

**Mayor Peterson called for a workshop on February 14 to be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 6:30 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 attending were Clerk/Treasurer Sandy Burger, Utility & Maintenance Superintendent Al Fox, City Attorney Aaron Walton and Fire Chief Nick Klingler, Ambulance Vice-President Marti Uhde.

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

The topics posted to be discussed at the workshop were policies pertaining to liquor liability and use, and an update of the MPCA stormwater community resilience grant award.

**Policy discussion:** The reason this is being discussed were calls from residents, to the mayor, of concerns of personnel that may have attended calls after consuming alcohol, they did not want to attend a meeting or file a formal complaint. Walton shared to the members present that there are legitimate concerns for not having policies in place. He discussed that council could appoint a committee to come together to find a solution, and to work on a policy which would be brought back to the council. There are needed changes to the personnel policy and update the ordinance.

The fire standard operating guide (SOG) has some insight as to what to do if someone arrives at a scene suspected of drinking. There are concerns of after training and drills – what are the expectations. There was a concern of how it was brought up, why not contact the chief, or attend a fire meeting to bring it up. The consensus of the group was everyone wants to have a good working relationship. Burger will add this to the March agenda for council to formally act on forming a committee to work on this policy.

**MPCA Stormwater Community Resilience Grant Award:** Fox received information of the MPCA Stormwater Community Resilience Grant approval and gave the council the information for the program. During the first section of the grant the service lines will be cleaned and televised. Data will be collected of all lines and noting those with issues and what would need to be done. Then the stormwater data would be reviewed, along with existing infrastructure and past flooding events to compile the stormwater resilience assessment. The budget for the program is \$118,949.56 of which the grant is \$107,054.60 with a matching figure of \$11,894.96, which any of Al's hours could be deducted as an in-kind match. Prevailing wages will be used being its over \$25,000. The grant will be available in June with all work to be completed by May-June 2025.

**Adjourn: Motioned by Portner and seconded by Polich to adjourn the workshop at 7:01 pm; all ayes, motion carried.**

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

Sandy Burger