

**Mayor Peterson called the council meeting to order on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 7:00 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 present were: Utility & Maintenance Superintendent Al Fox, Clerk/Treasurer Sandy Burger, City Attorney Aaron Walton and Fire Chief Nick Klingler; Ambulance President Mark Dick was absent.

**Guests present:** Doug Hanson – Winthrop Publications, Jessica Moldan – 660 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Brittany Galetka – GFW School District

**Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

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

***Motioned by Reed and seconded by Portner to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; all ayes, motion carried.*** Included in the consent agenda were: 2/13/2023 council minutes, bills totaling \$51,361.69 and the treasurer's report including the February bank reconciliation, payrolls 4 & 5 and receipts totaling \$56,661.85.

#### **Reports:**

**Fox:** Xcel Energy Pole replaced, purchased additional equipment for hydrant flow testing, Lead service line inventories are due by October 16, 2024.

**Burger:** Reminded council of LBAE hearing at 6:30 next month, updated council to the progress of the early learning center in the school property. Reminded council of the remaining ARPA funds that need to be used before the end of 2024, council previously talked about the generators for the fire hall, community center and city building. Will be attending MCFOA conference 3/21 through 3/24.

**Portner:** They had good speakers at the LMC Leadership training.

**Polich:** Also attended the Leadership training

**Peterson:** Reminded council that the 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration committee will meet on March 16, and also said the LMC Leadership seminar was good.

**Klingler:** Looking to hold a different event a craft beer and wine tasting during Lafayette days on Friday, July 28, looking into the right way to run it. Asked for street closure by the fire station for this day, ***Tauber motioned to approve a street closure by the fire hall, Reed seconded; all ayes, motion carried.*** Radios in the city truck not upgraded. ***Polich motioned to allow up to \$1500 to purchase the radio upgrade for the city pumper, Tauber seconded; all ayes, motion carried. Polich motion to accept the application for Derek Anderson Tauber seconded, all ayes, motion carried.***

#### **Unfinished Business:**

**RO Water Project:** Fox presented council with a packet for the RO project and action items.

- 1) Electrical upgrade:** The electrical service must be upgraded for the new construction. Xcel has the materials and equipment in place now, if it is delayed they maybe gone; the cost is \$2,664.11. For Isenberg Electric to modify the existing disconnect panel to accommodate the power requirements for the RO Pilot study the cost is \$1,500. ***Motioned by Reed and seconded by Tauber to move ahead with the electrical power upgrades; all ayes, motion carried.***
- 2) Pilot Study:** SEH submitted request for proposals to three reputable firms, one did not have a pilot study system available for that time frame and one did not respond. Although Harn R/O Systems Inc (Harn) was the only manufacturer to submit a bid, SEH recommends to the City that Harn be chosen for the Pilot Study services for the Water treatment Plant RO Addition project. Harn is a well-known and highly regarded company in the membrane treatment industry, as well as the oldest privately-owned company in the membrane treatment industry. The cost of the proposal \$73,950, for a minimum of a three-month study. Other costs may occur. After much discussion ***Tauber motion to approve the SEH engineer's recommendation of the Harn's Pilot Study Proposal, Polich seconded; Tauber, Polich, Reed and Peterson ayes, Portner nay, motion carried.*** Due to the uncertainty of when the EPA will have the grant money available to draw from for these expenses, Fox requested approval for \$24,000 to be transferred to the RO project fund from both the water and sewer funds, if needed. ***Polich motioned to approve the fund transfer, if needed, of \$24,000 from both the water and sewer funds, Reed seconded; all ayes, motion carried.***
- 3) Exterior Design:** A proposed exterior design was submitted for approval. After brief discussion, ***Reed motioned to approve the proposed exterior building design, Tauber seconded; all ayes, motion carried.***

The RO Pilot study is planned to begin May 1, 2023 and run through July. The project is planned to start in early 2024 and be completed by the spring of 2025.

**Fire Truck discussion:** Have not met yet.

**Zoning Committee:** Will meet 3/15/2023.

**New Business:**

**Resolution 2023- 05 – March Donations:** Donations totaled \$300.00 to the community center. ***Motioned by Reed and seconded by Tauber to approve Resolution 2023-05 March donations; all ayes, motion carried.***

**GFW:** Brittany Galetka from the GFW School District stopped briefly to share information about the upcoming school referendum and to let council know that even though the city is not in GFW district they do have many students attending GFW and wanted to be sure they had the information as well.

***Motioned by Reed and seconded by Polich to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm; all ayes, motion carried.***

The next Council meeting and Local Board of Appeals and Equalization will be held on Monday, April 10, 2023 at 6:30pm at the Lafayette Council Chambers, 791 Main Avenue, Lafayette.

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Sandie Peterson – Mayor

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Sandy Burger – City Clerk- Treasurer