

City council met at 6 pm to take the annual blight tour and returned to the city office at 6:50pm

Mayor Sandie Peterson called the council meeting to order on Monday June 13, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Lafayette 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, and Clerk/Treasurer Sandy Burger; City Attorney Aaron Walton, Fire Chief Nick Klingler. and Ambulance President Mark Dick were all absent.

Guests present: Doug Hanson – Winthrop Publications and Cassandra Postel – Lafayette Ledger, and Residents JoAnn Bieraugel – 671 11th Street, Patti Jo Ferguson – 711 Lafayette Avenue and Mack Aalid – 660 Esther Avenue

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by Polich and seconded by Portner to approve the Agenda as presented; all ayes, motion carried

Motioned by Reed and seconded Tauber by to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; all ayes, motion carried. Included in the consent agenda were: 5/5/2022 minutes and Personnel Policy Workshop recap and bills totaling \$61,733.54

Resident Concerns: JoAnn Bieraugel was on hand to share her concern of the truck traffic of farm and manure hauling from the private farm road through the city streets at all times of the day and night. Her concern is the wear and tear on the streets and safety of residents. Mack Aalid shared concerns of a property in his neighborhood, Patti-Jo Ferguson shared concerns of a property in her neighborhood.

Reports:

Fox: recapped the submitted report; new truck is here and he is meeting tomorrow for a quote for the wing assembly. MDE started a statewide PFAS monitoring project, it is volunteer and he recommends participating.

Burger: Shared the assessor's recommendation to the two properties council motioned for them to review and take to the County Commissioner's LBAE 471 Lafayette Avenue dropped from \$169,900 to \$133,300 and 580 11th Street from \$18,700 to \$99,700. She will be working on the 2023 budget and ask for all to think of items that need to be discussed for the next year.

Portner: Fire Department held a house burn training last week. There were 9 new firefighters from the surrounding area who participated.

Tauber: Updated council that Eli Compton passed his national registry; Tauber has not taken his yet.

Peterson: She, Burger and Pegeen R. from the community band, attended a Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation meet and greet in New Ulm last week. The group funds grant projects for early education and small cities. They are looking into a small grant to help with the handicap ramp to the bandstand. The initiative's focus is on community involvement and volunteerism projects. Peterson read *"In Appreciation for the persistence and sustained effort to support Minnesota's Wastewater surveillance and its impact on the COVID-19 response, this certificate is hereby AWARDED to City of Lafayette Waste Water Treatment Facility"* Signed Jan Malcom Commissioner of MN Dept. of Health 5/31/2022

Unfinished Business:

RO Water Project: We could hear if the Congressionally Direct Spending Request is approved or not by early July, the Intended Use Plan was submitted 6/3 and draft IUP is open for comment in early September. Plan and Specification submission and the Loan application to Public Facilities Authority (PFA) is 6 months after the IUP is finalized, approximately March 2023.

Personnel Policy: Reviewed updates, will continue to look into a few areas of concern.

Reconveyed Property: County approved the reconveyance and applied for a Conditional Use for the City park.

New Business:

Zoning Permits: *Reed motioned to approve permit LAF – 2022 – 05 J Hartley to remove the existing shed and build a 22'x36' shed to replace it, Polich seconded. Ayes: Reed, Polich and Peterson, Nays: Portner and Tauber, motion passed.*

Portner motioned to approve permit LAF – 2022 – 06 Linda Woods, to build a deck and ramp, seconded by Reed; all ayes, motion carried.

Resignation: Motioned by Reed and seconded by Polich to approve resignation of Firefighter Craig Portner; all ayes, motion carried.

Social Media: Motioned by Portner and seconded by Polich to approve the City of Lafayette Social Media Public Notice as presented; all ayes, motion carried.

Travel & Training Policy: Motioned by Polich and seconded by Portner to approve the City of Lafayette Social Media Public Notice as amended; all ayes, motion carried.

Credit Card: Motioned by Reed and seconded by Portner approve Resolution 2022-10 - Authorizing Opening a City of Lafayette Credit Card, as amended; all ayes, motion carried.

Credit Card: Motioned by Portner and seconded by Polich approve Resolution 2022-11 – Approving Official Signatories for the City of Lafayette Credit Business Credit Card as amended; all ayes, motion carried.

Credit Card: Motioned by Polich and seconded by Tauber approve the City of Lafayette Credit Card Policy as amended; all ayes, motion carried.

Credit Card: Motioned by Tauber and seconded by Reed to approve The City of Lafayette Credit Card Use Agreement as presented; all ayes, motion carried.

Contracted Cleaning Service Quote: L&L Handyman and Cleaning Service submitted a quote after visiting the Community Center. A rough estimate of 12 hours for a deep clean for \$435 (12 X \$36.25 per hour) plus mileage for 58 miles round trip was presented. Council discussed and the consensus was that they would like to have him come once and then go from there, possible twice a year or an on-call basis. Burger will contact him.

Blight: The council reviewed the notes of the blight tour and citizen concerns. Peterson commented that she thought the city overall looked much better this year, with a few major issues. Letters will be sent for grass/weeds and vehicle violations and also for the more detailed trouble properties. Peterson shared that the council updated its abatement ordinance and also contracted with the county attorney's office, if needed for further action.

FYI: Peterson mentioned the Mini Park committee cancelled its June 8th meeting due to the fact the Legion was still working on getting information on the veteran's paver area around the flag pole.

Motioned by Portner and seconded by Polich to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm; all ayes, motion carried.
The next council meeting will be held on Monday, July 11, 2022 at the Lafayette Council Chambers, 791 Main Avenue, Lafayette at 7:00 pm

Sandie Peterson – Mayor

Sandy Burger – City Clerk- Treasurer