

Mayor Sandie Peterson called the council meeting to order on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Lafayette Council Chambers, 791 Main Avenue, Lafayette. Present were: Mayor Sandie Peterson, Councilors: Dave Reed, Scott Portner, Tom Polich and Curt Tauber, Utility & Maintenance Superintendent Al Fox, Clerk/Treasurer Sandy Burger, Fire Chief Nick Klingler and City Attorney Aaron Walton; Ambulance President Mark Dick was absent.

Guests present: Lee Zion – Lafayette Ledger, Mike Morton Sr – 580 Pioneer Avenue

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by Reed and seconded by Tauber to approve the updated Agenda, with the addition to new business of the tree list; all ayes, motion carried.

Motioned by Reed and seconded by Portner to approve the Consent Agenda; all ayes, motion carried. Included in the consent agenda were: 6/14/2021 minutes and bills totaling \$67,287.31

Reports:

Fox: Doors to the Pop Shack are here, he will work with Nick to install them. TTHM-HAA5 next sampling is July 28, depending on the results, another notification may have to be sent and he would look into the price of treatment.

Peterson: Will keep council informed when she meets with park & rec. **Burger:** A resident has fallen behind and is requesting to resume their payment plan, pay current and the \$100 biweekly until paid off. **Motioned by Reed and seconded by Polich to approve the renewal of the payment plan as presented, all ayes; motion carried.** **Polich:** In contact with Xcel Energy for information on electric charging stations; public, private or business. **Tauber:** Complaint of trench to scoreboard, not filled. Updated council on pop shack plumbing. **Reed:** RS Fiber, surpassing goals, building more towers for air internet. A few more years of cities to pay bond payments before they are able to and start repaying the cities.

Klingler: They need a dumpster for the Hog & Corn Roast/ Fire Relief Dance. **Portner:** Tree survey, added to new business

Unfinished Business:

Wastewater Permit:

Revisited a Variance, 15 years maximum, must meet 5-year milestones of reduction plans, after 15 years must be in compliance.

PFAS: moving forward gathering information studies being conducted.

Nitrates: MPCA sent impaired waters list to EPA, did not include sulfate, EPA added it 78% or 863 wastewater plants would be affected.

MESERB: Fall meeting November 4 & 5 in Brainerd

Mini Park: Flag pole, Fox presented the cost of \$4700, the Legion has said they would donate \$1500, the remaining is \$3200. After discussion on possible funding scenarios, **Portner motioned to approve the purchase and installation of the flag pole and Polich seconded, all ayes, motion carried.** He got an estimate for the steel siding for the band stand at \$3100, no action taken.

Blight: City attorney Walton explained in order to properly abate a property the wording in our Code 92.09 needs to be updated. He also suggests that a new section be added for tall weeds and grass, so that the abatement process can move more quickly. He suggested for the current blight properties, to send a letter acknowledge work done and encourage continued progress and that the council will continue to monitor. **Motioned by Portner and seconded by Tauber to proceed with contacting Nicollet County on the 400 Wanser Avenue property, all ayes, motion carried.** Resident Mike Morton Sr. was on hand to clarify his letter. He has a van under a tarp and his wife passed and he is in the process of getting a duplicate title from the state of Nevada, he said there is a bush on the end of the alley which he will cut down.

National Night Out: Kayla (Altmann)Campbell has organized this event called Night to Unite and updated council on the process. She has been in contact with many local businesses and organizations to make our first event a success! After a brief discussion on the pros and cons of downtown verses Lund Park, the consensus of the council was that the event be held at Lund Park. Kayla will get the flyer updated and post to Facebook.

New Business:

Resolution 2021-13 donation \$637.22: Motioned by Reed and seconded by Portner to approve Resolution 2021-13 donation of \$637.22; all ayes, motion carried.

Resolution 2021-14 donation \$1555.85: *Motioned by Polich and seconded by Portner to approve Resolution 2021-13 donation of \$1555.85; all ayes, motion carried.*

Resume Shutoffs: The Peacetime Emergency has been lifted and the city could resume shutoffs. After an explanation of the city's shutoff process by Burger. **Polich motioned to resume the shutoff process starting with sending the First Notice of Shutoff letter with the July billing, Portner seconded, all ayes, motion carried.**

Tree Survey: Council member Portner toured the city and made a list of trees hanging too low over roadways or sidewalks. Fox will verify the list in September, and adding the alley ways and property owners will be notified to trim their trees.

Other: The consensus of the council is that all permits be approved by council.

Motioned by Portner and seconded by Polich to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm; all ayes, motion carried. The next Council meeting will be held on Monday August 9, 2021 at the Lafayette City Council Chambers at 791 Main Avenue, Lafayette at 7:00 pm. Also, Monday, August 16 budget workshop.

Sandie Peterson – Mayor

Sandy Burger – City Clerk- Treasurer