

**Mayor Tauber called the special council meeting to order at 7:00pm on Tuesday, August 26, 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 5<sup>th</sup> Street

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

**Resolution 2025-19A Certification of Approval of Subdivision update:** An update to correct the verbiage of parts of the legal description was presented to the council. ***There was a motion by Polich and seconded by VanDeest to approve Resolution 2025-19A as presented; all ayes, motion carried.***

Mayor Tauber closed the special session at 7:02pm and proceeded on to the budget workshop.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP RECAP:**

**General Fund:** Discussions of in person voting, would increase the budget to \$4,700. Will leave it in the preliminary budget and the decision would need to happen with a resolution at the December council meeting.

**Fire:** Discussed the city pumper and what to do with it. Basically, the two options are to sell it after the pressure test or donate it to the rural. It only drops the ISO .38point as it is considered a reserve. It will be added to the September council agenda.

**PW:** Most of the meeting was discussing the pro and cons of purchasing a mower and doing it in-house. In the end council put it in the budget to hire seasonal personnel and purchase a mower. If it does not work out, they could sell the mower and hire a contracted service. Removed contracted mowing expense. Discussed the mower coming out of the PW equipment savings fund or out of budget.

**Culture:** Removed mowing contracted expense, left the wages for a custodian and seasonal mowing, trimming and spraying.

**Ambulance:** discussed the same pay as fire for pres., vice and secretary, there is plenty in the projected budget for that and if average 'per' stipend is 20 for each of the 19 members - currently is just over 17 average stipends.

**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 Reed to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 pm; all ayes, motion carried.***

**Next Meeting:** 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: \_\_\_\_\_