

Mayor Tauber called the special council meeting to order at 7:00pm on Monday, August 18, 2025, at the Lafayette City Council Chambers, 791 Main Avenue, Lafayette. Present were Mayor Curt Tauber, Councilors: Dave Reed, Tom Polich, and Logan VanDeest; Andrew Hartley was absent. Also attending were Clerk/Treasurer Sandy Burger, Utility & Maintenance Superintendent Al Fox.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests present: Nick Klingler – Fire Chief, Resident Jessica Tauber – 551 5th Street,

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

Resolution 2025-21 Certificate of Approval of Lot Split: A resolution was created to formalize the 6/14/2021 motioned approval to create three lots for the United Farmers Cooperative lots for sale at the time. ***There was a motion by Polich and seconded by VanDeest to approve Resolution 2025-21 as presented; all ayes, motion carried.*** d

Mayor Tauber closed the special session at 7:01pm and proceeded on to the budget workshop.

BUDGET WORKSHOP RECAP:

General Fund: Discussions of in person voting, would increase the budget to \$4,700. Inquired to attorney on liquor license fee guidelines.

Fire: Discussed raising Chief, Asst. & Secretary stipend & add another convention attendee, if rural would not reimburse two. Leave \$7,500 R&M - council will need to decide what to do with the city pumper sell or give/sell to rural. If selling, would need to do a pressure test beforehand, also upped the building R&M to \$7000 for possible rearranging to separate Amb/fire stuff and fix broom closet.

PW: Mowing in house – cost of mower \$14,000 to \$15,000, cost of part-time employee approx. \$5,600 WC would be about \$400, added 22,000 to equipment purchase.

Culture: Increased pay to \$18,300 5600 mower, 5200 custodian. Increased R&M to \$19000 for work for ice rink, basketball, pickle ball area. Added \$10,000 for future BB/PB court

Ambulance: discussed the same pay as fire for pres., vice and secretary

Water: This is separate from the levy – notes RO project starting, need to do a rate study to begin January 2026 billing.

Wastewater: This is separate from the levy – notes, need to do a rate study, STREAMS unknowns

Garbage: in and out no budget update - working to combine the clean up and garbage to all be listed under garbage service for billing.

Revolving: nothing new to report, separate from levy

RS Fiber: nothing new to report, separate from levy

Celebration fund: Can remove fund at year's end and add history books to general fund, transfer leftover funds to general savings - technically the money should be for historical type purposes. The centennial money was used for the new city sign on the highway.

Adjourn: ***Motioned by Polich and seconded by VanDeest to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 pm; all ayes, motion carried.***

Next Meeting: There will be an additional budget workshop, with a special meeting to approve a resolution on Tuesday, August 26, at 7pm. The next regular council meeting will be held on Monday, September 8, 2025 at 7:00pm, both to be held at 791 Main Avenue, Lafayette.

Sandy Burger – City Clerk- Treasurer Approved by Council on: _____