABA waiver (Build American Buy American) **STREAMS:** House Capitol Investment Committee stopped by on their bus tour to learn about the project. They had many questions and a few days later requested that the STREAMS technical team present to the full house. Last month council approved the \$46,100 for the SEH Engineering agreement, it was figured that some of the cost should be spread evenly among the cities so the actual Lafayette share would be \$59,609. The cost would be billed out monthly as work was done for the Lafayette portion, this cost would occur whether or not Lafayette continued with the STREAMS project. There was ***a motion by Reed and seconded by Polich, to approve the SEH's updated proposal to increase the Lafayette alternative analysis cost from \$46,100 to \$59,609, and to also ayes the \$10,237.50 to pay off the previous bond interest and closing cost. ; all ayes, motion carried.***

MDH has deemed that the Well #1 will have to be sealed before the RO project is built. Council called for a special meeting to discuss potential properties for a new well. The meeting will be on Monday, November 17 at 6:30pm. The meeting may need to be closed to discuss specific properties.

2. **Resolution 2025-28 – Extract of Minutes of a meeting of the city council of the city of Lafayette, Minnesota held November 10, 2025:** The resolution providing for the issuance and sale of \$250,000 Temporary General Obligation Water Revenue Note, Series 2025A. **Motioned by Hartley and seconded by VanDeest to approve Resolution 2025-28 as presented, all ayes, motion carried.**
3. **Pumper Bids: All bids received by 3:00 pm on Monday, November 10, 2025 were as follows:** MN Fire Engine Club donation request or \$1, Eric Platz \$1,400.00, Jonathon Prestowitz \$3,488, Dave Panning \$3,250.00, Jess Ruhmann \$2,501.00 and \$1457.22 from Kenny Griebel. After little discussion to sell the pumper, the discussion was of the donation request or the sale of a dollar by the MN Fire Engine Club, Reed donated the dollar for the sale and then motioned to donate the city Hammerly pumper to the Minnesota Fire Engine Club, Van Deest seconded, all ayes, motion carried.

New Business:

1. **Ordinance 155 Amending the Fee Schedule:** With no changes to the presented fee schedule, **Reed motioned to approve the first reading and to hold a public hearing at the December 8th council meeting Polich seconded the motion; all ayes, motion carried.**
2. **Dave's Place Liquor License for the new owner:** **Polich motioned to approve both the December 2025 Liquor License and the 2026 renewal Liquor License both contingent on submitting the proper paperwork, VanDeest seconded the motion; all ayes motion carried.**
3. **Certify:** **Polich motioned to set the public hearing to certify past due utilities on Monday, December 8, 2025, Reed seconded; ayes, motion carried.**
4. **Oath of Office:** Burger gave the Oath of Office to Corina Reinhart the new city clerk/treasurer, who will train with Burger until mid-February.

Adjourn: **Motioned by Polich and seconded by Hartley to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm; all ayes, motion carried.**

Next Meeting: The first Truth in taxation and final budget workshop on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, the next regular council meeting and second Truth in Taxation hearing will be held on Monday, December 10, 2025 at 7:00pm, both to be held at 791 Main Avenue, Lafayette.

Sandy Burger – City Clerk- Treasurer Approved by Council on: _____