

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
July 17, 2024
Regular Meeting

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

MEMBERS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: Lisa Chavis

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

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

STAFF PRESENT: LeAndre Level, Jami Weirich, Captain Cantrell and Chris Wilburn

STAFF BY MICROSOFT TEAMS: None

President Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

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

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 stated one of her constituents, Ms. Angela, sent an email regarding speeding vehicles on 56th street. Ms. Angela would like to know if there can be more police presence in the area to enforce the speed limit.

Councilor Cramer asked for a moment of silence for the loss of one of Lawrence's own, K-9 Justice. He has been with the Lawrence Police Department since August 2020. His handler, Sgt. Bishop, made an announcement of his passing on July 7th.

Councilor Giles made the council aware of an ongoing issue with trash being dumped at the former Walgreens, on 46th and Shadeland. He stated he has received several complaints regarding these problems. He also stated he thinks this will become a reoccurring dumping site. He encourages DPW to survey this location on a weekly basis to keep this from happening. Councilor Giles also mentioned that he warned the previous council that the new heavy trash pick-up would not be enough. He said, he knew this would become an issue and would cause many eyesores in the city. He stated he would address this issue with DPW and the administration.

Councilor Wells announced the owner of the old Marsh Supermarket, located on Franklin Road, is having a soft opening. He stated the owner plans for a farmers' market in this plaza. Councilor Wells encouraged all to go by and stop in. He also addressed DPW regarding an old home at 46th and Van Cleave. He stated the gentleman that lived in this home was ordered to leave the property due to it not being deemed habitable. He also mentioned the previous owner, who also has a lien on the property, along with the current owner, would like to be done

with this property. Councilor Wells encouraged DPW along with legal to consider this property a safety hazard due to asbestos being in this home.

Councilor Giles had another issue that he needed to address regarding signage on Wallingwood Drive. New signage was expected in the area. Councilor Giles received an email that stated it has not yet happened.

Councilor Wells wanted to address a question he had for the administration regarding the lobbyist that has been paid for the last 6 months. He would like to know what has been accomplished since he has been on the payroll.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS OR RESOLUTIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Rescheduled Meeting 7-1-2024

Councilor Freeman made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilor Wells 2nd the motion. Roll call was given, and motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 7-17-2024: Councilor Jennings made the motion to approve Payroll Claims for \$1,122,498.02 [July 17, 2024, payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$487,441.79]. Councilor Freeman 2nd the motion. Roll call vote was given, and motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: Councilor Wells, Chair of the Code and Rules Committee gave the council a report. He announced the committee recommended Proposal No. 9, 2024 to be sent to the full council for approval. He also announced no recommendation was given for Proposal No. 10, 2024 for approval.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Proposal No. 9, 2024 - An Ordinance of The Common Council of The City of Lawrence, Indiana Amending the Lawrence Municipal Code to Establish All-Way Stop Intersections at High View Court and Winding Creek Place, Pine Grove Court and Winding Creek Drive, and West Ridge Circle and Winding Creek Place.

Proposal No. 9, 2024 was read in the record. President Robinson announced the Code and Rule Committee met and have given a favorable recommendation for approval. There was no discussion on this proposal. Councilor Cramer moved to approve Proposal No. 9, 2024. Councilor Jennings 2nd the move. Roll call was given, and motion passed unanimously.

Proposal No. 10, 2024 - An Ordinance of The Common Council of The City of Lawrence, Indiana Adopting a Special Events Code.

Proposal No. 10, 2024 was read in the record. President Robinson announced that this proposal was introduced at the June 26, 2024 meeting. She also stated the Code and Rule Committee has given no recommendation for approval. In her statement she also announced Proposal No. 10, 2024 was amended by the committee and was sent to the council. There were questions addressed to the DPW, by Councilor Cramer. His questions were answered by Chris Wilburn, Director of DPW. Councilor Chavis asked a question regarding the amendments made to this proposal. Deputy Chief of Staff, Mr. Level, answered her questions, along with the Council's attorney, Scott Krapf.

Councilor Masur asked what's the primary purpose for this proposal. Mr. Level explained the administration's purpose for this proposal. Councilor Giles also had questions that were answered by Mr. Level, Captain Cantrell and Mr. Wilburn. Councilor Wells stated he has an issue with the verbiage in this proposal. His concerns were addressed by Mr. Wilburn. Councilor Chavis mentioned that she's in full support of the proposal but asked with number of amendments and incorrect verbiage why rush the vote on this proposal. Councilor Wells reiterated his concerns with the verbiage in this proposal. Councilor Chavis recommended that Proposal No. 10, 2024 go back to Code and Rules Committee one more meeting. Councilor Wells moved a motion to table Proposal 10 and send back to committee. Councilor Chavis 2nd the motion. Roll call vote was given. (3) Ayes, Councilors Giles, Wells and Chavis. (6) Nays, Councilors Cramer, Robinson, Jennings, Freeman, Krone and Masur. Motion failed 6-3. Councilor Cramer moved a motion to approve Proposal No. 10, 2024. Councilor Masur 2nd the motion. Roll call vote was given. (1) Abstention, Councilor Giles. (2) nays, Councilors Wells and Chavis. (6) ayes, Councilors Robinson, Jennings, Freeman, Krone and Masur. Motion passed 6-2-1.

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

This proposal was read in the record. President Robinson announced on behalf of the Common Council she will be referring this proposal to the Code and Rules Committee, for consideration and recommendation.


COMMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION: Deputy Chief Level took this time to address Councilors Wells' question regarding the City's lobbyist, Krieg Devalt, LLP and Catalyst. He also mentioned to the councilor he would be willing to speak to him after the meeting. Special Events Coordinator, Jami Weinrich announced to the council there will be few events being held in the city soon. One of the events is, The Back-to-School Cookout, on July 28th, from noon to 3:00 pm, at Alexander Park. She also announced the city has taken over Bar-b-que and Blues. It will be held on September 14th, at the Cultural Campus.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS: Ian Singleton, 7796 Winding Creek Drive, Lawrence, Indiana. He shared with the council why Ordinance No. 9, 2024 is so important for the neighborhood he lives in. With the stop signs being placed at the intersections mentioned in this proposal will now make drivers slowdown in this area.

Daniel Rapp, 5718 Wallingwood Drive, Lawrence, Indiana. Mr. Rapp's complaint was regarding the replacement of yield signs to stop signs in the area mentioned in Proposal No. 9, 2024.

Mr. J.D. Masur, 6203 Carrington Drive, Lawrence, Indiana. Mr. Masur gave the council an update on the dog park. He was finally able to reach someone in the Parks Department regarding chemical being sprayed at this park. He suggested a way of not spraying toxic chemicals is not buy them.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilors Cramer and Jennings moved motion for adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 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.