

Council members and staff met at the city office building to begin the blight tour at 6:00 pm. At the May council meeting each council member was given a section of the city to review prior to the tour. Council reviewed the list and added a few other properties that had violations for weeds, trimming trees, vehicles either expired tabs or junk vehicles, etc.

**Mayor Peterson called the council meeting to order on Monday, June 12, 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 Ambulance President Mark Dick. Fire Chief Nick Klingler was absent.

**Guests present:** Doug Hanson – Winthrop Publications, Jessica Moldan – 660 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Tim Myers – 740 Lafayette Avenue, Mac Aalid – 660 Esther Avenue, Patty Jo Ferguson – 711 Lafayette Avenue.

**Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**Public Hearing:** Ord. 143 – No comments, public hearing closed.

**Public Forum:** Patti Jo Ferguson commented on the feral cat situation and said she does feed cats, but also finds homes for them. She inquired if anyone else did. She said there is a problem with aggressive dogs. Burger shared that the city has adopted the Nicolet County Dangerous Dog Ordinance and if anyone feels threatened by a dog, they should call Nicolet County.

**Motioned by Reed and seconded by Portner to approve the Agenda as presented all ayes, motion carried.**

**Motioned by Reed and seconded by Portner to approve the Consent Agenda as amended; all ayes, motion carried.** Included in the consent agenda were: 5/8/2023 council minutes, bills totaling \$85,598.36, the treasurer's report including the May bank reconciliation, payrolls 10 & 11, council 1<sup>st</sup> half and receipts totaling \$50,894.

#### **Reports:**

**Fox:** Submitted a written report. Highlighted for council on the sulfate limits and that the RO filtration should remove it. Fox brought up the decision to only purchase one generator for the fire hall and not the city building. The emergency management plan has the city building listed as the command center for a disaster or emergency, should one occur. He felt that last month's council decision to use ARPA money for a generator only at the fire station should be revisited. The ARPA funding for both buildings would be short just \$1252.30. Fox met with UNG and the natural gas service appears to be sufficient for the generators at both locations. Some council members felt that having generators at both facilities would be a huge benefit. Another was against it and wanted further costs from another source. Council tabled until next month and will discuss it more. Mayor Peterson asked what other city benefit purchase would be used for the remaining ARPA funds, if the second generator was not approved.

**Burger:** Submitted a written report with a brief listing from a LMC webinar of recent laws passed, an update on the utility software and updated council on the bandstand and Legion paver project. Mentioned that the Lafayette Lions were looking to update the playground.

**Tauber:** Mentioned concern of the three large properties. He looked into grants that might apply to these and handed out the information.

**Peterson:** Pleased with the food truck events and looking forward to the Outdoor Market, beginning soon. Thanked Fox and Moldan for their work during the recent rain event and gave praise to the Park and Recreation group.

**Dick:** Ambulance is looking into the purchase of new equipment.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

**RO Water Project:** Changed underground storage to above the ground and added a second option to the building layout to achieve the needed space for storage and work space. Submitted the IUP to PFA requesting funding. There is State Bonding bill money that is a 50-50 match and Federal Funds can be used for the match, after discussion **Polich motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-09 Authorizing the Utility & Maintenance Superintendent to file an application with the MMB office for the purpose of additional water treatment RO funds, Tauber seconded. All ayes, motion carried.** Fox will submit the paperwork by the June 16, 2023 deadline.

**Ord. 143 Adopt the Interim Ord. Amending the Zoning Code:** After no public comments and no additional discussion, **Reed motioned to approve the second reading and to adopt Ordinance 143 Amending the Zoning Code Section 151.156, Polich seconded, all ayes, motion carried.**

**Zoning Committee:** Tabled until July

**Snow Policy Review:** There was further discussion and the consciences of the council was they would continue as the code and policy outline and will monitor any situation that might arise.

**New Business:**

**Resolution 2023- 08 June Donations:** Donations totaled \$9,277.97, of which \$750.00 to the ambulance from Dave's Place from tips and donations at the steak fry, \$2,700 to the 125<sup>th</sup> celebration - \$200 from Happy Tails and \$2500 from the Lions, \$827.97 to the Community Center from the Lions for new equipment and \$5,000.00 to the park for the concrete - \$2,000 from park & rec and \$3000 from the Lions. **Motioned by Tauber and seconded by Portner to approve Resolution 2023-07 June donations; all ayes, motion carried.**

**Permits:** Zone 2023-05 – N. Klingler addition to shed **Motioned by Reed, seconded by Curt to approve Zone: 2023-05 N. Klingler addition to shed; all ayes, motion carried.**

Zone 2023-06 – D. Portner back yard fence **Motioned by Portner, seconded by Polich to approve Zone: 2023-06 D. Portner fence; all ayes, motion carried.**

**Personnel Policy Update:** With State law changes there was a need to add Juneteenth to the list of State mandated holidays and updating wording in the Drug-Free Workplace section. With no discussion, **Reed motioned to approve the updates as presented, Portner seconded; all ayes, motion carried.**

**Water and Sewer Ordinance Review:** Fox presented the water and sewer ordinance proposed updates and a sample permit application for new and/or repairing service lines. He highlighted proposed changes for council's review, and shared that with future service line requirements, changes are needed to ensure that new or repaired lines are done correctly. There was discussion, but no action was taken at this time.

**Blight Tour:** The council completed the tour prior to the meeting. The council directed Burger to send out letters and Mayor Peterson will review the properties prior to the July 12 council meeting.

**FYI:** Peterson handed out Employee Review forms to council and asked that they return them to her when completed.

**Motioned by Portner and seconded by Tauber to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm; all ayes, motion carried.**

The next Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 7:00pm 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

Approved: 7/12/2023