

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
August 5, 2024
Regular Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kristie Krone, Sherron Freeman, Zach Cramer, Liz Masur, Rick Wells, Lisa Chavis, Tyrrell Giles, and Betty Robinson

MEMBERS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carlos Jennings

ALSO, BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Susan Cowen (Baker Tilly)

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Adkisson, Carrie Dohrman and Scott Krapf (Frost Brown Todd)

STAFF PRESENT: LeAndre Level, Jami Weirich, Humphrey Nagali, Shawn Fugate, and Chris Wilburn

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Police Chief Bigsbee, Fire Chief Wallace, Director Eric Martin and Director Paul Wanner

President Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was administered, followed by a prayer given by Councilor Giles.

President Robinson recognized there was a quorum. It was also recognized there were extra copies of the agenda located in the back of the room along with a sign-up sheet for comments from the citizens.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councilor Freeman gave recognition to Whitfield Administration on the successful Back to School Backpack Giveaway, at Alexander Park on July 28th. Several kids and their parents enjoyed snow cones, hot dogs and many giveaways. This event was truly appreciated.

Councilor Krone mentioned she was contacted by a few of her constituents. One of her constituents, Ms. Harris who lives in the Bayridge neighborhood stated the concrete streets are crumbling terribly. The potholes are filled with asphalt, which is making the roads a mess. Ms. Harris is asking for repaving of the streets, with asphalt specifically. Especially along the main throughfare, which is Pendergroff Road. Another one of her constituents, Ms. Lawrence, who lives in Admiral Landings is also requesting repaving of the road in her neighborhood, specifically Misty Drive. She claims the asphalt is awful and crumbling. Councilor Krone also received a call from another one of her constituents, Ms. Terry who lives in the Windsong neighborhood, regarding the vacant Marsh on Fox Road. Ms. Terry mentioned to Councilor Krone that she has been in contact with the new owner of this building and has made him aware of the dumping of trash, along with the vandalism that is taking place. There are also concerns of abandoned cars on the property, which the owner stated would be towed.

Councilor Wells made a mention of a request of the administration regarding the progress of the lobbyist that is lobbying on behalf of the City of Lawrence. He stated his biggest need from the lobbyist is getting the zoning in the hands of the City of Lawrence. Councilor Wells, mentioned he will be sending the councilors a letter in the coming weeks.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS OR RESOLUTIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 7-17-2024

Councilor Chavis made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Cramer 2nd the motion. Roll call was given, and motion carried (8) ayes, (0) nays.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 8-5-2024: Councilor Chavis made the motion to approve Payroll Claims for \$1,047,114.25 [July 15, 2024, payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$4,247,802.94]. Councilor Freeman 2nd the motion. Roll call vote was given, and motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Proposal No. 11, 2024 - An Ordinance Adopting And Enacting A Seventeenth Supplement To The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Lawrence, Indiana.

Proposal No. 11, 2024 was read in the record. President Robinson announced that this proposal was introduced at the July 17th, 2024, and is currently being considered by the Code and Rules Committee. She also mentioned the Common Council will not take any action tonight and will consider action on the proposal upon receipt from the committee.

NEW BUSINESS: A Presentation from the Controller regarding Financial Matters. Controller Humphrey Nagila, along with Susan Cowen, introduced The Budget Performance Report to the Common Council. Mr. Nagila and Susan Cowen were able to answer questions asked by Councilors, Chavis, Giles and Masur.

COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION: Deputy Chief Level announced in the next few weeks there will be some budget workshops available to all of those who would like to attend. The dates will be provided in the near future. Mr. Level gave an update on National Night Out on August 6, 2024. Lawrence Police, Elected Officials and the Whitfield Administration will be visiting 15 communities. The convoy route will take place throughout the City of Lawrence. He also announced Safety Day, August 24th at the Lawrence Fire Station located at 59th Street and Lee Road. He was also happy to announce an agreement between Community Health Foundation and Whitfield Administration regarding another layer of cancer screenings. This layer of screening was provided to Lawrence's first responders. Out of 101 first responders, 96 participated. It was 100% voluntary and no one showed any signs of any cancer.

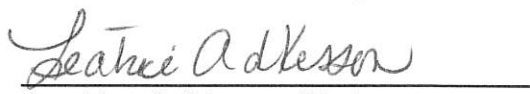
COMMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS: Mr. Bradford Jones, 11815 Old Orchard Drive, Lawrence, Indiana 45236. Mr. Bradford stated he was interested in turning the old firehouse located at 6477 Oaklandon Road into a Museum for the Fire Department. He wanted to know how he can get donations or ways to make this happen.

Mr. Charles Green, 9353 Kingsboro Ct., 4550 Kingsboro Drive and Mr. Joseph Plummer, 4537 Kingsboro Drive, Lawrence, Indiana 46235. Mr. Green stated he had attended a council meeting in the past. He wanted to know who to contact regarding unoccupied homes in the neighborhood that has unmowed yards. He also mentioned his concerns of getting the streets repaved in his neighborhood.

He concerns were if there isn't more than one person requesting the repaving, it would not get done. This was based on a previous stop sign request in Councilor Krone's district. It was asked if the request for stop signs in Councilor Krone's district was made by more than one person.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilors Giles moved motion for adjournment. Councilor Cramer 2nd the motion. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m., by President Robinson.


Betty Robinson, President


Leatrice Adkisson, Clerk

These minutes are not intended to be verbatim. They are a summary of discussions held, except for the motions.

